

Minutes of the Westover City Council September 16, 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 September 16, 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, Annette Tyler and Mayor, Mark McLaughlin

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION: Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman, 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:

The 2015 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday will be coming up soon and Westover is preparing to participate in this event.

The Municipal Fire Department station is a Safe House, Safe Place for anyone in need

2015 Budget is on tonight's agenda.

The Public Safety Dept. has a motion on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

The fire department is still preparing for the ISO inspection and the city is presently a 7/9 classification for insurance purposes.

The Municipal Fire Department is presently sending a unit with the Chelsea High School Football Team to their away games. This is being well received by the Chelsea Coaching Staff.

Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts are available. Please see the fire chief for details.

The Westover Volunteer Fire Department may be reviewed by outside state agencies and there are no details at this time.

Tough Man cycle group will include the city in more of the planning at next year's event as it passes through the city.

The mayor asks for information about ideas on establishing a tradition in Westover, and making this celebration into an annual event.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

August 19, 2014 minutes

Riggins with a second from Tyler moves to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion passes with unanimous vote

September 2, 2014 minutes

Riggins with a second from Ingle moves to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion passes with unanimous vote

FINANCE REPORT

Clerk, Jones-presents August 2014 finance report.

Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Ingle moves to consider August 2014 Treasurer Report at next meeting.

Vote is unanimous

Reports of Standing Committees

ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT–Councilmember, Riggins-No Report.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS-Councilmember, Tyler-

Westover Library is installing new software and cabling to update the circulation and research computers to a fiber optic connection. This is being installed at the present time.

A Certified Municipal Officer Program is October 15th in Alabaster

Coffee With the Mayor at Harpersville is September 18 at 8 a.m.

SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-No Report

LIBRARY-Councilmember, Tyler-Library-No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY-Councilmember Buzz Ingle-Presents October PSP Schedule and is still looking for more people to be a PSP member.

PUBLIC HEALTH- Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman-Presents information and a handout on the Enterovirus D68 that is a severe respiratory illness in children. Best ways to help curb this is to wash hands often and avoid touching the face.

Reports of Special Committees

None

Reports of Officers

GUSC

Chair, Councilmember, Larry Riggins-GUSC No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION

No Report

HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

Historical Society-Councilmember, Tyler-No Report

Beautification Board-Councilmember, Tyler-No Report

CITY ATTORNEY

Mr. Frank Ellis and Mr. Bill Justice-Absent

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Chair, Roberta Stamp-No Report

WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Morris-Chief asks for advance details on events in the city to help him staff for the event.

Old Business:

Motion to approve 2015 Budget-Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Champion Fisch asks for additional time in a work session on October 7, beginning at 5:30, to review the proposed budget. Vote took place and passed with majority vote.

Mayor asks for motion to continue paying bills as presently being done. Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Ingle moves to do so and vote is unanimous.

New Business:

Motion to approve Public Safety Patrol Plan-Councilmember Ingle moves to table plan until revised. Second by Councilmember Riggins, motion put to vote and unanimous

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

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

A Resolution to participate in the 2015 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday is read into the minutes by Clerk, Jones. Councilmember, Riggins with second by Councilmember, Champion Fisch moves motion and motion passes with unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

General discussion by council

Motion from Councilmember, Riggins with a second from Councilmember, Crisman 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