

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 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:** Mayor Corey Harbison, council members: John Harris, Maxie Jones, Susan Eller, and Jerry Bartlett were present. Council member, Danny Buchanan was absent.

**VISITORS:** Cullman County Red Cross Director Mike Bates discussed the various projects and needs of the Red Cross and requested a donation from the Town. He stated the Cullman County Red Cross Chapter covered Cullman County and Winston County. Mr. Bates stated 96% of all donations stayed in Cullman and Winton Counties. After discussion by the council, John made the motion to donate a one time donation of \$500.00 to the Cullman County Red Cross. Jerry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

**MINUTES:** John Harris made the motion to approve and adopt the November 09, 2009 council minutes. The motion was seconded by Susan Eller. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

**REPORT OF COUNCIL:**

**PLACE ONE: JOHN HARRIS:** John asked the council review the financial report for November. After review, Susan made the motion to approve and accept the financial report. Maxie seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

**PLACE TWO: MAXIE JONES:** Maxie discussed the paving of roads in Mayfair Sub-Division.

**PLACE THREE: SUSAN ELLER:** Susan asked Grady Parsons of SouthWest Water Company to give a report on his information for increase on the sewer fees as requested by the council from the work session held on November 16, 2009. Grady gave the council and mayor a spreadsheet for both residential and commercial sewer fees showing the existing fees, a suggested 6% increase fee, and 8% increase fee for both. There was a suggested increase of the residential impact fee from \$1000.00 per connection to \$1500.00-\$2000.00 per connection. For commercial the impact fee will be according by case by case based on water usage. Also establishing an amount of \$75.00 for a transfer of account was on the report.

**PLACE FOUR: JERRY BARTLETT:** Jerry stated the Good Hope Senior Citizens and Town Council members served between 150 -200 people on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Good Hope High School lunch room to people who wanted a Thanksgiving meal. Jerry commented that Deputy Brian Smith was not at the council meeting so there is no police report.

**PLACE FIVE: DANNY BUCHANAN:** Danny was absent. Mayor Harbison bragged on Danny doing a good job on the Christmas tree at the front of the Town Hall.

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

**NAMING THE UNNAMED ROAD OFF HIGGERSON ROAD**

Corey stated Jack Creel of 475 Higgeson Road has requested the Town name the road off of Higgeson Road by his house. His son is going to build a house and the unnamed road will have to be named for him to get an E 911 address. John Harris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-002 to name this road Creel Drive. Jerry Bartlett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council. Resolution 2009-002 states the Town recognizes the name of the road as Creel Drive. The Town specifically does not adopt said road, and specifically accepts no responsibility for any maintenance or upkeep of said road.

**DEER RUN SUB-DIVISION**

Corey stated he had talked with the developers of Deer Run Subdivision in regards to the roads in Deer Run. This has been a problem for the town for the past few years. The town never adopted the roads and the condition of the subdivision is deteriorating and these people need help. I want to do all we can do to help the citizens that live here. I want to ask the council if they would agree for me to try to negotiate some sort of deal with the developer to adopt the road into the town. I suggest we pay for a portion of the work and the developer pay a portion. After consulting with the town attorney, Councilman Jerry Bartlett made the motion to authorize the Mayor to check with the developer and see if he would pay for a portion up front and when the payment is received for their portion the town adopt the road and pay the remainder. Councilman Maxie Jones seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to check with the developers of Deer Run sub-division. This is only for the existing roads and it is to be understood that if we enter into an agreement that before any more building permits are issued to build a house, the road must be complete up to the point of construction at the expense of the developer.

**CLOSE:** John made the motion to close the council meeting. Jerry seconded the motion. The council meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. with the consent of the mayor and council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Corey Harbison

Mayor

ATTTEST:

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Joanner Jones  
Town Clerk

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