

Westover City Council
MINUTES
April 21st, 2020

The meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on April 21st, 2020.

Call To Order

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Clerk Meacham

Upon roll call, the Mayor declared a quorum present by those in Chamber and on Video Conference and the regular session opened for transaction of business.

In Attendance were:

Mayor Larry Riggins, Councilmembers Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp

Absent: Councilmember Jay Crisman

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mayor Larry Riggins.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was dispensed with due to having virtual meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS - Mayor announced this City Council meeting is being held via Zoom video conferencing. This is a public meeting and is being held at Westover City Hall. The meeting and agenda is posted on our bulletin board outside of City Hall. The public is invited to attend but must abide by the order from Governor Kay Ivey to maintain social distancing. The social distancing limit inside is ten people and the six foot social distancing is expected. This information is posted on the door at City Hall.

The Alabama League of Municipalities has announced the 2020 Convention that had been postponed has been changed to an abbreviated Convention and rescheduled for July 22nd and 23rd, 2020 in Montgomery, Alabama. More details at a later date.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The April 7th, 2020, meeting minutes were presented.

A motion to adopt the April 7th, 2020, meeting minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler. A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt the April 7th, 2020, meeting minutes as presented.

The minutes of April 7th, 2020, were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for March 2020 was presented in our pre-meeting and discussed. The March 2020 Treasurer's Report will be presented for approval at our next meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane
The Westover Business Alliance Meeting has been cancelled for this Thursday, April 23rd, 2020, due to COVID-19 and there is a message posted on the Westover Business Alliance Facebook page. Please view their Facebook page and click on the Like button to receive their information on your Facebook feed page. The next luncheon meeting will be held Thursday, July 25th, 2020. More details will be sent out at a later date.

Susan is continuing to reach out to businesses in our community during this difficult time.

Keep our public safety in your prayers, they are essential workers. Thank the workers for all they are doing.

- B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler
Education - No Report

Public Relations - The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce has postponed all April events including Vincent's Coffee with the Mayor, the Student & Educator of the Year Luncheon and Coffee Net at Enterprise Car Sales.

- C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler
The Library remains closed until further notice.

- D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones
No annexations at this time. Mayor reported a tract of land on Highway 280, on the left side going toward Harpersville, approximately 80 acres for sale. Most of the acreage is not within the City limits of Westover, a rural development, estate size lots, a developer that did the Chelsea Farms, this developer has the option to purchase this property and is considering. This property will have to be annexed into the City of Westover. The property is surrounded on three sides by Westover.

- E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman - Absent

- F. SUBDIVISIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Roberta Stamp
No Report

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

CENSUS 2020 - Councilmember Roberta Stamp reported

As of Monday, April 20th, 2020, the Census response rate for Westover was 59.3%. The Census count deadline has already been delayed by two weeks to August 13th, 2020. The Census Bureau is asking for an additional extension of 120 days to deliver the population totals and proportion figures. A lot of the Census staff are not working or working remotely. If this is approved, population totals for the President, will be reported April 30th, 2021 instead of December 31st, 2020. The re-districting date to the States will be by July 31st, instead of April 1st. The need for delayed dates is due to COVID-19 and not having a full staff.

All the field operations have been delayed because of the COVID-19.

Mayor will have these dates posted on the City of Westover website.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION –Councilmember Annette Tyler - No Report
- PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Randy Wiggins - Absent
- ATTORNEY – Mr. William Justice – Absent
- BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chairman Stephen Floyd - Absent
- WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Micah Woodley - Absent

Old Business:

Mayor Riggins gave an update on the Paving Projects for Westover.

New Business: None

READING OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. - None

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Roberta Stamp wished everyone a Happy "50th" Earth Day. Lyrid Meteor Shower will be tonight.

Wayne Jones stated he would like to get a report on the Vincent Middle-High School, Athletic Building progress. Mayor reported that Dr. Edwards told him the old building has been removed. Susan Lane reminded everyone that the school has been closed since March 13th, 2020 and restricted, no one allowed in the building.

A new house being built behind Chappel Carpet was questioned by Councilmember Annette Tyler. Mayor reported Mrs. Frankie Osborn was building it.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn. A second made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk-Treasurer