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P4 – John Robison
P5 - David Mullis, Jr.

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Good Hope City Council Minutes
April 7, 2025

1. **Call to order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Garrett; Mayor Garrett led the invocation, and Councilman Malcom led the pledge.

2. **Roll call:** Performed by City Clerk Crissy Robison; Councilmembers Michael Young, William Malcom, John Robison were present. Councilman Prather and Mullis were absent

3. **Approval of agenda:** A motion for the agenda to be amended to move the Public Forum to Item 4 was made by Councilman Malcom; Councilman Robison seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved as amended.

4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Mayor Garrett called for a motion to accept the March Council minutes; Councilman young seconded, all approved, motion passed, and minutes were recorded.

5. **Public Forum:** Kevin and Jackie Meara of 164 Old Good Hope road expressed concern about traffic patterns; extreme speeding has been observed; traffic from Jacks Creek has been diverted down Old Good Hope; speed bumps are on the other side of Old Good Hope Road, and residents inquired about installing speed bumps on the Hwy 83 side of Old Good Hope Road. Mayor Garrett informed of a process: people initiate speed bump process, send written letter of speed bumps wanted; speed limit needs to be lowered to 25mph. The current speed limit is 35mph. An exception can be given for the current speed limit of 35mph; Old Good Hope Road is not eligible for radar detection; a traffic survey will need to be done by Walton County. Mayor Garrett expressed an understanding of the concerns and mentioned other traffic calming options such as “limited sight signs.” Another option for “traffic calming” is a roundabout, which doesn’t work for this particular road. Mayor Garrett stated that a physical traffic calming device is most acceptable. Residents will need to write a letter to the council, and 80% of the residents on Old Good Hope Road need to sign a petition for the speed bump request.

6. **Committee reports/updates:**

- A. Financial Report(s)- The council was presented with a year-to-date report. Councilman Young made a motion to approve the financial report, and Councilman Robison seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the financial report was approved.
- B. City Hall Rentals/Improvements: \$800 income from rentals in March.
- C. City Park Events/Improvements: BRAG bike ride was held at city hall on April 5; Walton County Sheriff's Dept. had inmates clean up the City Hall grounds in preparation for the Bike ride.

7. **Unfinished business:** Financial Disclosure Reports; Clerk issued disclosure packets to be returned at the May Council Meeting.

8. **New Business:**

A. Poppy Festival Sponsorship: In the past the city has provided physical help for the festival; the Poppy Festival committee has asked if the city would like to sponsor the festival at some level. Mayor Garrett presented the Poppy Festival sponsorship form. Councilman Malcom made a motion to provide a sponsorship for \$500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Young, and all approved.

9. **Council Discussion Items:**

- A. Traffic calming concerns on Old Good Hope Road
- B. Proposal for T-SPLOST: The Walton County Development Authority has proposed an initiative to put a T-SPLOST on the November ballot.

10. **Adjourn:** Councilman Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Robison, seconded, all approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next regular meeting will be May 5, 2025

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