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Good Hope City Council Minutes December 12, 2022

Prior to the start of the regular City Council meeting a public hearing took place to discuss the 2023 budget, there was no public in attendance. Pro-tem Mayor David Mullis called hearing to order at 6:00 pm, and the only discussion was from the council regarding the raise in salary for the mayor. It was decided that the Clerk would check into the procedure for a pay raise in the middle of a term. At 6:25 pm Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to close the public hearing and councilmember William Malcom seconded the motion all approved and the public hearing was closed.

1. **Call to order:** Pro-tem Mayor David Mullis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, Councilmember Keith Prather led the invocation, and Councilmember Kelsey Malcom led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call:** Performed by City Clerk Missy Daigle, Council Members Kelsey Malcom, William Malcom, Keith Prather, John Robison Jr., and David Mullis were in attendance, Mayor Randy Garrett was absent.
3. **Approval of agenda:** There were no amendments to be added, Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda and Councilmember John Robison, Jr. seconded and the agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilmember William Malcom made a motion to accept November Council minutes and Councilmember Kelsey Malcom seconded, all approved, motion passed and minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** Jason Laughinghouse was present to discuss the Tree City certification.
6. **Committee Reports/Updates:**
 - A. **Budget Update:** The council was presented with a year-to-date report. Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to accept the budget report and Councilmember William Malcom seconded the motion. All were in favor and the budget report was approved.
 - B. **City Hall rentals:** There was a \$3,285.00 overage in the \$2,000.00 budgeted amount for rentals thus far in 2022. After council discussion, Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to raise the rental fee by \$25.00, taking it from \$175.00 to \$200.00 effective January 1, 2023, with the exception of anyone that has already reserved the facility for the new year, Councilmember William Malcom seconded the motion and the motion passed 100%.
 - C. **Agreed Upon Procedures (2021):** Mr. McNair emailed the Mayor and the Clerk letting them know that he can proceed with the filing of the agreed upon procedures, and that Good Hope will be compliant.
 - D. **Occupancy Report:** The county Fire Marshal inspected City Hall on December 9, 2022, the number of occupants is 80 and there is a certificate of occupancy hanging by the front door.
 - E. **Lighting in Back of City Hall:** WEMC is setting a pole at the back of the building and by the walking path to increase lighting for safety.
7. **Unfinished business:** There was no unfinished business.
8. **New Business:**
 - A. **Approval of 2023 City Operational Budget:** A public hearing was held from 6:00-6:25, there was no public, with only council discussion about a raise in the mayor's salary. A motion was made by Councilmember Keith Prather to accept the 2023 Budget with a proposal to amend if the salaries of the Mayor and Council are able to be changed during a term, and seconded by Councilmember William Malcom all approved and the motion passed 100%.
 - B. **Tree City Certification/Arbor Day:** Jason Laughinghouse addressed the council with the requirements to keep our Tree City Status, we will need to have an event by April 22, 2023 and at the event the proclamation will have to be read aloud. There was discussion about having Good Hope Together help in planning this event and incorporate an Arbor Day event with the Poppy Festival in the Spring.
9. **Council Discussion Items for the good of the order:**
 - A. **Clean up Day:** Councilmember Kelsey Malcom would like to set a work day to clean out the storage building, possibly build shelves to better organize. It was suggested to reach out to community service to get help with this.
10. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Kelsey Malcom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember John Robison, Jr. seconded, all approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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Clerk