

# Minutes of the Westover City Council February 3, 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 February 3, 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, Jeanne Champion Fisch, Buzz Ingle, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, and Mayor, Mark McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman

**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:

Library Remodeling Committee is formed to make repairs due to Chinese drywall installation

Weather Tax Holiday is coming up and the city is participating in that event.

Sales Tax collections are up 10% over the same time period last year.

The PSP is helping to increase revenue by looking for unlicensed contractors and unauthorized work.

2015 Fire and EMS Contracts have been mailed to the residents in the Volunteer Fire Department coverage area. These contracts are being well received.

Proceeding with the process to repair the streets in Willow Oaks.

Later in the meeting there will be a report on the progress with the lighting of U.S. 280 and Shelby County 55 intersection.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

January 20, 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 December and December Year to Date

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

**ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT**—Councilmember, Riggins—One residential building permit issued for construction on hwy 55. Five new homes are started in Willow Oaks, and 3 more are to start soon.

Serve-Pro renovation is ongoing and the old Chicago Bridge Company Building is being renovated.

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Councilmember, Tyler—Education—No Report

Senior Program—No Report

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION**—Councilmember, Champion Fisch—Working to resolve issues in the park and get it ready for the spring events.

**LIBRARY**-Councilmember, Tyler-Library-Councilmember, Tyler asks Councilmember, Riggins on the progress of the library repairs. Riggins says that Councilmember, Crisman is working on obtaining a contractor for the repairs.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**-Councilmember Buzz Ingle-Distributed the February 2015 schedule for the PSP group.

Councilmember, Champion Fisch asks if all patrol is volunteer or paid, and all patrol is by volunteers. Councilmember, Champion Fisch thanks all who participate in the PSP.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**- Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman-Absent

**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-No Report

**WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Morris-Absent

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

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

Annexation Petition presented to council for Daniel and Lisa Whiteside

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

Resolution recognizing the service of Sheriff Chris Curry is presented. Councilmember, Riggins with a second from Jeanne Champion Fisch moves to adopt proposed resolution. Proposed Resolution 2015-02-03-649 is read into the minutes by the clerk and motion is put to vote. Resolution passes with unanimous vote.

Annexation Ordinance-Mayor, McLaughlin identifies the property and then the proposed ordinance is read into the minutes by the clerk. Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Tyler moves to suspend the rules. No discussion on suspending the rules so a roll call vote is taken:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Jeanne Champion Fisch, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, Buzz Ingle and Mayor, McLaughlin

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman

Rules are suspended

Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Champion Fisch move to adopt proposed Ordinance 2015-02-03-186. No discussion on ordinance and then roll call vote is taken:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Jeanne Champion Fisch, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, Buzz Ingle and Mayor, McLaughlin

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman

Motion carries and Ordinance adopted

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember, Riggins explains that there is a problem with the online 2015 Business License Application process and discussion occurs on how to handle the problem.

Councilmember, Champion Fisch reports on the progress of lighting the intersection at U.S. 280 and Shelby County 55.

Resolution passed in 2014 to ask for help from ALDOT on changed to make the intersection safer. ALDOT approved the project at the end of November. Stone and Sons is the contractor for the project. They ordered material and reported that ETA of material is approx. the first part of April.

Mayor, McLaughlin stated that the project is now more than the amount bid, the contractor agreed to the bid price for the project.

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