

Westover City Council
MINUTES
June 2nd, 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 June 2nd, 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 via Zoom, Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp, Jay Crisman

Absent: None

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman.

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

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 feet social distancing is expected. This information is posted on the door at City Hall.

The audience attendance in the City Hall Chambers: Mayor Larry Riggins, Councilmembers: Annette Tyler, Roberta Stamp, Wayne Jones and Dr. Jay Crisman.

Via Zoom Conference Attendance: Councilmember Susan Lane, Fire Chief Woodley, Commissioner Randy Wiggins, Chair.

Mayor stated this would be the last Zoom video meeting unless the Health Department issues new directives.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The May 19th, 2020, meeting minutes were presented with corrections made since packet had been sent out.

A motion to adopt the Minutes of May 19th, 2020 was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp.

The minutes of May 19th, 2020, was adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for April 2020 was presented.

A motion to adopt the April 2020 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The April 2020, Treasurer's Report, was adopted unanimously as presented.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane

Business Development

The Westover Business Alliance Luncheon date has been changed to Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020, due to The Alabama League of Municipalities conference on Thursday, July 23rd, 2020. Rockhurst Farm will host and provide lunch. Attend and enjoy this beautiful venue. The Luncheon will open at 11:30 for networking and begin promptly at 12:00 Noon and concludes at 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

Natalie Beam left Servpro and her replacement is Ms. Kott.

The New Principal at Vincent Middle High School is Lauren Yancey. I am looking forward to working with Ms. Kott and Ms. Yancey in the future.

The new Shelby County Reporter for Westover is Scott Mims. Looking forward to working with Mr. Mims in the future.

Public Safety

The CSX Railroad has been in Westover working on Preventative Maintenance. Thank You to the CSX Railroad. They are also moving twice the freight with trains two miles long.

Keep Public Safety in your prayers and thoughts as they are essential workers.

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education

Business partners are making planning decisions for the future.

Public Relations

Permission has not been given for the Senior Program to begin meeting.

- C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler
Library has installed new computer and new staff computer and waiting on grant money for another new public computer.

May make packets to be picked up or get from website regarding Summer Reading program.

- D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones
At the present time there are no annexation applications or zoning work.

- E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman
The Corona Virus numbers are still increasing. This phase that we are in at the present is with reopening of businesses. We cannot relax and must be conservative and be on the safe spectrum. Our new normal practices include installing plexi-glass, continuing to wear mask, they do help, wear gloves and clean and sanitize our home and work spaces.

Don't forget COVID with all that is going on.

Summer is here and we need to be careful with heat. Check on neighbors, pets and especially Senior Adults and pets.

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

Mayor Riggins stated that developers have put everything on hold due to the economy and election.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

CENSUS 2020 - Councilmember Roberta Stamp

Self Response rates as of 6/1/2020 are as follows:

National = 60.5%

Alabama = 58.5%

Shelby Co. = 72.2%

Westover = 69.7%

Alabama needs 80% response rate to keep all its current congressional seats. If only 72%, we will lose one (1) seat. If less than 72%, we could lose two (2) seats.

In the state of Alabama, there appears to be a direct relationship between response rates and internet access in the various counties.

Dates to remember:

Self response phase and all other collection methods continue until October 31, 2020

Deliver final census counts to the President by April 30, 2021

Deliver redistricting counts to states by July 31, 2021

After our census discussion, if any of you like to follow this kind of stuff, you can check out the response rates for the 2020 census at

<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>. You can find numbers for any state, county, city you want to. Kind of fun.

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION –Councilmember
Annette Tyler - No Report
- PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Randy Wiggins – Present
The City of Westover Planning Commission Subdivision Regulations are being updated and re-typed and will be ready to present at the June 30th, 2020, Planning Commission Meeting.
- ATTORNEY – Mr. William Justice – Absent
- BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent
- WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Micah Woodley - Present
The first responders calls have slowed down. There has been 127 calls this year.

The Covid-19 has affected the movement on our FEMA grant at the present time causing it to be postponed until later.

Old Business:

The Paving Projects -Bid Packet is ready just received this evening from Jerry South, South & Associates.

April Lane – Has ATT phone line at cul-de-sac and Spectrum and 3 water line forks. Shelby County Water will not help. A cost of one million dollars for new water lines. Because of this cost will have to be a repair by replacing drain, fill in pot holes and no paving added to any area of cul-de-sac. A tree will be taken down and will help the school bus turn around.

Shelby County water did send specs of national fire code.

Councilmember Annette Tyler asked how many children are at the bus stop at the cul-de-sac and Mayor Riggins responded with about 4 children.

These Bids will go to City Council.

A Motion was made to send out bids to Contractors by Councilmember Roberta Stamp.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The sending out of bids to Contractors was adopted unanimously as presented.

New Business: None

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

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:
Resolution #2020-06-1-2041 – Back-To-School Tax Holiday - read by Clerk Meacham.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman to adopt Resolution #2020-06-1-2041 Back-To-School Tax Holiday.

A second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler

The Resolution #2020-06-1-2041 for the Back-To-School Tax Holiday was adopted unanimously as presented.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Susan Lane - Congratulations to The Class of 2020.

A special congrats to Vincent High School and Chelsea High School Class of 2020.

Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman announced that the Westrover Water Sports is happening this week. The theme is "Aloha". There are 530 pre-registrations from local areas and multiple states. Social Distancing will be in affect. This event will be held Thursday night, June 4th, 2020 thru Sunday, June 7th, 2020.

Councilmember Wayne Jones stated that the Shelby County paving projects will begin on Highway 55, South of Highway 280. Ready to be paved. On Highway 11, white lines are being painted on the road and orange cones are placed on them to keep citizens from getting the white paint on their cars.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn.

A second made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk-Treasurer