

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 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 Maxie Jones.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Corey Harbison, Council members: Maxie Jones, Susan Eller, Jerry Bartlett, and Danny Buchanan. Council member absent: John Harris.

**VISITORS:**

Roland Belew stated he thought the signs that Daystar Church has put up on Highway 69 and I-65 were worded inappropriately, which says 'Great Sex – God's Way'. Mr. Belew wanted to know if the Town has any ordinances for signs. Mayor Harbison stated the Town has no ordinances against signs and that he understood his viewpoint, but as Mayor he was not going to try to run any church from his office, and he didn't want any pastor to try to run the Town from their pulpit. Town Attorney Renee Mills stated the Town could not regulate the sign, people have protected speech. Daystar Church has not broken any law. Mr. Belew stated just because it is lawful does not mean it is not wrong. Corey responded that the Town would go with what our Attorney says we can do.

**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:** Corey has the council to review February budget update, and if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions. Motion to accept budget report: Danny Buchanan. Motion seconded: Jerry Bartlett. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor.

**PLACE TWO:** Maxie reported we got the new tractor in, just in time for the street department to start using. Schwaiger Drive has been paved and Cooper done a good job. Maxie commended the street department has moved the flasher stop sign on Town Hall Drive to Day Gap Road at the intersection of County Road 437, since there is more traffic on Day Gap Road and County Road 437 than Town Hall Drive.

Jerry stated the Hathcock park sign looks good. Corey commented that Jeff was working on that project. Jerry commented that signs like that would look good for entrance into the Town of Good Hope. Corey told everyone to be thinking about a City logo.

**PLACE THREE:** Susan asked Grady Parsons to give a report on the smoke testing in Good Hope to find infiltrations in the sewer lines. Grady Parsons, with SouthWest Water Company, discussed the results of smoke testing and the videos of the sewer lines to detect points of significant infiltration from rain events in the past and check for possible line breaks and sewer cleanout damage. Mr. Parsons, along with Sam Jones have done the inspections of the sanitary sewer collections system in Good Hope. The inspections have included, the main trunk sewer along Bavar Creek, Beech Grove Road, Willow Springs Drive, Henry Drive, Weeks Circle, Day Gap Road to Trimble Road, Strickland Road, Good Hope School Road, and we soon plan to smoke test the sewer lines along Highway 437 and Deer Run Sub-Division. Mr. Parsons stated at this time we are in compliance with ADEM with everything. Also SouthWest Water Company will update the two year agreement renewal for 2009 and 2010, and formalize a program to communicate with commercial businesses. We hope to attract some new businesses into Good Hope.

**PLACE FOUR:** Jerry discussed the Good Hope clean-up day for this Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. Different clubs from Good Hope School will be participating. Cullman County Economic Development and PALS will supply trash bags and dumpster. Jerry Martin wants to organize a Neighborhood Watch for Good Hope. Corey stated a Neighborhood Watch would be a good program.

**PLACE FIVE:** Danny discussed the Park Ceremony opening for Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be blow-up bouncers, ball games and fireworks at 9:00 p.m. that night. Danny commended the park has purchased a pavilion between Widner and Hathcock fields at the Municipal Park. The pavilion will be dedicated to Jim Scott because he wanted the park to purchase one. This pavilion will provide shade and a place if rain showers pop up. Also the Good Hope Fire and Rescue will be teaching CPR and will provide rapid responder's kits to the park board members. The park board members will be trained to use and will have a defibrillator on hand at the Municipal Park. This year's Summer League Program will be dedicated to the Good Hope senior citizens.

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

Corey stated he had called to speak with an Attorney with the League of Municipalities to follow up on the complaint of the big drainage hole in Deer Run Sub-Division and asked if the Town could fix the big drainage hole in Deer Run Sub-Division. They told me we need to stay out of the Sub-Division because it is still private property. The Town does not have sewer lines or street right-of-ways in this sub-division. The developers were supposed to curb and pave the roads when the last house was finished. The Town will not issue any more building permits until this has been done. Corey stated that the Town doesn't really have any liability because this is private property. Town Attorney Renee Mills stated the Town needs to stay out of Deer Run Sub-Division, it is their property. It is a terrible catch 22 situation. Renee recommended the council to go into an executive session. Motion to go into an executive session: Susan

Eller. Motion seconded: Jerry Bartlett. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the council and mayor. Time: 7:05 p.m. Motion to reconvene the council meeting: Susan Eller. Motion seconded: Jerry Bartlett. Council reconvened meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**CLOSE:** Susan made the motion to close the council meeting. Danny seconded the motion. The council meeting was closed at 7:25 p.m. with the consent of the council and mayor.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Corey Harbison, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joanner Jones, Town

Clerk