

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2009**

OPEN: The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Corey Harbison at 6:00 p.m. at the Good Hope Town Hall. Invocation was given by Maxie Jones.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Corey Harbison, Council members: John Harris, Maxie Jones, Susan Eller, Jerry Bartlett were present. Councilman Danny Buchanan was absent.

VISITORS: No comments.

REZONING OF BRIAN LINDSEY'S PROPERTY:

Mayor Harbison stated The Good Hope Planning Commission held a public hearing on the request from Brian Lindsey to rezone his 19 acres at 840 Doc Clemmons road from R-2 to Ag-1. The recommendation of the planning commission was unanimous to approve the request. Corey made the motion to rezone Brian Lindsey's property from R-2 to Ag-1. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2008 COUNCIL MEETING:

Motion to adopt December 2008 council minutes: John Harris.

Motion seconded: Maxie Jones.

Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

PLACE ONE: John Harris asked the council to review the budget, and if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions. John made the motion to accept the December 2008 budget report. The motion was seconded by Maxie. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

John commented that representatives from the City of Cullman Water Department are here and they would like to present the proposed water lines in Good Hope. The representatives stated the City of Cullman would like to install 8 inch water lines on Day Gap Road and 10 inch water lines on Reid Road and Hathcock Road but we don't have enough right-of-way to install these water lines. If these larger water lines were installed it would improve fire protection. We would mail the letters to each resident on these roads asking for right-of-ways if we have permission from the Town of Good Hope. John made the motion to give the City of Cullman Water Department permission to mail letters to the residents on these roads asking permission for right-of-way to install these water lines. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea vote by the council and mayor.

PLACE TWO: Maxie stated there had been some flooding on Mize Road North and the Town put in new culverts. He commended that the Town needs some better equipment for the street department. He stated he got several bids for a tractor and cutter, but Snead Ag Supply & Services of Snead, Alabama was the cheapest bid. A John Deere 6100D tractor was priced at \$38,936.75 and a John Deere CX15 Rotary Cutter at \$11,208.77, making a total price of \$50,145.52. After discussion by the council, John Harris made the motion to accept this bid of

\$50,145.52 from Snead Ag Supply & Services. Jerry Bartlett seconded the bid. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

PLACE THREE: Susan stated the Waste Water Treatment Plant is doing well. The work on the sewer line on Rushing Drive will be started later because of the rains.

PLACE FOUR: Jerry commended on getting internet service for the Senior Citizens that meet every Wednesday. Internet cannot be hooked up in the basement because of the concrete flooring in the Town Hall, so we are putting the computers and printers that were given to us in the extra office. The internet service will be free for our Senior Citizens.

Also we will have some kind of festival in October this year. Something like Crane Hill has a sweet potato festival. This would be great for our community.

PLACE FIVE: Corey stated we need to appoint two new members to the Good Hope Park and Recreation Board, one for a four year term and one for a five year term. Susan made the motion to appoint Donna Hudson for the four year term. Corey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor. Jerry made the motion to appoint Gary Johnson for the five year term. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: yea votes by the mayor and council with the exception of John Harris who abstained.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

A. SOUTHWEST WATER COMPANY

Grady Parsons of Southwest Water Company presented to the council the need to upgrade the disinfecting system at the Waste Water Treatment Plant which would eliminate a lot of excess use of water. We remember the drought we had last summer and how close we came to the City of Cullman Water Department limited the amount of water usage. The estimate of construction costs of the disinfection system is \$17,065.00. The estimate of current operational costs is \$35,455.00 and the projected operational costs are \$32,000.00. Mr. Parsons stated he would come back when they had reviewed these exhibits.

B. AT & T U-VERSE

Gary Pledger, of AT & T, presented to the council the various services that AT & T will be offering to the residents of Good Hope. He discussed AT & T entering a contract with the Town of Good Hope to allow all necessary work so these services would be available to the Town, and AT & T would compensate the Town a fee equal to 5% of the gross revenue from subscription fees collected from each subscriber to AT & T Alabama IP Video Services. After discussion by council Mayor Harbison suggested the council suspend the rules to vote on this contract agreement. Susan made the motion to suspend the rules. John seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor. Susan made the motion for the Town of Good Hope to enter into a contract agreement with AT & T. Johan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

C. STREET DEPARTMENTE EQUIPMENT TO BE SURPLUSED

Mayor Corey Harbison discussed the need to surplus some old street equipment. Susan Eller made the motion to surplus the suggested street equipment. John Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Corey stated the 1979 Ford 150 PU truck has over 140,000 miles and is in need of some expensive repair. The truck had 12,000 when the Town bought it. Corey stated the Town can purchase a 2001 Ford F150 PU truck from the State Surplus Property to replace the 1979 PU truck. Jerry made the motion to authorize Mayor Corey Harbison to purchase a PU truck and can spend up \$10,000.00. Maxie seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor. After discussion by council, Susan made the motion to surplus the 1979 Ford 150 PU truck with a minimum bid of \$500.00. Jerry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Corey stated the 1977 Chevy Dump truck has been parked at the sewer plant and hasn't been used for some time. Corey made the motion to surplus the 1977 Chevy Dump truck with a minimum bid of \$500.00. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Corey made the motion to surplus an old Hesston tractor with cutter with a minimum bid of \$1000.00. John seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Corey made the motion to surplus another old cutter (bush hog) with a minimum bid of \$30.00. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Corey made the motion to surplus the Toro mower with a minimum bid of \$50.00. Maxie seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Corey made the motion to surplus a Yard Machine mower with a minimum bid of \$50.00. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Corey stated he would have the surplus equipment advertised in The Cullman Times stating the bidding will begin January 20, 2009, and end January 30, 2009. Sealed bids will be opened February 02, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Good Hope Town Hall.

CLOSE: John made the motion to close the council meeting. Corey seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m. with the consent of the council and mayor.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2009

Corey Harbison
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanner Jones
Town Clerk