

Minutes of the Westover City Council

February 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Westover, Alabama is held in the City of Westover, City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on February 18, 2014, at the regular place for such regular sessions.

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

In attendance are: Councilmembers, Dr. Jay Crisman, Jeanne Champion Fisch, Buzz Ingle, Larry Riggins, and Mayor, Mark McLaughlin

ABSENT: Councilmember, Annette Tyler

INVOCATION: Councilmember, Larry Riggins, followed by Mayor McLaughlin leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor, McLaughlin reads the council's disclaimer:

The City Council of Westover thanks you for attending tonight's meeting and would like to remind everyone the following:

Anyone desiring to be on the agenda will notify the Mayor no later than five business days prior to the following scheduled meeting. All guests are limited to three minutes unless extended by a majority of the Council. All guest speakers will speak only to the subject scheduled on the agenda. Any questions or clarifications will be addressed to the Mayor and the ruling of the Mayor will be final. Again, thank you for attending and your understanding, patience and cooperation. We look forward to a productive meeting.

The Mayor announces the following:

Welcomes Mr. John Thorne as a perspective candidate for the BZA Committee

General announcements on meeting dates

Thanks Mr. Thorne for his willingness to serve

Judge on Westover vs Shelby County litigation has retired and at this time no written order issued.

Annexation interest and discussions have picked up in the recent time period.

Working on details for fire, police and communications on what the city would have to do if it had to stand on its own without outside help

Mayor is researching costs of updating council chambers

At this time looking to utilize city personnel to update the council chamber to offset construction costs.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 7, minutes presented for approval. Motion by Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Ingle to approve minutes as presented. Motion passes with unanimous vote.

February 4, minutes presented for approval. Motion by Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember Ingle to adopt minutes as presented. Motion passes with unanimous vote.

FINANCE REPORT

Clerk, Jones-No Report

Reports of Standing Committees

ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT–Councilmember, Riggins-Reports on annexations

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS-Councilmember, Tyler-Absent

SUBDIVISION AND ZONING-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-Continuing to approve Foundation and Zoning Applications within the city limits of Westover.

PARKS AND RECREATION-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-No Report

LIBRARY-Councilmember, Tyler-Library-Absent, Mayor stated there has been contact concerning the drywall litigation in the library, no details at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY-Councilmember Buzz Ingle-No Report

PUBLIC HEALTH- Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman-February is American Heart Month. Recommends that everyone look at the Center for Disease Control Website for additional information on heart disease

Reports of Special Committees

None

Reports of Officers

None

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Chair, Councilmember, Larry Riggins-No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair, Riggins-Absent

HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

Historical Society-Councilmember, Tyler-Absent

Beautification Board-Councilmember, Tyler-Absent

CITY ATTORNEY

Mr. Frank Ellis and Mr. Bill Justice-Absent

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Chair, Roberta Stamp-Announces returning members and prospective new member, next meeting March 6

WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Morris-Absent

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

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

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember, Ingle announced that the “Tax Free” Weather Preparedness Weekend is coming up this weekend.

Councilmember Riggins states that from his observation construction seems to be on the rise in the city.

Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman states that his business has seen more new clients in January 2014 than in 2013.

Also thanks John Thorne for becoming new prospective member of BZA.

Councilmember, Ingle states he visited the Westover Park this past weekend and saw many people taking advantage of the park’s facilities.

Motion from Councilmember, Crisman with a second from Councilmember, Ingle to move to adjourn. Being no discussion, the motion is put to a vote and motion carries with unanimous vote. The mayor declares council adjourned.

Submitted by,

Clerk, Wayne Jones

Mayor, Mark McLaughlin