Minutes of the Westover City Council
August 7, 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 August 7, 2018.

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, Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, and Mayor Larry Riggins

Absent: Jeanne Champion Fisch

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by resident and Planning Commission member Ed Stowell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Riggins

COMMUNICATIONS:
Mayor Riggins thanks everyone in the gallery for attending and introduces the City auditors for presentation of the 2017 Audit Results. Wayne Barber and John Deloach of Deloach, Barber & Caspers, P.C. are in here to present the audit. Wayne Barber is very positive regarding the audit and the progress made in the accounting of the City’s financial status. Mr. Barber advises the City is accepting responsibility for documentation and complying with generally accepted accounting procedures. The 2017 audit does not contain a modified opinion as contained in prior year’s audits. The change in net position is positive.

Mr. Barber stated the Auditors maintain list of City assets. If the assets are not recorded in meeting minutes, if donated, they don’t know about them. Fixed assets are listed by department. The building mortgage note refinanced and noted.

Regarding the Management letter, Mr. Barber said the Mayor would be pleased to report several items taken out of report. Invoices were in the files and there were no missing invoices from the current Administration. Mr. Barber recommended policies that need to be established to clarify procedures.
Councilmember Jones asks if the monies shown for Alatax or RDS as found is a running total of several years. Mr. Barber confirmed it is.

Councilmember Tyler moved to approve audit as presented. Councilmember Lane seconded her motion. A voice vote is taken and the motion was approved unanimously. The 2017 Audit report is approved.

Mayor Riggins asked for a motion to pay the Auditor’s invoice. Councilmember Lane made the motion to pay the invoice with a second from Councilmember Tyler. There is no discussion; a voice vote is taken and the yeas are unanimous. Motion carries.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
The minutes from the July 17, 2018 meeting were presented. Councilmember Tyler made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. A voice vote is taken and the minutes adopted unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:
Mayor Riggins states the June 2018 Financial Report was presented in the prior meeting and Councilmembers have had an opportunity to review. He asked if anyone has any questions regarding this report. There is no discussion. Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt the June YTD financial report. Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. A voice vote is taken and the vote is all yeas.

Mayor Riggins presents the July 2018 ready for consideration and it will be addressed at the next meeting. There is no discussion.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

I. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Susan Lane reports there were 45 people in attendance at the Westover Business Alliance meeting on July 26th. The next meeting will be October 25th at ServPro. The Chelsea Business Alliance meets tomorrow, August 8th. The cost is $10. Members, and $15 for non members. Councilmember Lane gives a friendly reminder that Kool 96.9 is a local radio station with reasonable rates. Donna Bowles is the Broadcasting Coordinator and can be contacted by email at donna@kool969.com or by phone, (205) 821-5740. Keep it local, it matters. ALDOT is continuing to look at alternatives at the intersection of County 55 and HWY 280. CSX Railroad wants to remind citizens to not go around a
crossing. They are continuing to replace cross ties all the way to Talladega.

II. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Councilmember Tyler – Mrs. Tyler, the Mayor and the Building Inspector will be taking a recertification class tomorrow from 10:00 to 2:00 in Sylacauga.

On Public Relations, There is a South Shelby Chamber of Commerce Ambassador meeting on August 15th. The regular luncheon of the Chamber will meet September 6th. On September 20th the Coffee with the Mayor will be held at the White House from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

III. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – No report

IV. PARKS AND RECREATION – No report

V. LIBRARY – Councilmember Tyler reports the last Summer Reading event will be August 9th with Movies In The Park here at our City Park. An planned earlier was postponed due to bad weather. She is still working on a book list to purchase new books.

VI. ANNEXATION – Councilmember Jones No report

VII. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Crisman – He would like to remind us to watch out for school buses now that school has started. Pertussis shot is recommended for adults. August is National Vaccination month.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Councilmember Tyler reports there will be a GUSC board meeting on August 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION - Commissioner Randy Wiggins absent.

3. CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Frank Ellis and Mr. Bill Justice - absent

4. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS - Chairman Robert Stamp – absent
5. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Brent Penny – Absent. Mayor Riggins reports Chief Penny is working at North Shelby tonight, and Chief will be here August 13th for the budget meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Riggins reminds there are Budget Work Sessions scheduled for August 13th and 20th at 6:30 pm and will not continue past 7:45 p.m. An e-mail reminder will be sent out the day before.

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

None

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Included on Page 8 of packet is a Resolution, 2018-08-07-2025 regarding opening a bank account. Mayor Riggins read the resolution which would establish opening a cash reserve savings bank account for savings accounts. Councilmember Tyler with a motion to adopt and Councilmember Lane with second. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken and is all yeas. Motion carries.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
Councilmember Tyler attended the South Shelby County Chamber luncheon last week and reports Mayor Riggins did a great job with his report on the City. She is very pleased with points that he made. Lane reports Eddie Burchfield with Fresh Fire Evangelism now has an “Inspirational Moment” every Monday morning on Kool 96.9 at 7:30 to 7:35.

Councilmember Tyler presents motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jones seconds the motion. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken and motion carries.

Submitted by,

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Clerk, Pro Temp

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Mayor, Larry Riggins