

**CITY OF GOOD HOPE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

**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, Maxie Jones, Susan Eller, Jerry Bartlett, and Matthew Glover.

**MINUTES:** John made a motion to approve and adopt the January 28, 2013 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Maxie Jones. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the Mayor and Council.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

**PLACE ONE: JOHN HARRIS:** John made a motion to accept the bank balances and the financial report. The motion was seconded by Maxie Jones. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the Mayor and Council.

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

**PLACE THREE: SUSAN ELLER:** Susan discussed some water flow issues for the month of January at the treatment plant. The high flow was due to the record rain fall we had in January and facilities all over the state faced the same problems. The City Council discussed upcoming projects at the treatment plant and Grady Parson address the council on projected changes in the way A.D.E.M allows us to treat and dispose of sewer. Grady stated the changes are coming and he is still working to get an exact figure of how much this is going to cost the city. He stated he feels confident it will be a significant amount and the city needs to be thinking about how the upgrades will be paid for. Grady presents the council with sewer rates for several systems that are comparable to Good Hope's. He stated Good Hope's sewer rate is still extremely low. Grady stated he had been working for the City going on 16 years and the City

has had only 1 rate increase. Every increase in operation at the plant has been absorbed by a transfer from the general fund.

**PLACE FOUR: JERRY BARTLETT:** No report

**PLACE FIVE: MATTHEW GLOVER:** No Report

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

### **BORROWING RESOLUTION**

John Harris addressed the Council on upcoming projects that the City will need to get financing for. The City currently has one loan that we owe \$150,000.00 on. The payment is \$7,000.00 a month and we owe two more years. We are going to need \$350,000.00 to pay our 20% matching for the bridge on Beech Grove Road. We need \$350,000.00 to pay our matching part of the sewer line extension up Lindsey Road. We can put that together and consolidate it with the other loan. That makes \$850,000.00. There is another round of street improvement grants coming that will require a match of 20%. There are several road projects that we can apply for. If the City borrows \$150,000.00 for next round of grants the total loan amount will be \$1,000,000.00.

Premier Bank has agreed to finance \$1,000,000.00 on a 15 year term at a 3.2% interest rate with no closing cost. That will make the payments \$7,000.00. This is already budgeted for but will just extend the payments 13 years.

Corey stated all of these projects are needed and the City is going to have to do them in the near future even if we do not do them in a grant program. Corey urged the council to move forward with the money and stated lets do them while we can get 80% of the projects paid for with grant money. After discussion Jerry made a motion to pass a borrowing resolution allowing Mayor Corey Harbison to borrow \$1,000,000.00 from Premier Bank of the South. John seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Unanimous yea votes by the Council and Mayor.

### **SEWER RATE ORDINANCE**

The council looked at the numbers presented by Grady Parsons and discussed the recent and upcoming cost increases at the sewer plant. Corey stated he wants to keep the rates as low as possible but feels an 8% increase is justified. If we increase 8% the rates are still going to be so low that it cost the city more to treat the waste than we collect in fees. Susan made a motion to suspend the rules allowing the Council to amend the sewer ordinance. Jerry seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Unanimous yea votes by the Council and Mayor.

Corey made a motion to for an 8% percent increase on both commercial and residential sewer rates. The motion was seconded by Maxie. ROLL CALL: Unanimous yea votes by the Council and Mayor.

**CLOSE:** John made a motion to close the council meeting. The motion was second by Jerry. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the Mayor and Council.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS**      DAY OF                      2013.

Mayor, Corey Harbison

**ATTEST:**

Lisa Dahlke, Clerk