

# **Minutes of the Westover City Council**

## **July 03, 2018**

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 6:33 p.m. on July 03, 2018, at the City Hall.

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

**In attendance are:** Councilmembers, Jay Crisman, Wayne Jones, Annette Tyler, and Mayor, Larry Riggins

**Absent:** Jeanne Champion Fisch, Susan Lane

**INVOCATION:** Ed Stowell

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Riggins

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor Riggins reported the flags are at half staff in respect of the tragedy at the Gazette newspaper in Potomac, VA. There are no speakers on the Agenda for this meeting. Any speakers will be allowed three minutes.

Thanks to Roberta Stamp, all address verifications have been completed, and sent to Eric Womack with Shelby County for him to review and plot all addresses. There are 22 houses on the city's list that were verified with the driveways in Westover but the houses are in Shelby County. There are 900 address points on final list. The City has done all we can do and there should be a good count for the 2020 census.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Council Member Tyler moves to adopt the minutes as presented, with a second from Council Member Crisman. There is no discussion regarding the minutes. A voice vote is taken, and the minutes are approved as presented.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The City Clerk presented the May Treasurer's Report at the last meeting. Council Member Crisman moves to accept the report as presented. Council Member Jones seconded the motion

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- I. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Council Member Lane is absent.  
Council Member Crisman reminds us the next Business Alliance meeting will be held at ServPro on July 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Regarding Public Safety, Mayor Riggins reports as approved by the Council, the City provided food for the CSX Safety organization at a preliminary meeting held last week to plan for a Railroad safety booth and fan day at a Vincent High School football game. Out of that meeting will come a 5K race run by the principle of Vincent High School to raise money for programs at the High School.
- II. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Council Member Annette Tyler has been in contact with Lavonne Gatlin to schedule classes here for those that need certification. On July 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a Tax Reform workshop presented by South Shelby and Greater Shelby County Chambers July 10th. July 12<sup>th</sup> the South Shelby Chamber will hold a membership luncheon at Columbiana First Baptist Church, and an Ambassador meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Chelsea Community Center.
- III. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Council Member Champion-Fisch, Absent
- IV. PARKS AND RECREATION – Council Member Champion-Fisch, Absent
- V. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Council Member Tyler-The last scheduled Summer Reading movie was cancelled due to bad weather, and will be rescheduled for a night in July. The movie help the week before had good attendance.
- VI. ANNEXATION - Council Member Wayne Jones presented a report on Shelby County Municipal Growth In Acreage, representing growth in the 17 cities, towns and villages in Shelby County over the last 12 years. Westover has moved from place 12 in 2006 to place 6. Pelham is the largest city. Municipalities are absorbing more of the area and Shelby County services are not being used as much.

Four Mile Volunteer Fire Department is having difficulty finding enough fire members.

Chief Penny reports their volunteers are shrinking, and they have not been able to respond to calls. Homeowners will be looking for coverage, which may present an opportunity for Westover. It would be a big advancement in size and population and would also be a big expense and would need a big box to support expenses.

- VII. PUBLIC HEALTH -** Councilmember Jay Crisman – This week, around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a bad week for eye injuries and he warns people to avoid the heat.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES There are no special committees.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Council Member Tyler – no report
2. PLANNING COMMISSION - Commissioner Wiggins absent. Mayor Riggins reports he is extremely thankful that the Planning Commission has brought in \$3,500. Income in subdivision fees and there will be additional revenue received for a final plat. There will be good building permit revenue from approved subdivisions.
2. HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD – Council Member Tyler – No Report.
4. CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Frank Ellis and Mr. Bill Justice - Absent
5. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS - Chairman Robert Stamp – Absent
6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Penny reported he has applied to Walmart for a grant and is waiting to hear from them. The City was not awarded a grant from Fire House Subs. The turbo went out on Engine 292. Firefighters now are doing some of the work on the turbo to save money.

Colonial Pipeline gave the city a side by side to work fires and giving access to places previously unable to get to.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Riggins presented in the pre-meeting packet a Public Policy to put on record the charges for public records. The public is entitled to look at any documents. There will be a reasonable amount of \$15 minimum for research, with a charge for copies of 25 cents each. Council Member Tyler moves to adopt with a second from Council Member Jones. A voice vote is taken and is unanimously approved.

**READING OF PETITIONS, APPLICATINOS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.** None

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS** None

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Tyler wishes everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Council Member Jones clarifies that no action is being taken regarding annexing Four Mile Fire District.

Council Member Crisman reports he is excited to see Colonial Pipeline gift of side by side. Chief Penny reports they will also be gifting a truck. Mayor Riggins says he is very thankful for the gift, it will help with the ISO rating and fire service.

Council Member Tyler with motion to adjourn, Council Member Crisman seconds. 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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Acting Clerk

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Mayor, Larry Riggins