

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 08, 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 John Harris.

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

VISITORS: Herman Elliott requested deannexation of some land he owns on the edge of Good Hope. He stated he had the land sold if the land was deannexed out of Good Hope. John asked what would be built on the property if it was deannexed. Herman stated a church that was denied from building on Cupp Road and they said they would buy the land and build a church if the land was deannexed. Corey stated all they needed was plans from a civil engineer to be turned in to the zoning committee for the church on Cupp Road. Herman stated I drew some plans for the church because they wanted to save some money by not getting an engineer. If we start deannexing, where do we stop, Susan asked? Corey stated we need to have our attorney to check the legality of deannexing property. John made the motion to table this request until the Town attorney finds out the legality of deannexing property. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

A resident made a complaint of people driving too fast on Industrial Park Drive, and asked for the speed limit to be reduced. After discussion by the council, Corey asked Deputy Brian Smith what he thought the appropriate speed limit should be on Industrial Park Drive, Freeman Road, and Lindsey Road. Deputy Smith stated all speed limit signs are gone. In my professional opinion I think for Industrial Park Drive and Lindsey Road the speed limit should be twenty-five (25) miles per hour, and for Freeman Road, the speed limit should be fifteen (15) miles per hour. Corey made the motion to suspend the rules to be able to adopt the ordinances tonight to set the speed limits on Industrial Park Drive and Lindsey Road. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council. John made the motion to adopt ordinance to set the speed limits on Industrial Park Drive and Lindsey Road to twenty-five (25) miles per hour, and Freeman Road to fifteen (15) miles per hour. Jerry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

Laura Harris wanted to make a public statement that she is against the sale of alcohol in Good Hope. She asked the council to seek God's wisdom when they prepare the ordinance for alcohol sales. When working on this ordinance remember our children, grandchildren and the elders.

MINUTES: Susan made the motion to approve and adopt the February 08, 2010 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 February, 2010. After review by the council, John made the motion to approve the financial report. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

PLACE TWO-MAXIE JONES: Maxie reported the street department had done ditching on Teem Road and Schwaiger Road.

PLACE THREE-SUSAN ELLER: Susan stated the Good Hope Waste Water Treatment Plant is doing okay. We are keeping ADEM happy. Susan asked Grady Parsons of Southwest Water Company to explain the membership for Alabama Rural Water Association. Mr. Parsons explained the membership fees are based on customers and Good Hope's would be \$300.00. If Good Hope were to become a member they have good technical training conferences that could help with the operation of the WWTP. John made the motion for Good Hope to join the Alabama Rural Water Association. I will be attending the training course in March for Cullman County Water Department. Maxie seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

PLACE FOUR-JERRY BARTLETT: Jerry asked Deputy Brian Smith to give us the police report for the Town. Deputy stated there were two reports: harassment – one, and criminal mischief - one. I also have been working traffic.

PLACE FIVE-DANNY BUCHANAN: Danny stated official practice starts tonight. The opening ceremony will be April 10, 2010 at the Good Hope Municipal Park at 12:00 noon. There will be games that day. Danny stated his term is up on the park board and he would like to be reappointed for a five year position. John made the motion to reappoint Danny for a five year term. Jerry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council. The Town Clerk asked Danny for an update list of the park board and their terms. Danny stated okay.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE RELOCATED

Corey commented we can't do anything right now about the school traffic but we need to be looking at doing something. We need to check into this project with the County Board of Education. Susan stated I think we need to block off Trimble Road from the Bailey's property to Greg Brown's day care to help with the school traffic. John stated we need to let the Cullman County Board of Education take care of this problem.

SEWER RATES ORDINANCE

The council discussed the sewer rates ordinance which was an eight per cent increase across the board. Susan made the motion to adopt the new sewer rates ordinance. John seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

WET/DRY ELECTION DATE

Corey stated the petition with signatures that were turned in have been verified by the registration office and the probate judge's office. Attorney Rita Nicholas stated the wet/dry election has to be on the primary date. John made the motion to adopt the resolution to have the wet/dry election on the primary date, June 01, 2010. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

Corey stated we need to have a work session to work on an alcohol sales ordinance.

Corey also commented we will have to have someone employed by the Town to enforce any ordinance we pass. We are not required by state law to have a police department but need someone to enforce ordinances because the County Sheriff's department can't enforce our ordinances even though we contract with them. Corey stated the Town can't afford to start a police department. After discussion by the council, Corey set the date for the work session to be March 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Good Hope Town Hall.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

Corey stated the council meeting for the month of April only needs to be changed. Corey made the motion to change the April council meeting from the second Monday, to the first Monday, April 05, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Jerry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jerry made the motion for the council to go into an executive session. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea vote by the mayor and council. Time: 7:15 p.m.

Jerry made the motion for the council meeting to reconvene. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea vote by the mayor and council. Time: 7:25 p.m.

CLOSE: The council meeting was closed with the consent of the mayor and council at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2010

ATTEST:

Joanner Jones, Town Clerk

Corey Harbison, Mayor