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City Clerk Renette Yancey

Council Members
P1 - Dean Freese
P2 – Eddie Sheppard
P3 - William Malcom
P4 - Joshua Jameson
P5 - David Mullis, Jr.

Good Hope City Council Minutes
March 2, 2015

1. Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order: Councilman Dean Freese led the invocation and Councilman William Malcom led the pledge.
2. Roll call was performed by the city clerk Renette Yancey.
Present: Mayor Jimmy Guthrie, Council members; Dean Freese, William Malcom, Eddie Sheppard, Joshua Jameson, David Mullis Jr.
3. Approval of Agenda: After Councilman Dean Freese inquired if there was any new information about House Bill 370 which concerns the fines for ethics filings and getting a negative response from Mayor Guthrie he, Councilman Dean Freese, made the motion to accept the agenda as presented and Councilman Eddie Sheppard seconded, all approved.
4. Approval of the last meetings minutes: Councilman Dean Freese made the motion and Councilman Eddie Sheppard seconded, all approved.
5. Public forum: Wade Edmondson requested the Council amend the Alcohol Ordinance to allow him to sell cold beer.
6. Firewise Community Program Presentation: Beryl Budd from the Georgia Forestry gave a presentation explaining how to become a Firewise Community. This is a program that teaches communities how to protect themselves from wildfires. It was agreed that they would discuss this further.
7. Committee reports/updates
 - A. 2014 Budget Report Update – Mayor Guthrie presented the 2014 budget report form that we are currently using, with all the updated 2014 data and a copy of a new report that we will using along with the current form going forward to insure everyone is kept up to date with our financial status.
 - B. The updated 2014 Mayors Report was read and approved.
 - C. 2015 LMIG/Sidewalk Project Construction will begin in May.

D. CIS BBQ Festival - Mayor Guthrie informed the Council that a Sponsorship donation was made by him in the City's name. He told the council that no taxpayer monies were spent for this and ask for volunteers for this event.

8. Unfinished Business: Resolution on House Bill 170

An email was sent on February 19, 2015 to all the Council Members, regarding House Bill 170. All members responded with their vote and Mayor Guthrie signed the resolution along with the Mayors from all the Cities in Walton County opposing the bill in its current format.

9. New Business

A: Tony Serrano Century Ride/Bike Ride Across Georgia

The above bike rides will take place on April 11th and April 18th. Joshua Jameson made the motion and William Malcom seconded that both rides be allowed to use the City Park as a rest stop, all approved. Volunteers are needed to man the rest stop on April 18th.

There may be a conflict on the April 18th ride because of rental of City Hall on that day, Mayor Guthrie will check into this.

B: Amendment of Alcohol Ordinance: Mayor Guthrie read his reasoning statement regarding the sale of cold beer in the Good Hope.

He moved to have the Council vote on an amendment that would remove item "G" in section 15-104 of the Alcohol Ordinance which would allow the sale of cold beer in Good Hope. William Malcom made a motion to amend the ordinance and David Mullis seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows.

Dean Freese – no Eddie Sheppard - no William Malcom - yes

Joshua Jameson – yes David Mullis - yes

Mayor Guthrie will meet with the City Attorney to make the changes.

10. Council Discussion Items

A. Animal Control Ordinance - The amendments that were voted on have been written into the ordinance. The councilmen were given a copy of the ordinance to read and consider before approving at the next meeting.

11. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Guthrie. David Mullis made a motion, Joshua Jameson seconded and all approved.

Mayor

City Clerk