

Minutes of the Westover City Council February 17, 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 17, 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, 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:

Need to purchase a lawnmower for the park and need someone to look into purchasing a mower

Mayor is working on renegotiating loan with bank or locating a competitor bank to obtain a better interest rate

The Public Safety patrol is requested to patrol more often and 2 separate businesses are requesting additional patrols.

Contracts for 2015 Fire and EMS contracts are still being mailed

The Library Committee will present report later in meeting

Annexation is no cost to the property owner and annexation is automatically covered by fire protection. Annexation filing costs are paid by the city

The Municipal Fire Department is now a Boy Scouts Official Fire Explorer Post

U.S. Hwy 280 and Shelby County Hwy 55 light update-Working with state to get improvements to intersection. At present, working with the contractor to install illumination lights

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

February 3, 2015 minutes

Councilmember, Tyler with a second from Councilmember, Ingle moves to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion passes with unanimous vote

FINANCE REPORT

December and January monthly report is correct. December Year to Date is correct and January Year to Date needs corrections. Will present at next meeting

Reports of Standing Committees

ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT-Councilmember, Riggins-Working with several builders and they have several projects to present in the near future.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS-Councilmember, Tyler-Education-A CMO class will be in April and is good for 5 hours of education credit.

Library-Harrison Regional Library's new director will be visiting the Westover Library in March 2015.

Senior Program-No Report

SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-No Report

LIBRARY-Councilmember, Tyler-Library-Nor Report

PUBLIC SAFETY-Councilmember Buzz Ingle-Distributed the March 2015 schedule for the PSP group. New patrols have been added to the schedule.

PUBLIC HEALTH- Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman-Gives update on concept of vaccinations. No significant problems in Alabama. See Dr. Jay Crisman for more details.

Reports of Special Committees

Library Repair Committee- Dr. Jay Crisman- Has researched the drywall issue and contacted 3 different people who are familiar with this type work. Still working to obtain bids for work.

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:

Motion to establish committee to explore nuisance abatement

Motion by Councilmember, Ingle with second from Councilmember, Riggins to establish committee to explore Nuisance Abatement.

Discussion occurred:

Councilmember, Tyler-How many members?

Councilmember Riggins amends motion to include one council member and four at large members on committee.

Councilmember Ingle says the amendment is acceptable to him.

Councilmember Crisman asks for goals. Will research other cities about laws for people keeping property clean and make city more presentable to others.

Councilmember, Tyler asks if there will be public hearings to present and obtain information.

Vote is unanimous to establish committee.

Motion to establish a Resolution to set fees for Subpoenas

Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Champion Fisch moves to set fees for subpoenas and public record requests. Will research prior to drafting resolution

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

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember, Ingle asks who is the current banking institution and it is Renasant Bank

Councilmember, Ingle compliments the Safe Place sign at the fire department

Councilmember, Riggins asks if we need to solicit bids for mower

Councilmember, Ingle asks if this will include a trailer to haul the mower.

Councilmember, Tyler asks about the size of the mower that is being considered.

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