

**CITY OF GOOD HOPE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2011**

**OPEN:** The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Corey Harbison at 6:30 P.M at the Good Hope City Hall. Invocation was given by John Harris.

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

**VISITORS:** Tina Stancil and Kristen Brooks from the Good Hope Girl Scout Troop ask the council about having their Girl Scout meetings in the basement of Good Hope City Hall. Tina stated that the group has grown this year and they have no where to meet. Tina stated that they meet every other Wednesday night from 5:00 to 6:00. Kristen stated that we begin on September 7th and finish up in May.

Jerry made a motion that we allow the Girl Scouts to use the basement every other Wednesday night Seconded by Susan Eller. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the Mayor and Council.

Gary Henke asks the council what the progress was on the clean-up at the Randy McClure resident. Corey stated that we are making progress. We have turned it over to our lawyer at this time. Corey stated that there are several properties that we are working on to get cleaned up.

**MINUTES:** John Harris made the motion to approve and adopt the August 8, 2011 council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jerry Bartlett. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the Mayor and Council.

**REPORT OF COUNCIL**

**PLACE ONE: JOHN HARRIS:** John asks the council to review the bank balances of each account.

**PLACE TWO: MAXIE JONES:** No Report

**PLACE THREE: SUSAN ELLER:** Susan stated that the Engineer inspected Mayfair Subdivision Thursday August 18, 2011. A handout to the residents has been drafted for the council to review and comment on. Some modifications to the system will be recommended related to maintenance and inspection of the collection system. Susan stated that the Engineering Report has been submitted to ADEM as requested. Grady parson with Southwest Water Company stated that the work on Day Gap Road has been completed. Grady stated that the manholes are going to have to be cleaned out. Jerry made the motion to accept the proposal for the repairs Seconded by Susan Eller. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the Mayor and Council.

**PLACE FOUR: JERRY BARTLETT:** Jerry asks the council about having a sign put up off the interstate for the truck drivers to locate Wal-Mart DC. Corey stated that this has to be done by the state. Corey stated that we will call and check on getting this done. Jerry also stated that he spoke with Jeff Gray and he recommended that who ever does the sewer repairs that we supervise the work being done.

**PLACE FIVE: DANNY BUCHANAN:** No report

## **RESOLUTION, ORDINANCE, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

### **COUNCIL SALARY**

Corey stated that it is time for the council to decide what the salary needs to be for the next term of elected officials that will begin in late 2012. The salary of all elected municipal officials has to be set 6 months before election time. As of now the council gets \$300.00 salary and then has a budget for a \$200.00 expense check. Corey stated that the council has recently taken on more responsibility by having to come to meetings twice a month, the meeting times have doubled. The Council and Mayor discussed the issues and decided to do away with all budgeted monthly expense and put the designated expense of \$200.00 on salary. Corey stated that the Mayor salary is \$1,000.00 a month and he believes that this is fine as long as the Mayor's job is considered part time. It is completely up to the council, if we need a full time Mayor then I do believe whoever is elected to this position should get better pay but for a part time Mayor it is fine. The Mayor and Council decided to keep part time salary for the position of Mayor. A motion was made by John Harris and seconded by Danny Buchanan to suspend to the rules to allow the council to vote on ordinances, unanimous yea votes by Council and Mayor. A motion was made by Susan Eller to set the salary of elected officials as follows. Mayor will receive \$1,000.00 per month, Council will receive \$500.00 per month with no designated expenses for the Mayor, or Council John Harris seconded the motion. Unanimous yea voted by the Council and Mayor.

**CLOSE:** Corey made the motion to close the council meeting Seconded by Susan Eller. The council meeting was closed at 8:25 with the consent of the Mayor and Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

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Mayor, Corey Harbison

ATTEST:

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Lisa Dahlke