

# **Minutes of the Westover City Council**

## **March 21, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City of Westover, at 6:36 p.m. on March 21, 2017 at City Hall in Westover, Alabama.

Upon roll call, the Mayor declares a quorum present and the regular session open for transaction of business.

**In attendance are:** Councilmembers Jeanne Champion-Fisch, Susan Lane, Jay Crisman, Wayne Jones and Mayor Larry Riggins

Absent: Councilmember Annette Tyler

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Riggins.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor Riggins thanked everyone for attending. Councilmember Champion-Fisch stated that the ribbon cutting at the Youth Home a very nice ceremony. They have built new additions on to the original homes, and the youth group has a new leader coming from Iowa.

Mayor Riggins states that the Town of Westover now has a new Facebook page. The former FB admin has been contacted to ask for access to the old page. The goal is to merge the accounts. If anyone wants to add anything, maybe photos or events, to Facebook let the City Clerk or Mayor Riggins know.

Mayor Riggins also states that he has also asked for another traffic count study for the intersection of Hwy 55 and Highway 280. This should be done in the next few weeks. He also reports that the yield signs are being added to Hwy 51 and Hwy 55 intersections with Highway 280.

Mayor Riggins reports that the Westover Building Department's report, included in this meeting's information packet, will be in the Shelby County Reporter and 280 Living newspapers soon.

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting are presented for adoption. Councilmember Crisman moves to adopt minutes as presented and Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the minutes are approved unanimously as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - No report

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. ANNEXATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Lane attended the Coffee with the Mayor in Columbiana on March 15, 2017 from 8:30 to 9:30 at the Columbiana Senior Center. Commissioner Sampsell is building a new office at Superiorscapes here in Westover and Rambo Marine is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Friday and Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. JOX Radio Station 94.5 will be live both days. Chelsea Church of Westover is having a large youth gathering, April 5, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The location is 11063 Hwy 280, Westover, AL 35147. The Westover Business Alliance meeting will be on April 13, 2017 at Rockhurst Farms from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm. The featured speaker will be Dr. Hurst, and the business spotlight will be GeoStone.
  
- B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS –No report
  
- C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – No Report.
  
- D. PARKS AND RECREATION – Councilmember Champion-Fisch reported that Dr. Crisman’s daughter is volunteering to clean the bathrooms and it looks really good.
  
- E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM –PUBLIC SAFETY - No Report
  
- F. PUBLIC SAFETY – No Report
  
- G. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Crisman reminds everyone that snakes may be moving this time of year and stagnant water needs to be poured out to prevent mosquitoes.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None**

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – No Report
2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Councilmember Champion-Fisch reminds everyone that the Planning commission will have another work session to be scheduled next Tuesday at the Planning Commission meeting.
3. HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD – Councilmember Tyler – Absent
4. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice - Absent

5. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chair Roberta Stamp – On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Roberta needs someone to unlock the door for City Hall. There will be a Special work session.
6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report –

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Mayor Riggins states that the current business license schedule has been emailed to the Council for review. Please consider amending the schedule. There is no action required tonight. We need to decide before end of the year. This new schedule will begin on January 1, 2018.

Mayor Riggins also reports that repairs are needed for each of the signs for City of Westover on Highway 280. The first quote, included in the packet, for \$863.28 seems reasonable. He will ask for a few more quotes to check prices then the Council can decide on the purchase. Councilmember Champion-Fisch states that Reliable Signs in Pelham are also reasonable and she recommends getting a quote from them. The sign wording may also need to be changed from Town to City and this will be considered before purchasing. For the third quote, Councilmember Crisman recommends the company he uses for his Veterinarian office. They are located in Chelsea and he will send the information to Mayor Riggins.

Mayor Riggins also notes that the Fire Department may need to join with Fire Recovery USA. Fire Chief Penny states that this company will bill and follow up for fire related calls for non-contracted residents or residents outside of Westover. Mayor Riggins asks for a motion to purchase this service. Councilmember Crisman moves to adopt motion as presented and Councilmember Champion-Fisch seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the motion passes unanimously as presented. There should be an ordinance presented at the next council meeting.

Should Westover be declared a Town or City – Councilmember Jones makes motion to create an identity for Westover as City and Councilmember Lane seconds. Councilmember Jones reports that there are some perks of being a City. A voice vote is taken, and the motion is adopted unanimously.

**READING OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

Councilmember Champion-Fisch is happy to report that the demolition of the Champion House on Hwy 101 issue has been resolved. There is a little work left but Jeff Champion will handle the rest.

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Resolution 2017-3-21-2009 authorizing the City of Westover officials to open a checking account to manage bond income for Willow Oaks - The exact figure for the deposit needs to be evaluated because the City has spent some of the money for engineering and street repairs. Councilmember Jones recommends changes to the Resolution. There is a misspelled word. Mayor Pro Tim needs to be Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Champion-Fisch moves to adopt resolution as amended, and Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. No one is opposed to the amended resolution. A voice vote is taken, and the resolution is approved unanimously as amended.

Resolution 2017-3-21-2010 authorizing the City of Westover officials to open a checking account to manage the bond income for The Villages of Westover - Councilmember Jones recommends changes to the Resolution. There is a misspelled word. Mayor Pro Tim needs to be Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Champion-Fisch moves to adopt resolution as amended, and Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. No one is opposed to the amended resolution. A voice vote is taken, and the resolution is approved unanimously as amended.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council member Crisman reports that Ricoh has sent a bid for City Hall for a copy/printer machine. He will email this to the Council to be discussed at a later meeting.

Dr. John Hurst's wife, Nona, fell and suffered open fracture. The Hurst's complimented our Fire Department stating that they were very professional and timely.

Councilmember Champion-Fisch moves to adjourn. Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken with all in favor, and no one is opposed. The meeting is adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Submitted by,

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Nicole Brooks, Clerk

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Mayor, Larry Riggins