Minutes of the Westover City Council
February 5, 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 February 5, 2019.

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

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

Absent: Councilmember 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 the League of Municipalities Convention in Mobile will be on May 4 - 7, 2019.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting were presented for adoption. Councilmember Stamp moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jones 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 December 2018 was presented in the January 15, 2019 pre-meeting. Councilmember Tyler moved to adopt the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the December 2018 Treasurer’s Report was approved unanimously as presented.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Lane announced:
Business Development: There were 40 people at the Westover Business Alliance Luncheon. She was excited to see the owners of J&S car lot there and also other people she met on Alignable and Network 280. She thanked SuperiorScape for providing lunch, Kool 96.9 for speaking, and Ben Dunham. She announced Dr. Brooks, our newly elected Superintendent of Shelby County Schools, will be the speaker at the next Westover Business alliance Luncheon on Thursday April 25, 2019 at ServPro from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

The Chelsea and Westover Business Alliance will have a collaborative event Thursday, March 14, 2019 so mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.
Public Safety: The CSX Railroad wanted her to remind everyone to not go around the crossing gates when down, and stop when signals are on. 911 wanted her to remind everyone to please properly label your mailbox.

B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Councilmember Tyler announced: Classes for Planning Commission, Board of Zoning, and Council will be May 11th and 18th at Westover City Hall. She also announced the League of Municipalities Convention will be in Mobile on May 4 - 7, 2019. Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting will be on March 13, 2019 at Vulcan Park and Museum. The Shelby Chamber luncheon will be on Thursday at First Baptist Church in Columbiana. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Community Center in Harpersville was postponed until February 14, 2019 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM –Councilmember Tyler – No Report

D. ANNEXATION – Councilmember Wayne Jones announced that there are several zoning applications in review.

E. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Crisman – Absent.

F. SUBDIVISIONS – Councilmember Stamp – No report.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Councilmember Tyler – No Report.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Wiggins – Absent – Commissioner Ed Stowell announced that the Planning Commission recommended the Council and Mayor hear a Rezoning Application on the rezoning of property adjacent to the property that we recently rezoned from RN and TS to AP and TS referred to as Farms of Westover formerly Westover Ranches.

3. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice – Absent.

4. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chairman Robert Evans - Absent – Councilmember Stamp announced that Evans is no longer on the Board.

5. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Penny – Absent.

Old Business:

Lawn Service – The request for bid specs for lawn care bids for 2019 was presented to Council on January 15 and sent out after the last meeting. The opening of bids is scheduled for February 13, 2019 at 10:00 am.

New Business:

Appointment of Board of Zoning Member –Mayor Riggins introduced Chris Morris as candidate for the Board of Zoning Adjustments. There were not any questions from the Council and no questions from Chris. There was a motion from Councilmember Tyler to appoint Chris Morris to the Board of Zoning Adjustments.
Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. Mayor Riggins clarified that Chris should be appointed to a 3 year term on the Board of Zoning Adjustments. All were in favor. It is unanimous.

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

None

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution# 2019-02-05-2031 Authorizing City Officials to Execute Financial Documents - Clerk Brooks read the resolution aloud. Councilmember Tyler moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution# 2019-02-05-2032 In Support of Protecting Local Control over Public Streets and Public Assets and a Call on Congress to Reaffirm Such Local Control by Reversing Recent FCC Actions Related to Wireless Facilities by Enacting H.R. 530 – There was unanimous consent to omit the reading with exception of the title from Council and Mayor. Clerk Brooks read the resolution number and the title aloud. Mayor Riggins announced that this is under consideration in the House of Representative and the Alabama League of Municipalities has asked that we adopt this, in support of and send copies to our Senators and our Representatives. Councilmember Stamp moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor thanked everyone for coming. There will be an Public Hearing on February 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm to hear a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the Rezoning of 96 acres on Hwy 55 about 1 mile and half south of US 280 formerly part of Villages of Westover. The adjacent property owners have been sent certified mail and posting have been handled.

Councilmember Jones mentions the road construction signs along US 280 showing where access to Pine Mountain Preserve will be. This is the first stage of the project.

Councilmember Tyler welcomed Chris Morris and she looks forward to working with him

Councilmember Tyler moved to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Jones. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, all yeas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Clerk, Nicole Brooks

Mayor, Larry Riggins