

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 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 John Harris.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Corey Harbison, council members; John Harris, Maxie Jones, Susan Eller, and Jerry Bartlett. Absent: council member, Danny Buchanan.

VISITORS: Herman Reid of the Cullman Area Mental Health, asked the council to donate \$1.00 per person according to the population in Good Hope. After discussion by the mayor and council, Susan made the motion to donate \$500.00 to the Cullman Area Mental Health. The motion was seconded by John. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

MINUTES: Motion to approve and adopt September 14, 2009 minutes: Susan Eller. Motion seconded: Jerry Bartlett. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

PLACE ONE: JOHN HARRIS: Motion to approve and accept September financial report: John. Motion seconded: Maxie Jones. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

John Harris made the motion to pass the 2010 fiscal year budget to include the three oldest full time employees to receive a 3% pay raise immediately, but does not include the last two full time employees who were hired the beginning of this fiscal year, with no one driving the Town's vehicle home. Susan Eller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

PLACE TWO: MAXIE JONES: The street department has been mowing when they could because there has been a lot of rain. We had complains because of the heavy rain in Mayfair Sub-Division. The culverts weren't big enough to carry all the water. The street department fixed the culvert in Mayfair. Also had complains on the road conditions in Mayfair Sub-Division, they need paving. I checked around and Richard Cooper had the best price at \$23,000.00 to pave Mayfair Sub-Division and Short Drive, which joins Mayfair. Maxie made the motion to allow Richard Cooper to do the necessary paving in Mayfair Sub-Division and on Short Drive. John Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

PLACE THREE: SUSAN ELLER: Susan made the motion and presented a form for the Town to use for the new customer that tie-onto the Good Hope sewer system. John Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

PLACE FOUR: JERRY BARTLETT: Jerry stated the Good Hope Fall Festival was a great success in spite of the rainy weather. Jerry stated he appreciated all the people who helped, and

all the people who donated toward the fall festival. Jerry asked Brian Smith, the Cullman County deputy who works in Good Hope for update on the police report. Brian stated we really have a good Town. There were some reported burglaries at Good Hope Contracting Company and Johnson Used Cars. Susan stated there were some houses that were paint balled.

PLACE FIVE: DANNY BUCHANAN: Corey reported for Danny that there was work that was needed to be done at the Municipal Park. The concession stand needs painting, and the water lines need to be replaced from meter to the concession stand because they keep bursting. Also close to Widner ball field a retainer wall needs to be build with stairs for a walk way.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS:

Corey stated the Cullman County Economic Development can apply for a grant to build a pavilion at Hathcock Park if we have it turned in by February. John stated Mr. Hudson has requested lighting at the Hathcock Park. After discussion by the mayor and council, John made the motion to have lighting installed at Hathcock Park by the Cullman Electric Cooperative. Jerry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

Corey stated he had called Premier Bank for the pay-off amount on the note the previous administration had for paving roads. The pay-off amount is \$69,395.21. If we make the payments of \$7,089.50 per month the total for the year will be \$85,074.00. We could save \$15,678.79 if we paid this note off. Susan made the motion to pay off the bank note. John seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yes votes by the mayor and council.

Susan made the motion to pay for the Good Hope School basketball ad of \$150.00. John seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council. Gary Harbison stated to make the check to the Good Hope Tip-Off Club.

Corey made the motion for the council to go into an executive session. Susan seconded the motion. The mayor and council consented at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to reconvene the council meeting: Susan. Motion seconded: Maxie. The council reconvened with the consent of the mayor and council at 7:45 p.m.

CLOSE: John made the motion to close the council meeting. Susan seconded the motion. The council meeting was closed at 7:45 p.m. with the consent of the mayor and council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2009

Corey Harbison
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanner Jones
Town Clerk