

# Minutes of the Westover City Council January 20, 2015

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 January 20, 2015, 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:

Pending annexations in upcoming meetings

Weather Tax Holiday legislation was approved and filed

Library Remodeling Committee is being formed

Councilmember Riggins is helping with inspections in the city

Mayor gives State of City information

(see attachment)

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

January 6, 2015 minutes  
Councilmember, Riggins with a second from Councilmember, Ingle moves to adopt the minutes as presented.  
Motion passes with unanimous vote

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Report to be presented at next meeting

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

**ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT**–Councilmember, Riggins-Four new homes are started in Willow Oaks. More new homes planned for the Villages of Westover

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**-Councilmember, Tyler-Education-Councilmembers have information on CMO education programs available in near future.

Senior Program-Waiting to hear from grant from Shelby County

**SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING**-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-Continuing to approve zoning and foundation applications within the city of Westover.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-Will start in Spring to prepare park for Spring events.

**LIBRARY**-Councilmember, Tyler-Library-Need volunteers to work in library on Mondays, Wednesdays or Saturdays.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**-Councilmember Buzz Ingle-Three new PSP members started in January. Looking for more people to assist PSP.

**PUBLIC HEALTH-** Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman-Influenza season. For more information on flu check the following website [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)

**Reports of Special Committees**

None

**Reports of Officers**

**GUSC**

Chair, Councilmember, Larry Riggins-GUSC No Report

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chair, James Heath-Absent

**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-Absent

**WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Morris-2015 Fire and EMS contracts were mailed last week. Phone calls are being received about EMS contracts, and asking for details. Fire Department is working to pick up calls in the Westover Volunteer Fire Dept. area. \$125.00 is the residential contract fee for 2015 fire service.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Councilmember, Jeanne Champion Fisch with second from Councilmember, Riggins moves for the mayor to draft a resolution recognizing the services of Sheriff, Curry. Unanimous vote to draft resolution

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

None

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

Councilmember, Riggins presents annexation petition from Daniel and Lisa Whiteside. Clerk will prepare ordinance to be considered for next meeting

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember, Champion Fisch asks the mayor to explain the progress of the lighting of the intersection at U.S. 280 and Shelby County 55.

The city is working to have the intersection illuminated and waiting on the contractor for further information.

Councilmember, Tyler thanks the audience for their attendance.

Councilmember, Riggins thanks Councilmember, Crisman for his assistance with the Whiteside annexation petition.

Councilmember, Riggins working to get addresses consolidated to one city

Councilmember, Champion Fisch and then Councilmember, Crisman thanks the Sheriff's Deputies for attending the meeting.

Motion from Councilmember, Champion Fisch with a second from Councilmember, Riggins 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,

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Clerk, Wayne Jones

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Mayor, Mark McLaughlin

Mayor's report January 20, 2015:

- Better financial condition than ever
- Built a reserve
- Will continue to operate and expand those fiscal initiatives
- Since 2004 Mayor has contributed thousands of personal monies and resources to the City
- Been personally assisting calls and inquiries and satisfaction evidenced by very limited audience at City meetings vis. a vis. Council chambers packed with residents who have received incorrect information.
- City Hall operations handled 4,000 phone calls last year. Of the calls that ring through to people I get the majority.
- Provide a highly skilled public safety/fire/rescue group ISO and PSP
- Expand office and library on-site services
- Website services
- Public services cost effective-trained non-payroll employees are valued at \$20.00-over \$30.00 per hour depending on level of training and experience.
- Provide forward leaning adaptable economic development initiatives and regulations to develop growth along with the desired rural and agricultural characteristics
- Thankful for those who routinely express gratitude toward me