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City Clerk Renette Yancey

Council Members
P1 – Keith Prather
P2 – Post 2
P3 - William Malcom
P4 - Joshua Jameson
P5 - David Mullis, Jr.

Good Hope City Council Minutes
October 2, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman William Malcom led the invocation. Councilman Josh Jameson led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call** was performed by City Clerk, Renette Yancey. All were present.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilman David Mullis made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Keith Prather seconded and the motion was passed.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the July Council minutes. Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion was passed and minutes were recorded.
5. **Presentation of Resolution for Eddie Sheppard:** Mayor Guthrie presented former Councilman Eddie Sheppard with a resolution commending him for his service while representing the citizens of Good Hope for the past two years 8 months.
6. **Public Forum:** There was no Public Forum
7. **Committee Reports/Updates:**
 - A. **Poppy Festival Update:** The Poppy Festival was held on Saturday September 23rd. It was a huge success. There was a beginning balance of \$965.99. The festival raised \$12,782.43 with \$3594.92 paid in expenses, leaving a total of \$10,153.50. Trey Thompson has a \$1213.04 check from the bike ride to turn in. With that added to the total the Poppy Festival will be able to pay a combined total of over \$10,000.00 to the Moina Michael Poppy Project and the Walton County Veterans Memorial. Mayor Guthrie, Kristy Peppers and Kelsey Malcom met last week and discussed the possibility of making the Poppy Festival a 501c3 non-profit organization. The wrap up meeting for the Poppy Festival will be held on Oct.9, 2017.
8. **Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business
9. **New Business:** No new business
10. **Council Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Tree City Program:** Beryl Budd spoke with Mayor Guthrie about the City becoming a Tree City this year. Mayor Guthrie and the Council are interested in the city being a Tree City but would prefer to take it slow to make sure they have taken everything involved in being a Tree City under careful consideration. The City will need to have a Tree Board and hold an Arbor day event during the year. The Mayor mentioned the possibility of a Spring Concert in conjunction with this event. Mr. William Coleman has spoken with Trey Thompson and Mayor Guthrie about the possibility of building a stage and donating it to the city. Councilman Keith Prather said he was in favor of the stage however, we need to make sure there would be no conflict of interest because Mr. Coleman is currently building houses in the city. The Tree Board would consist of two council members and one Good Hope citizen. Keeli Laughinghouse has volunteered to serve on that board. The mayor asked the members of the council to consider being a part of the board and to let him know their decision.
 - B. **NEGRC's Planning & Government Service Meeting:** Mayor Guthrie received a letter from Mr. Burk Walker requesting a meeting with him and the Council regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan. Several dates were agreed on and Mayor Guthrie will contact Mr. Walker to schedule the meeting.

11. Adjourn: Mayor Guthrie called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Keith Prather made that motion and Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk