

Minutes of the Westover City Council

July 17, 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 6:30 p.m. on July 17, 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 Wayne Jones, Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, and Mayor Larry Riggins

Absent: Jeanne Champion-Fisch and Jay Crisman

INVOCATION: Eddie Burchfield - Fresh Fire Evangelism

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Riggins

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Riggins reports he received confirmation from the Census Bureau they received all files in good order containing correct address for our City for the 2020 Census. They will be providing opportunities for jobs by hiring employees to go door to door to obtain the Census information.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Councilmember Tyler moves approve as presented. Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the minutes are adopted as presented.

FINANCE REPORT: Mayor Riggins reports the Financial Reports have been presented up to date through June. We will take a couple of weeks to review and will be up for adoption first meeting in August.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilmember Lane reports ALDOT is continuing to look for possible alternatives at the intersection of

Highways 280 and 55. Shelby County Sheriff's office wants her to remind all citizens to lock it, hide it, and keep it to avoid being a victim of auto related property theft. Also, she wants to remind all citizens to please make sure your mailbox is properly labeled with numbers on the front and sides. If you call for Fire, EMS or a deputy, seconds count in an emergency so properly labeling mailboxes will help.

The next Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be Thursday, July 26th, Servpro Training Center from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Speakers will be Nancy Hudson, Executive Director for Operation Lifesaver and Dr. Michele Edwards, Principal at Vincent Middle High School. There is no membership fee, no charge for lunch, and no RSVP is required. Bring Business cards and be ready to network.

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CSX Railroad, Operation Lifesaver, City of Westover, The Town of Harpersville, and The City of Vincent will partner together for Rail Safety Week; details to follow. CSX Railroad is getting ready to replace cross ties on the tracks all the way to Talladega, they want me to remind all citizens please do not go around the crossing gates when down and to stop when the signals are on.

Mayor Riggins reports he has worked in several cities and is amazed how good addresses are here. Our City is under 2009 building codes, which requires number to be 3 inch and readable from the street. The Fire Department can enforce this requirement.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: Councilmember Tyler reports she is getting everyone in place to do recertification with CAPSO or CMO. A class will be held in Sylacauga on August 8, 2018. There is a meeting of the South Shelby Chamber Ambassador scheduled for July 18th to be held at Chelsea Community Center. On August 2, 2018, the South Shelby Chamber will hold a meeting at First Baptist Church in Columbiana. The speakers will be the Mayors of Shelby County.

SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Councilmember Champion-Fisch, absent

PARKS AND RECREATION – Councilmember Champion-Fisch, absent

LIBRARY – Councilmember Tyler is compiling a list of books to purchase. Purchasing new books will be the first for this library. She has cleaned out books that have not been checked out in 10 years.

ANNEXATION – Councilmember Jones - No Report

PUBLIC HEALTH Dr. Crisman - Absent

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Councilmember Tyler - No report
2. PLANNING COMMISSION - Commissioner Wiggins absent.
3. CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Frank Ellis and Mr. Bill Justice - absent Mayor has asked him to follow up on zoning complaints he has received.
4. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS - Chairman Robert Stamp – No report
5. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Brent Penny reported a 2011 F150, donated by Colonial Pipeline was received. He is getting the registration and tag straightened out. Mayor Riggins reported he will send letter of thanks to them for donating items. Mayor Riggins took the title paperwork to Shelby County and they would not accept it because of verbiage in there; for good and valuable consideration

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Riggins states there is a need to schedule meeting to work on budget on July 23rd here at 6:00 p.m. It will be an open meeting for anyone that wants to attend.

South Shelby lunch came up in pre-meeting. Requests reimbursement for lunch for employees and council that want to attend. Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt, and Councilmember Lanes seconds the motion. There is no discussion regarding the motions. A voice vote in taken. All yeas.

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

None

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lane thanks Eddie Burchfield for coming and giving invocation, and a thank you to Colonial Pipeline. Very nice for them to donate items.

Councilmember Jones reports the property that borders Highway 55 that was potentially Villages of Westover has signs and gates put up. Mayor stated they came to City Hall and want to put a farm on property, but the property is not zoned for farm and he let them know they can apply for rezoning. Thornton Development purchased out of foreclosure and donated to farm bank; Forever Wild.

Councilmember Jones with motion to adjourn, Councilmember Tyler seconds. Being no discussion, the motion is put to a vote and motion carries with unanimous vote.

The Mayor declares council adjourned.

Submitted by,

Clerk, Pro Temp

Mayor, Larry Riggins