

# Minutes of the Westover City Council

## April 7, 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 April 7, 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, Buzz Ingle, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, and Mayor, Mark McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** Councilmember, Jeanne Champion Fisch

**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 mayor proposed a performance budget with excess reserve in revenue. Mayor presents budget by statute and city council approved budget.

(Councilmember, Champion Fisch arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

City has bank note that has matured. Historically, this is renewed when matured. Mayor has secured an extension on the loan until the end of April 2015.

City financial ratios have improved.

The bank has agreed to a three year note amortized for 15 years.

Working with Renasant Bank and Regions bank on details for loan.

Have called street (seal coat) and sidewalks bonds for Willow Oaks. The city engineer has estimated the cost of the seal coat for the streets at \$210,427.50. The bond company engineer has estimated the cost at \$161,974.50 and the amount of the bond is \$116,434.00.

The city engineer has estimated the cost of sidewalks at \$284,580 and the bond engineer has estimated it at \$167,320, and the amount of the bond is \$310,500.

There will be a routine audit coming up soon

ISO inspection of the fire department will be within the next few weeks.

Fire engine needs a new engine.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

March 17, 2015 minutes

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

Motion passes with unanimous vote

## **FINANCE REPORT**

February Finance Report presented by Councilmember, Champion Fisch. Councilmember, Champion Fisch asks to have a work session to discuss line items in the budget and the council should have the information later this evening. Need special meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Need a special session not a work session to discuss report and budget numbers.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

**ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT**—Councilmember, Riggins-have several annexation applications in the process of being approved. The city has a new building inspector.

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**-Councilmember, Tyler-Education-Councilmembers attending a CMO training class on May 17 in Tuscaloosa.

Public Relations-Westover reunion will be May 23 at Westover Park.

Senior Program-No Report

**SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING**-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-Continuing to approve Zoning and Foundation Requests in Westover subdivisions.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**-Councilmember, Champion Fisch-The city has a new Bad Boy mower for use in park and city hall property. Working to get chips put in park playground.

**LIBRARY**-Councilmember, Tyler-Library-Library remodeling is complete and now working to improve computers and printers. Will be celebrating Library Appreciation Week soon.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**-Councilmember Buzz Ingle-The PSP car is patrolling almost daily, but still has some vacant patrol time periods to fill.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**- Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman-No Report

#### **Reports of Special Committees**

*Library Repair Committee*-Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman gives report on library repairs. Dr. Crisman thanks all who assisted with the work in the library.

*Nuisance Abatement Committee*-Councilmember, Buzz Ingle-continuing to assemble committee. Councilmember, Ingle asks for candidates for the committee.

#### **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-Absent

**Old Business:**

**Motion to establish a Resolution to set fees for Subpoenas-** still completing data for this.

**New Business:**

**Motion to renew bank note:** no response from council.

**Motion to accept bond settlement proceeds for Willow Oaks:**

Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Tyler moves to accept settlement offered by Bond Company. Unanimous vote

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

*Annexation Petition*-Petition has been received from Robert and Wanda Moore. Now working with surrounding landowners to establish connection to the Moore property.

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

None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember, Riggins has worked with the new building inspector and he is now working to obtain the education that will help with the job.

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