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Good Hope City Council Minutes November 6, 2023

1. **Call to order:** Mayor Randy Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, Councilmember Keith Prather led the invocation, and Councilmember William Malcom led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call:** Performed by City Clerk Missy Daigle, Councilmembers Kelsey Malcom, William Malcom, David Mullis, Jr., and Keith Prather were present, Councilmember John Robison, Jr. was absent.
3. **Approval of agenda:** There were three amendments to be added, 5A, Requirements to maintain Tree City status, 7C, Update on the concrete for the walkway repair and the ramp at the pavilion, and 8B, Road repairs on Jack's Creek Road. Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda as amended and Councilmember David Mullis, Jr. seconded and all approved.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilmember William Malcom made a motion to accept October Council minutes and Councilmember David Mullis, Jr. seconded, all approved, motion passed and minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** Jason Laughinghouse, Chairman of the Tree City was present. He stated that October 14 would be Arbor Day for Good Hope, and that 32 new trees were added to the city last month through the tree sale.
 - A. **Requirements to Maintain a Tree City:** Mayor Garrett read a proclamation that makes October 14 Arbor Day for the city of Good Hope, after signing the proclamation Jason Laughinghouse took it to be filed. This satisfied the requirements for maintaining our Tree City Status.
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 David Mullis, Jr. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the budget report was approved.
 - B. **City Hall rentals:** Nothing new to report.
 - C. **Display Case for Memorabilia:** There were no new updates on the bids. Councilmembers William Malcom and Keith Prather will reach out about the delay and check into other contractors.
 - D. **GTA Public Meeting:** The Georgia Transmission Authority will have a public meeting on November 30, 2023 at Athens Tech, Monroe Campus from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
 - E. **2024 Draft Operational Budget:** The council reviewed the proposed 2024 budget and made some adjustments to get a balanced budget of \$60,000. There will be a public hearing on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
7. **Unfinished business:**
 - A. **Zoning Map:** The Regional Center has located a 2017 Good Hope zoning map that is in color and reflects the changes that P&Z had planned to make, Mayor Garrett plans to have a copy at the next City Council meeting.
 - B. **Capital Improvement Plan (functional areas):** Councilmember Keith Prather has been in contact with a representative at Uline about the benches and tables.
 - C. **Update on Concrete Repairs:** Councilmember Keith Prather has spoken to Lee Wade, with Good Hope Concrete, LLC, and he will make the repairs to the sidewalk and pour the ramp at the pavilion next week for an estimated cost of \$3,500.00.
8. **New Business:**
 - A. **Salary Increases effective January 1, 2025:** The council had previously discussed salary increases for both the mayor and the councilmembers, with the mayor's salary being brought to \$6,000.00 a year and each councilmember's salary being brought to \$1,200.00 a year beginning January 1, 2025. Mayor Garrett will be reaching out to the city attorney about a resolution to increase the salaries.
 - B. **Road Repairs on Jack's Creek Road:** Mayor Garrett informed the council that a resident at 257 Jack's Creek Road, Jimmy McDaniel, had reached out about several low places on Jack's Creek Road that are in need of repair. The Mayor has spoken to John Almand about getting the repairs taken care of and the council is in agreement that the work should be done.
9. **Council Discussion Items for the good of the order:** Mayor Garrett asked that nominations for the citizen of the year be brought to the next city council meeting to be voted on. Councilmember Kelsey Malcom let the council know that the Santa Workshop is progressing well and will also be a Holiday Market, it will be held December 2, 2023 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
10. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember William Malcom seconded, all approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.