

**Minutes of the Westover City Council Meeting  
May 17, 2016**

A regular session 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 May 17, 2016, at the regular place for such sessions.

**I. Call to Order:** Upon roll call, the Mayor declares a Quorum present and the session open for transaction of business.

**II. Roll Call: In attendance are:** Mayor McLaughlin, Councilors; Riggins, Ingle, Tyler, Champion-Fisch and Crisman.

**Absent:** None.

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

**IV. Communications:**

A. Mayor McLaughlin introduces interim Fire Chief Micah Woodley. Discussion among the Mayor and Councilors Riggins, Crisman and Champion-Fisch results in the continuation of Chief Woodley's status as interim Chief until further discussion has taken place.

B. The Mayor notes that the City engineer is overseeing the ongoing work at Willow Oaks. Mayor McLaughlin suggests that anyone in attendance who would like to discuss the work at Willow Oaks be allowed to do so.

1. **Motion to allow a representative from Willow Oaks to have the floor** – Motion by Councilor Tyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Crisman. No discussion.  
**Vote; all in favor. Motion passes.**

2. Jacob Vail, 305 Willow Leaf Circle, addresses the Mayor and Council with concerns regarding the condition of the roads within his subdivision.

- Continual inspections are as important as the repair work
- Original road work was not done correctly
- Situation has reached the point that cars are going to be damaged driving on the roads
- There are no barriers and drains are protected so rocks and debris are in the drains
- Asks the Council for continuous inspections of the work being done to ensure cleanliness of the subdivision and that codes are being followed and work is being done correctly

3. Stephen Riggins, 140 Weeping Circle, addresses the Mayor and Council.

- Embassy Homes is employing TE Stephens
- HOA of Willow Oaks is concerned that Embassy Homes is going to shirk their responsibilities regarding liabilities associated with the repairs being done
- Willow Oaks Drive has become significantly worse over the last week
- Residents that have moved in to the subdivision within the last year have been promised by the realtor that the roads would be repaired within weeks of their moving in. These repairs have been a stipulation of several purchases which has not been met.
- Asking the City to require the company to repair as they damage and not postpone repairs until all work is done

Discussion among Mayor McLaughlin and Councilors Riggins, Champion-Fisch, Tyler and Crisman results in a decision to invite Embassy Homes, TE Stephens, Willow Oaks HOA, and the City engineer to the next Council meeting.

- C. Mayor McLaughlin recognizes upcoming meeting locations for Alabama League of Municipalities and the recent program presented by Ms. Senior Alabama winners. The Mayor announces the resignation of Fire Chief Kelly Morris.

**V. Reading and approval of the minutes.**

- A. **Motion to approve the minutes from the May 03, 2016 meeting of the Westover City Council** – Motion by Councilor Tyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Riggins. No discussion. **Vote; all in favor. Motion passes.**

**VI. Treasurer’s Report:** Clerk Mallory; the March financial report has been presented to the Mayor and Council. The April report is expected to be ready at the next meeting of the Council.

- A. **Motion to adopt the March Financial Report as presented** – Motion by Councilor Riggins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Tyler. No discussion. **Vote; all in favor. Motion passes.**

**VII. Reports of Standing Committees:**

- A. **Annexation and Development:** Councilor Riggins; None.
- B. **Education and Public Relations:** Councilor Tyler; Need the Zoning Chair and Planning Commission Chair to provide a definite number of individuals who are interested in attending CAPZO training held at City Hall in Westover.

Members of the Senior Program will be attending a County-wide picnic in June at the University of Montevallo. All seniors are welcome.

The Senior Program has started a book club and will be discussing *An Invisible Thread* at tomorrow's 10 a.m. meeting. Any senior interested in joining them is welcome and Councilor Tyler will be happy to get a book ordered for you to join in the book club. *Frog Level* and *Growing Up Dixie* are the next two books that will be read and discussed, both by local authors.

- C. **Subdivisions and Zoning:** Councilor Champion-Fisch; Continue to approve zoning applications and has four currently awaiting approval. Requests advice on how to handle the applications in light of the issues with Embassy Homes. Discussion among the Mayor and Councilors Champion-Fisch, Riggins, Crisman and Tyler results in advice to do nothing differently until specific Council action, if any.
- D. **Parks and Recreation:** Councilor Campion-Fisch; The Westover Reunion will be this Saturday in the Westover Park from 10 – 2.
- E. **Library:** Councilor Tyler; None.
- F. **Public Safety:** Councilor Ingle; Presents the June PSP schedule and notifies all present that the PSP program a new member, Daniel Allred.
- G. **Public Health:** Councilor Crisman; According to ADEM, the County sprays for mosquitos at all county parks every Saturday.

Reminds all to have their pets vaccinated and notes that rabies vaccinations are inexpensive and readily available.

#### **VIII. Reports of Special Committees:**

- A. **Nuisance Abatement Committee:** Councilor Ingle; None.

#### **IX. Reports of Officers:**

- A. **Governmental Utilities Services Corporation:** Councilor Riggins; None.
- B. **Planning Commission:** Absent.
- C. **Historical and Beautification Board:** Councilor Tyler; None.
- D. **City Attorney:** Mr. Frank C. Ellis, Jr.; Absent.
- E. **Board of Zoning Adjustments:** Chairman Stamp; Absent.

- F. **City of Westover Fire Department:** Absent.
- X. **Old Business:** None.
- XI. **New Business:** None.
- XII. **Reading of petitions, application, complaints, appeals, communications, etc.;** None.
- XIII. **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business:** None.
- XIV. **Council Comments:**
- A. Councilor Champion-Fisch addresses the Mayor with a request to chair the committee for the upcoming census if needed.
  - B. Councilor Riggins and Clerk Mallory will be attending a class with information on upcoming census and will provide information to City, Mayor and Council after that class. The Councilor asks the Mayor for contact information to the City engineer. The Mayor will provide Councilor Riggins with the City Engineer contact information and the Mayor will request the developer attend the Council meeting.
- XV. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion by Councilor Tyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Riggins. **Vote; All in Favor. Motion passes. 7:44 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Marie M. Mallory, City Clerk / Treasurer**

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**Mark McLaughlin, Mayor**