

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2010**

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: Mayor Corey Harbison and Council members: John Harris, Maxie Jones, Susan Eller, Jerry Bartlett, and Danny Buchanan were all present.

VISITORS: No comments.

MINUTES: Susan made the motion to approve and adopt the December 14, 2009 council minutes. Maxie seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

PLACE ONE-JOHN HARRIS: John asked the council to review the bank balances of each account and the financial report for December. John made the motion to approve and accept the financial report. Jerry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

PLACE TWO-MAXIE JONES: Maxie commented due to the extreme cold weather the work in the street department was limited.

PLACE THREE-SUSAN ELLER: Susan asked Grady with the SouthWest Water Company for an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Grady stated no news is good news. The plant is doing good, been very successful the last few months.

PLACE FOUR-JERRY BARTLETT: Jerry asked Deputy Brian Smith from the Cullman County Sheriff's Department to give a report for Good Hope. Deputy Smith stated there was one incident report, but the holidays were quiet.

PLACE FIVE-DANNY BUCHANAN: Danny stated the Summer League Ball Program will be taking ball sign-up fees each Saturday the month of January from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Town Hall basement. Danny stated the council voted on the park getting safety nets. I called Parrish Fence Company but I haven't heard from them. Danny asked Corey if he would check on the safety nets.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

GRANT APPLICATION:

Mayor Harbison discussed the grants disbursed by the Cullman County Development Commission to local municipalities. We could use the grant monies to replace the existing equipment used for disinfection of the treatment plant's treated effluent discharge. Disinfection of the treated effluent from the wastewater treatment plant is a requirement of the permit for the treatment plant issued by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. This rehabilitation project will replace outdated equipment that has been in service for over twenty years. SouthWest Water Company, which maintains the treatment facility, can write the grant application. The amount of funding requested from CCCDC would be for \$21,000.00. Susan made the motion to apply for this grant. Danny seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

Corey also discussed applying for another grant administered by the Land and Water Conservation Fund from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). The Cullman County Economic Development Office will assist with the grant writing process. This grant may award up to \$50,000.00 in matching funds for a qualifying project. This grant would be used for new playground equipment at Good Hope Family Park on Day Gap Road. This grant would also be used for a new basketball court at Hathcock Park located near exit 304 off Interstate 65. Danny made the motion to apply for this grant. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Corey made the motion for the council to enter an executive session. John seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council. Time 6:25 p.m. Motion for council to reconvene meeting: John. Motion seconded by Maxie. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council. Time 7:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The council and mayor discussed to surplus three older tractors and purchase a new tractor. The tractors we need to surplus are the Jinma 220 with a finish mower, Hesston 55-56, and John Deere 2120. Corey stated we would advertise in The Cullman Times newspaper stating what the Town would surplus with times and dates to accept and open bids. John made the motion to surplus these tractors and then for the Town to purchase a new tractor. Danny seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

CLOSE:

The meeting was closed with the consent of the mayor and council at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2010

Corey Harbison
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanner Jones
Town Clerk