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P3 – William Malcom  
P4 – John Robison, Jr.  
P5 – David Mullis, Jr.

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## Good Hope City Council Minutes January 8, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Mayor Randy Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the invocation, Councilmember David Mullis led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call:** Performed by City Clerk Missy Daigle, councilmembers William Malcom, Keith Prather, Kelsey Malcom, and David Mullis, Jr. were present, Councilmember John Robison, Jr. was absent.
3. **Approval of agenda:** There were no amendments to be added, Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda, Councilmember David Mullis Jr. seconded and all approved.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilmember Kelsey Malcom made a motion to accept December Council minutes and Councilmember Keith Prather seconded, all approved, motion passed and minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** Ms. Betty Bowers was present to make a presentation to the city, as there was no one present for a public forum her presentation was moved up on the agenda. Ms. Bowers, the wife of the late Nelson Bowers, presented to the City a check for \$1000.00 to be put into a Perpetual Care Fund for the American Flag in memory of Nelson Bowers, she also spoke of her late husband's role of City Clerk for Good Hope in 1985, his military background, and his love for our nations flag. Ms. Bowers read the guidelines for the use of the funds, and also presented a plaque with Mr. Bowers military picture and obituary that will be hung in City Hall.
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 were over 53 rentals for the 2023 year, with a balance of \$10,775.00.
  - C. **Mayor's Year-End Report:** Mayor Garrett read the report to the council, it is attached to the January minutes and on file in the clerk's office.
  - D. **Qualification for the 2024 Nov. General Election:** The dates for qualifying were decided on and are as follows: March 4 – 8, Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-6:00, Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-4:00, and March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00. Qualifying will be held at the Good Hope City Hall.
7. **Unfinished business:** There was no unfinished business.
8. **New Business:**
  - A. **2023 Citizen of the Year nomination(s):** After council discussion Councilmember William Malcom made a motion that Bethel Baptist Church should be the recipient of the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award, Councilmember Keith Prather seconded the motion, the motion passed 100%. The presentation of the award will be February 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM with a small reception following.
  - B. **Presentation by Betty Bowers:** As there was no one present for a public forum the presentation was moved up on the agenda.
  - C. **Committee Assignments:** Each council member was given a list of their 2024 assignments; it will be posted at City Hall and is on file in the clerk's office.
  - D. **Rental Property Zoning concerns:** There was a complaint filed against a homeowner who seems to have a renter on their property and this is not in compliance with the ordinance. Mayor Garrett has reached out to the City Attorney and a letter is being sent to the homeowner.
9. **Council Discussion Items for the good of the order:** Councilmember Kelsey Malcom let the council know that Good Hope Together would be hosting a Gala at the Towers at Snows Mill on February 11, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM and encouraged the council's support.
10. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Kelsey Malcom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember William Malcom seconded, all approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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