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Good Hope City Council Minutes

April 1, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Mayor Randy Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, Councilmember Keith Prather led the invocation, and Councilmember Kelsey Malcom led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call:** Performed by City Clerk Missy Daigle, Councilmembers Kelsey Malcom, William Malcom, David Mullis, Jr., Keith Prather, and John Robison, Jr. were in attendance.
3. **Approval of agenda:** There were no amendments to be added, Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda, Councilmember David Mullis, Jr. seconded, and all approved.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilmember William Malcom made a motion to accept March Council minutes and Councilmember Keith Prather seconded, all approved, motion passed and minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** Doyle and Tonya Wallace with the nonprofit, Good Hope Together were present as visitors.
6. **Committee Reports/Updates:**
 - A. **Budget Update:** The council was presented with a year-to-date report. Councilmember Kelsey Malcom noticed an irregularity in the Poppy Festival balance, when the Clerk looked back at the online banking, she noticed that she had mistakenly made the City deposit into the Poppy account, with this correction of funds Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to accept the budget report and Councilmember William Malcom, seconded the motion. All were in favor and the budget report was approved.
 - B. **City Hall Rentals:** Due to renters removing a ceiling tile to hang a pinata and grilling on the sidewalk leaving a grease stain, the rental agreement will be updated. The updates will state, (1) when grilling, the grill should be in the edge of the grass, (2) no one should remove ceiling tiles or hang anything from the ceiling. There will also be a third update due to people within the community wanting to use the pavilion for a yard sale; (3) city property cannot be used for profit making activities except as approved by the city council for registered nonprofit community related organizations.
 - C. **Poppy Festival – Good Hope Together:** Councilmember and Good Hope Together representative Kelsey Malcom let the council know that they are still in need of volunteers.
 - D. **P&Z Update-LDO violations:** Councilmember and P&Z Chair, David Mullis, Jr. stated that the LDO needs to be updated to address short term rentals
 - E. **Georgia Cities Week:** Georgia Cities week is being recognized April 21-27 this year.
 - F. **GMA District 5 Spring Listening Session:** This listening session will be held on April 10th at 5:30 PM in the Social Circle Theatre.
 - G. **BRAG Bike ride:** On April 20th the bike riders will use the Good Hope Pavilion for a spot to take a break.
 - H. **SPLOST Update:** SPLOST will be on the ballot in the May election, explain when asked that it's a continuation of the current penny tax.
7. **Unfinished business:**
 - A. **Simple Grants Contract:** Due to some of the Councilmembers not having their emails updated and unable to read the email about the grants that the mayor had sent out, this discussion was tabled.
8. **New Business:**
 - A. **Grant proposal from Good Hope Together:** Mayor Garrett discussed with the council a possible grant/sponsorship to be given to Good Hope Together using ARPA funds. Good Hope Together would need to submit a letter/grant stating what their needs are.
 - B. **Any Action items from Reports and Updates:** No actions were required.
 - C. **Cancellation of Good Hope Election:** After qualifying it was found that there was no opposition for Mayor or for any of the 5 Posts for Councilmember, therefore Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion that the Good Hope Election be cancelled for the upcoming general primary/nonpartisan and Good Hope general election, Councilmember John Robison, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion passed 100%.
 - D. **Cooperative city/county Road project – LMIG Matching Funds:** Mayor Garrett addressed the council last month about a pipe on Pleasant Valley Road that needs to be replaced, a motion was made, and passed to replace the pipe, the mayor asked for a new motion authorizing the payment of \$8726.80. Councilmember William Malcom made a motion to authorize the payment of \$8726.80, Councilmember Keith Prather seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed 100%.

9. **Council Discussion Items for the good of the order:**

A. **Erosion:** Mayor Garrett brought to it to the council's attention that there is erosion along the walking path and ditch in front of City Hall and the park, he asked that the councilmembers go look at the erosion at the close of the meeting and come up with a strategy for discussion at the next council meeting.

B. **Fire ant control at City Park:** Mayor Garrett brought it to the council's attention that there were several ant mounds at the City Park, Councilmember John Robison, Jr. agreed to spray them with a chemical that is pet and people friendly.

10. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Keith Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember David Mullis, Jr. seconded, all approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Clerk