

Minutes of the Westover City Council
January 2, 2019

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on January 2, 2019.

Upon roll call, the Mayor declared a quorum present and the regular session opened for transaction of business.

In attendance were: Council Members Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp, and Susan Lane and Mayor Larry Riggins

Absent: Council Member Jay Crisman

Invocation: The invocation was given by Commissioner Ed Stowell.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Mayor Riggins.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins announced former Planning Commission member, Council Member, and Zoning Officer Jeanne Champion-Fisch passed away last week. She was such an asset to this City. There was a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Mrs. Champion-Fisch.

Mayor Riggins also thanked Meg Lovett with the Junior League for coming. She stated that Interstate 20 is one of the Heavy Human Trafficking areas. They offer training to police and emergency personnel. Mayor Riggins read aloud the Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation making the month of January in 2019 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Westover.

Public Hearing concerning Ordinance #2019-01-02-1008 rezoning parcel numbers 08 8 28 0 000 004.001, 08 8 28 0 000 007.000, and 08 8 28 0 001 038.000. Property is currently zoned RN except for 400 feet from Highway 55 frontage. It is TS. The Planning Commission approved the recommendation to the Council to rezone this property to AP except for 200 feet road frontage from Highway 55 to remain TS.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:44 pm.

No speakers in opposition at that time.

No speakers in favor of the petition at that time.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:45 pm.

Mayor Riggins opened the floor for questions from the Council. There were no questions from the Council.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting were presented for adoption. Council Member Tyler moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Council Member Lane seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's report for October 2018 to November 2018 was presented in the December 18, 2018 pre-meeting. Mayor Riggins announced the error made by RDS in November 2018. There was a deposit for \$35,914.33 and should have been \$576.31. This will be corrected this month. Council Member Jones moved to adopt the report as presented. Council Member Lane seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the treasurer's report was approved unanimously as presented.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Council Member Lane announces:

Business Development - The Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be Thursday, January 24th at Servpro from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The speaker will be Kool 96.9 radio station in Chelsea. There will be a spring Westover and Chelsea Business Alliance collaborative event on Thursday, March 14, 2019. The Birmingham Boat Show will be Thursday, January 24, 2019 through Sunday, January 27, 2019. The City of Westover has two boat vendors attending, Skiers Marine and Rambo Marine.

Public Safety – Council Member Lane reminded all citizens to please properly label your mailboxes for 911 services. She also reminded citizens please do not go around the crossing gates when down and stop when the crossing signals are on, a message from The CSX Railroad.

B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Council Member Tyler - No report

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

D. ANNEXATION – Council Member Wayne Jones - No Report

E. PUBLIC HEALTH - Council Member Crisman – Absent

F. SUBDIVISIONS – Council Member Stamp – No report.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Council Member Tyler – No Report.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Wiggins – Absent.

3. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice – Absent.

4. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chairman Robert Evans - Absent

5. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Penny – No Report

Old Business:

Lawn Service – Mayor reported he is still working on RFB.

New Business:

None

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

None

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution# 2019-01-02-2028 Providing for a Severe Weather Preparedness Sales and Use Tax Holiday for Covered Items for 2019 – Clerk Brooks read the resolution aloud for the first reading. Council Member Tyler moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the Resolution is approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2019-01-02-1008 Rezoning GA AL Land Trust, Inc. Property from RN and TS (400 feet of road frontage from Highway 55) to AP and TS (200 feet of road frontage from Highway 55) was read aloud by Clerk Brooks.

Council Member Tyler Moved to Suspend the Rules of 2 readings of proposed ordinance. Jones 2nd. Roll call vote was taken to suspend the rules. The vote was as follows:

Roberta Stamp – Yea

Wayne Jones – Yea

Mayor Riggins – Yea

Annette Tyler – Yea

Susan Lane – Yea

The vote was unanimous and the Rules were suspended.

Council Member Tyler moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-01-02-1008. Council Member Lane seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Roberta Stamp – Yea

Wayne Jones – Yea

Mayor Riggins – Yea

Annette Tyler – Yea

Susan Lane – Yea

The Ordinance is adopted by unanimous vote and will be posted by the clerk in a normal manner.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Riggins presented an idea to the Council to honor Jeanne Champion-Fisch in some way. Anyone with ideas of how best to do this should contact him as soon as possible.

Council Member Tyler moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member Lane. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, all yeas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by,

Clerk, Nicole Brooks

Mayor, Larry Riggins