

# **Minutes of the Westover City Council**

## **September 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Westover, Alabama is held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on September 5, 2017.

Upon roll call, the Mayor declares a Quorum present and the regular session open for transaction of business.

**In attendance are:** Council Members, Wayne Jones, Jeanne Champion Fisch, Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, and Mayor, Larry Riggins

Absent: Council Member Jay Crisman

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Council Member Jones

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Riggins thanks the citizens that have come tonight to observe the business of the City of Westover. Those wishing to speak should submit a written request to be on the Agenda to the City Clerk five business days prior to the meeting. The office is open 8:00 to 12:00 Monday through Friday. Flags were flown over the weekend to commemorate Labor Day and will be taken down. The Mayor hopes to double the number of flags between now and Veterans Day. Five more flags are needed to get eight at each median of Highway 280.

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the August 15, 2017 are presented for adoption. Council Member Tyler moves to adopt minutes as presented. Council Member Lane seconds. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken and the minutes are approved unanimously as presented.

Also presented for adoption are the August 29, 2017 Work Session minutes. Council Member Fisch moves to adopt the minutes as written, Council Member Jones provides the second to the motion. There is no discussion, a voice vote is taken and the minutes are approved unanimously as presented.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Council Members received financials through the end of August. They are not presented tonight due to printing issues. The financial report will be reviewed at the next meeting on September 19, 2017

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

### A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Council Member Lane –

Council Member Lane reported she has finished compiling a list of Businesses in Westover and provided a copy for the Council Members and Clerk. Council Member Lane asked each Member to review the list and let her know if there are any amendments.

The next Business Alliance Meeting will be held October 19, 2017 with lunch provided by Superior Scape

Mr. Connell advised her the intersection of Highway 55 and 280 is still under review for a traffic light.

Council Member Lane and Mayor Riggins met with Tuscaloosa Mayor Walter Maddox and Glenda Webb on August 23, 2017, with a goal of collaborating on how they handle the situation with the railroad. Tuscaloosa does have an ordinance and ultimately wants the railroad to work with the City and not block roads. Mayor Maddox stated “the answer is money, now what is the question”.

She will be handing out flyers for Coffee with Mayor on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Council Member Tyler -

Chelsea will hold their last scheduled CAPZO class on September 18, 2017. The Community Planning and Primer Home Study is available. There are also classes in Fultondale in September for anyone that needs classes. Kim Bradford with Heavenly Smiles has requested donations from us for the month of September. They have an Open Pantry and have a need for donations of peanut butter, jelly and canned soup. These food items are given to seniors at the Church of God in Chelsea.

Shelby County Health and Info Fair will be held on October 20, 2017. Lunch will be provided at no cost. This is part of Senior Program in Shelby County.

Luncheon for South Shelby County Chamber of Commerce will be in Columbiana this Thursday.

Coffee with the Mayor will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> at ServPro

### C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Council Member Champion-Fisch No report

D. PARKS AND RECREATION – Council Member – Champion-Fisch

Council Member Champion-Fisch shared she appreciates how the Park and City grounds looks. The City is doing a good job there.

E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM –Council Member Tyler No report

F. ANNEXATION – Council Member Jones No report

G. PUBLIC HEALTH - Council Member Crisman  
Absent

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Council Member Tyler reports the board met August 15, 2017 at 6:00 and elected new officers and authorized to payment of the annual renewal.

The newly elected officers are:

Annette Tyler - Chairperson

Jonathon Malloy - Vice Chairperson

Mayor Riggins -Secretary/Treasurer

2. PLANNING COMMISSION - Commissioner Cindy Riggins - No report

3. HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD – Council Member Tyler – No Report.

4. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice - Absent

5. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Robert Stamp - No Report

6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Penny – Absent

Mayor Riggins – Chief will be ready to present budget request on Thursday night at the scheduled Work Session.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mayor Riggins reports he has received numerous complaints regarding the conditions of the Strother Property located on the NW corner of Old Highway 280 and Highway 55, and the next step will be to send nuisance letters to request clean up. The Mayor previously sent letter requesting clean up with no action taken. Council Member Tyler moves to have letters sent to owners notifying them of nuisance conditions and to have the City attorney prepare letters to send to ask them to clean property up. Council Member Jones seconds. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken. All yeas, motion carries.

The City has a need for two lap top computers: One for Clerk use and one for Census use. Council Member Champion-Fisch moves to pursue obtaining the price for purchasing two lap tops and to report back to Council for further consideration. Council Member Jones seconds. After no discussion, a voice vote is taken. All yeas. Motion carries.

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

**None**

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

The Council heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-8-10-1004 which amends Ordinance No 2007-11-6-147 regarding fees for business licenses.

There was a new law passed by the Legislature which necessitated amendments to the Ordinance and there are also corrections to the charges for fees erroneously blank. The new ordinance will be effective January 1, 2018. One amendment should be made to Section F-2, correcting “Town” to “City”.

Council Member Champion-Fisch moves to adopt the amended Ordinance, Council Member Tyler seconds. A voice vote is taken and the motion is approved unanimously.

Mayor Riggins presents Proclamation to proclaim September 25, 2017 as Family Day and the week of September 24 through September 30, 2017 as Family Week in the City of Westover which encourages our citizens to join together in observing this day and week by spending time with their families and by engaging in appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor and strengthen the families in our city and state.

Council Member Champion-Fisch moves to adopt, with a second from Council Member Lane. A voice vote, and the Proclamation is approved unanimously.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Lane reports she spoke with Mrs. Kovakas. Hampton Inn and Suites came and toured her facilities because of the post on the City’s Facebook page. This highlights the importance of using social media.

Council Member Champion Fisch reports there is a class Priceville on September 15<sup>th</sup>, which qualifies towards hours needed for the CMO designation. Online classes are not available now, as they are being updated. Plans are being made for the 2020 Census. Roberta Stamp and Eric Womack will be reviewers for the Census. There will be a Workshop in September and October for census.

Council Member Champion-Fisch thanks the Fire Department for getting Flags out. She has written several articles for the Shelby County Reporter. One on flags, one on Penny Kovakas and an article coming out soon on the Library. October Tales will be October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Council Member Tyler moves to adjourn, with a second from Council Member Lane. A voice vote is taken, all yeas. The meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by,

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Clerk, Nicole Brooks

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Mayor, Larry Riggins