

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 09, 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 Danny Buchanan.

ROLL CALL: The mayor and all council members were present.

VISITORS:

A resident of Deer Run Sub-Division asked what could be done about her neighbor's dog barking. Corey stated the Town does not have a municipal court to enforce any ordinances the Town has already passed or will pass. I will check on the possibility of our deputy being sworn in to enforce Good Hope's ordinances. I will be glad to try to work with you, there just isn't much we can do right now. You can call the sheriff's office. Also the visitor stated there was a large drainage hole approximately four feet deep without a cover along the side of the road. A car has even backed into it. The streets are also in bad condition and needs repairs. She said she brought this issue before the previous administration and it seems that not anyone wants to take responsibility. It would be very bad if a child were to get hurt because of this large hole. Susan Eller stated the Town cannot work on private property. Corey stated before any more building permits can be issued Dan Willingham and Scotty Brock are suppose to certain requirements in Deer Run Sub-Division. Corey asked Town Attorney Renee Mills if this drainage is a safety issue can the Town do anything in this Sub-Division. Attorney Renee Mills stated she would check on the Nuisance Act to see if this drainage hole can be fixed by the Town based on a safety issue. She stated the Town cannot fix the streets because they have not been turned over to the Town.

David Antaillia, of Mize Road North, discussed the problems the City of Cullman is causing with the construction of the sewer line being installed. The road is caving in and the bridge continues to flood, this bridge is too narrow and traffic has increased and the people drive to fast on this road. Corey stated the Town has fixed the culvert on this road and maybe we can get stimulus money from the President to fix this bridge. Corey asked David if he had talked with the Mayor of the City of Cullman. David stated he had an appointment to speak with him next week.

Kenneth Kilgo of the Cullman Red Cross gave a presentation on the different services the Cullman Red Cross, a non-profit organization, offers. Kenneth asked the Town for a donation to the Cullman Red Cross. Corey stated the Town did not budget for the Red Cross or Brook's Place donations. John Harris stated the council need to think about it after they could look further at the fiscal year budget.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING:

Motion to adopt minutes: Susan Eller.

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 financial budget update, and if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions. Motion to accept budget report: John Harris. Motion seconded: Danny Buchanan. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

PLACE TWO: Maxie Jones discussed the need to resurface Schwaiger Drive and Paul Street. Contractor Richard Cooper has said he would resurface this road for \$12,000.00. He first stated \$13,000.00 but changed his price. After discussion by the council Maxie made the motion for the Town to allow Richard Cooper' contracting crew to resurface Schwaiger Drive and Paul Street for \$12,000.00. Jerry Bartlett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

Maxie also a stop sign needs to be put at Cupp Road and Doc Clemmons Road. This is a dangerous intersection. John Harris commented we need to let people know before we put stop signs up. Corey commented we could put trash bags over signs temporally. John stated he would talk with Cullman County Engineer and see what he says before we put stop signs up. Maxie stated the Town needs to figure out how we can get rid of some of the traffic at the bridge on Highway 69. Corey stated the state needs to widen the bridge.

PLACE THREE: Susan asked Grady Parsons of SouthWest Water Company to give an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Parsons discussed the renewal agreement with the Town. He stated the renewal does not require a motion as long as it doesn't change. He also discussed the annual MWPP report that is due no later than May 31, 2009. Motion for SouthWest Water Company to do the annual MWPP report: Susan Eller. Motion seconded: Jerry Bartlett. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council. Mr. Parsons stated the SouthWest Water Company did some camera work on Megan Lane and located where repairs needs to be done.

PLACE FOUR: Jerry stated the Town has computers that are internet ready for anybody in Good Hope that would like to use them. Corey is going to give lessons to the seniors next Wednesday to use the internet. Also Donna Hudson of the Good Hope park board will be spearheading a festival at the Good Hope Municipal Park. Jerry stated there are two dates available, October 10th and August 20th for this year. Danny stated the park board preferred October 10th. All council agreed on October 10th to be the park festival for this year.

PLACE FIVE: Danny stated there are 22 teams this year for the Summer Ball Program. Danny announced the opening ceremony will be March 21st with different activities all that day. There will be a parade at 11:00 a.m., and fireworks that night at 9:00 p.m. Also the festival on October 10th will be a corn festival. Danny stated the concession needs gutters because the first field floods. Maybe the Town can buy gutters and the street department to install them. We need to get Parris Fence Company to put up the safety net. This was voted on last year. I think we will have a good year this year. Taft Dillashaw is the park director again this year, he does a good job. Donna Hudson will spearhead the concession stand. We still got to buy equipment and trophies and pay insurance. Danny stated the Youth Football Program wants to put football field across from the Municipal Park and they want the Town to held build the football field but they would put up the fence. Corey before we can do anything we need to check with the insurance

company about the liabilities. Corey stated he could see conflict if they build a football field on Town property. Council members agreed if the football field was build they would have to be under Town rules and regulations. They can't be separate from the Town. John asked about lights at the field. Danny stated they wouldn't need lights the first year. Corey stated he understood they need a field but I don't see the Town sponsoring them with a football field. John stated we can't give the use of this land and the Town being liable.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Corey stated Clint Frey had spoke with him about appointing a council member for the zoning planning committee to serve the term of the council member. Susan made the motion to appoint Jerry Bartlett for the Good Hope Planning Committee. John Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all yea votes by council and mayor with the exception of Jerry Bartlett who abstained. Corey stated Mary Ann Lee who lives at 302 Weeks Circle wants a street light installed between her house and the house next to hers. There is a pole already located there. John stated if there is a pole already located there on the street right-of-way, I will make the motion to have the street light installed. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

CLOSE: John made the motion to close the council meeting. Susan seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 7:20 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