

Minutes of the Westover City Council

April 15, 2015

A special session 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 15, 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, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, and Mayor, Mark McLaughlin

ABSENT: Councilmember, Dr. Jay Crisman and Buzz Ingle

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.

Councilmembers, Buzz Ingle and Dr. Jay Crisman arrive at 6:36 p.m.

Special session called by the mayor for the purpose of explaining a failure of the council to renew the bank note and the actions the mayor has directed and the request of Councilmember, Jeannie Champion Fisch to have the mayor explain the city budget.

The mayor is to explain the proposed banknote with Renasant Bank. The banknote is over \$260,000.00 secured by city hall, the park, and the storm shelter. The loan is 3.25% with a 30 year note and the new loan is 15 year amortization. The bank has given several extensions as to when the loan should be renewed.

The mayor has worked with the city lawyer to draft a document to renew the loan.

Councilmembers, Jeanne Champion Fisch stated she asked for meeting to explain budget to council. Oct. 21st meeting the 2014-2015 budget was approved.

The mayor says that line items are changing as needed.

Councilmember Riggins says budget built upon line item entries agreed upon by council.

The mayor states the city is on a Program Budget when accounts are added to reflect spending and income.

It is not a line item budget where line item spending stops if overspending on line items.

Councilmember, Champion Fisch says the council wants to know why the amount changes on line item spending and it not brought before the council.

Councilmember, Crisman suggests to pass motion to move forward with bank loan.

Councilmember, Riggins thanks the mayor for explaining more of financials in past meetings than ever before.

The mayor responds to comments made and thanks Councilmember, Riggins for compliments made. Council is entitled to all information, and all council is to be given the correct information.

Councilmember, Crisman would like to see quarterly meetings to renew expenses and income and amend budget if needed.

Councilmember, Champion Fisch wants to receive information more than one hour before meeting to have time to review information before motions are made and ask that clerk send information more than 48 hours before meeting.

Councilmember, Riggins moves motion asking that line items on worksheet be adjusted and then amend budget to take into account changes in line items.

After discussion on procedure Councilmember, Riggins withdraws motion.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing Borrowing and Issuing Note

Councilmember, Riggins with second from Councilmember, Champion Fisch moves to renew bank note as presented. Discussion occurred and stated that loan is a 15 yr. loan at 3.25% interest rate with the current bank.

Motion passes with unanimous vote with resolution to be at next meeting.

Councilmember, Riggins asks to have item on agenda at next meeting concerning amending budget.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

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