

**TOWN OF GOOD HOPE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

OPEN: The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Corey Harbison at 6:00 p.m. at the Good Hope Town Hall. Invocation was given by Maxie Jones.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Corey Harbison, Council members: John Harris, Maxie Jones, Susan Eller, Jerry Bartlett, and Danny Buchanan.

VISITORS: Chris Van Dyke, Executive Director, of Cullman Area Mental Health Authority, Inc., gave a presentation on their services and the appointment of board members. Good Hope board members at this time are Mary Pruett, Barbara Maner, and Herman Reid.

MINUTES: Motion to approve and adopt August 10, 2009 minutes: Danny Buchanan. Motion seconded: Maxie Jones. Roll call vote: Unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

PLACE ONE: JOHN HARRIS: Motion to approve and accept August 2009 financial report: John Harris. Motion seconded: Jerry Bartlett. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

PLACE TWO: MAXIE JONES: Maxie stated I have been working because Dana and Sam have been injured. We only have the two for the street department. I make the motion to give the Mayor the authority to hire one to two people full time for the street department as needed. Susan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council. Maxie also commented that some culverts in the Mayfair Sub-Division have collapsed and the Town needs to fix the problem.

PLACE THREE: SUSAN ELLER: Susan asked Grady Parson of Southwest Water Company who manages Good Hope Waste Water Treatment Plant to give an update on the sewer plant. Mr. Parsons discussed the permit renewal with ADEM and asked the council to consider the monthly fees for sewer usage, which haven't been changed since 1992, and the need to increase the sewer fees.

PLACE FOUR: JERRY BARTLETT: Jerry discussed the Good Hope Fall Festival to be held at the Municipal Park October 10, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLACE FIVE: DANNY BUCHANAN: Danny stated we will get together before the Fall Festival to make sure everything is clean and looking good. We will prepare the park for the vendors and festival rain or shine.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

Mayor Harbison stated we need to appoint an attorney to finish the present term since Renee Mills resigned. Discussion was made by the council for a Town attorney. Danny Buchanan made the motion to appoint Rita Nicholas to finish the term of office to replace Renee Mills. Jerry Bartlett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: John Harris-nay; Maxie Jones-yea; Susan Eller-nay; Jerry Bartlett-yea; Danny Buchanan-yea; Corey Harbison-yea. Rita Nicholas was appointed Good Hope Town Attorney.

OTHER BUSINESS

Corey commented that he had received a letter from Dixie Decorations for Christmas lights and banners for the Town. I would like to promote our web-site and check on getting some Welcome to Good Hope, Alabama signs. After discussion by the council, John Harris made the motion to give the Mayor the authority to get prices on these promotions for the Town of Good Hope. Danny Buchanan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

Corey stated he would like to have a work session to discuss the 2010 fiscal year budget. The date was set at 6:00 p.m. September 29, 2009.

John Harris stated we need to vote on keeping the bills paid until the new fiscal year budget is past. Danny made the motion to allow the Clerk to continue the day to day operation for paying the incoming bill of the Town. John seconded the motion. Roll call vote: unanimous yea votes by the mayor and council.

CLOSE: Jerry made the motion to close the council meeting. John seconded the motion. The council meeting was closed at 7:05 p.m. with the consent of the mayor and council.