

Minutes of the Westover City Council Meeting

March 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City of Westover, City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on March 15, 2016, 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: Mayor McLaughlin, City Clerk Marie Mallory, Councilors; Riggins, Tyler, Champion-Fisch, and Ingle.

Absent: Councilor Crisman

I. Invocation: Councilor Riggins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Communications: Mayor McLaughlin notes that Spencer Engineering will change its name to Insight Engineering but all rates and commitments will remain in place.

The Mayor has been engaged in meetings and gatherings with other mayors and commissioners as well as Judge Reeves, Congressman Palmer, Senator Shelby and others who have supported the City of Westover.

The storm shelter was used on March 1, 2016 by approximately 60 people and was appreciated by the public. The 1st meeting in March was cancelled due to a tornado warning.

III. Reading and approval of the minutes:

A. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted for February 16, 2016. Motion by Councilor Champion-Fisch, 2nd by Councilor Tyler. **Vote; all in favor.**

B. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted for February 23, 2016. Motion by Councilor Tyler, 2nd by Councilor Ingle. **Vote; all in favor.**

IV. Treasurer's Report: No report.

V. Reports of Standing Committees:

- A. Annexation / Development:** Councilor Riggins; Notes ongoing conversations with Embassy Homes and Service First Bank regarding repairs to roads near Willow Oaks. Per engineers for Shelby County, paving on Highway 55 will begin shortly thus improvements are forthcoming.
- B. Education / Public Relations:** Councilor Tyler; Provided Mayor, Clerk and Councilors with quick-guide for upcoming convention.
- C. Sub-divisions / Zoning:** Councilor Champion-Fisch; Zoning applications continue to be approved.
- D. Parks / Recreation:** Councilor Champion-Fisch; Warmer weather has increased traffic in the park. Bark will be delivered in April.
- E. Library:** Councilor Tyler; No report.
- F. Public Safety:** Councilor Ingle; Gary Moore will be joining the Public Safety Patrol (PSP). Councilor Ingle will begin Moore's orientation within the week. The April PSP schedule will be available soon.
- G. Public Health:** Councilor Crisman; Absent. No report.

VI. Reports of Special Committees:

- A. Nuisance Abatement Committee:** Councilor Ingle; No report.

VII. Reports of Officers:

- A. Governmental Utilities Services Corporation:** Councilor Riggins; No report.
- B. Planning Commission:** Commissioner Wiggins; Absent, No report.
- C. Historical / Beautification Board:** Councilor Tyler; No report.
- D. City Attorney:** Mr. Frank C. Ellis, Jr.; Absent.

- E. Board of Zoning Adjustments:** Chairman Stamp: Notes that Commissioner Jonathan Rearden is up for a two year appointment.
Robert Evans interested in attending Certified Alabama Planning and Zoning Official (CAPZO) training in May in Helena and need information on having the city pay for that training.
- F. Fire Department:** Chief Morris; No report.

VIII. Old Business: None reported.

IX. New Business:

- A. Motion to set reception date for Clerk Mallory at upcoming council meeting.** Motion to set reception date for April 5, 2016 by Councilor Riggins, 2nd by Councilor Tyler. **Vote; all in favor.**
- B. Motion to reappoint Jonathan Rearden to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a two year term.** Motion by Councilor Champion-Fisch, 2nd by Councilor Riggins. **Roll Call Vote;** Ayes: Mayor McLaughlin, Councilors: Ingle, Tyler, Riggins, Champion-Fisch. **Passes.**

X. Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications: None.

XI. Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and other Business: None.

XII. City Council Comments:

- A. Motion to seek someone to repair weather sirens both at City Hall and at Carden Crest.** Motion by Councilor Champion-Fisch, 2nd by Councilor Riggins.

Discussion: Councilor Champion-Fisch asks for recognition of Chief Morris for information. Mayor McLaughlin recognizes Chief Morris. The Chief has received notice from the servicing company, Siren Medic, that sirens are not working properly and is waiting on information from the service to determine what is wrong with them thus what it will take to have them repaired. He is expecting the information this week.

- 1. Motion amended to motion to have sirens repaired.**
Motion amended by Councilor Champion-Fisch. **Vote – all in favor.**

- B.** Councilor Riggins foresees a need in the near future for more individuals knowledgeable in planning and zoning and asks if anyone else interested in CAPZO training. He encourages anyone interested and serving on a board to get CAPZO certified or re-certified. He would like to draft a resolution to get the council behind this idea. The Mayor encourages attendance in the training and in the resolution. Councilor Riggins will present the resolution at next meeting. Councilor Ingles asked if CAPZO could come to Westover City Hall for the training in order to encourage attendance. Councilor Champion-Fisch notes that a certain number of attendees are required in order for training to be held here. Councilor Tyler agreed to gather pertinent information and present it at a later date.
- C.** Councilor Ingle mentioned the amount of information being provided by the drug coalition and asked if anyone has attended monthly meetings noting that attendance could be beneficial. Councilor Tyler reminded all that a meeting is being held March 17, 2016.

XIII. Adjournment:

- A. Motion to adjourn.** Motion by Councilor Tyler, 2nd by Councilor Ingle. **Vote; all in favor.** Adjournment at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marie M. Mallory, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mark McLaughlin, Mayor