

Minutes of the Westover City Council

January 17, 2017

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 January 17, 2017 at the City Hall.

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

In attendance are: Councilmembers Jay Crisman, Jeanne Champion-Fisch, Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, and Mayor Larry Riggins

Absent: Councilmember Wayne Jones

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Councilmember Crisman

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Mayor Riggins

COMMUNICATIONS: The disaster mitigation presentation by Hub Harvey, but he is not present until later in the meeting.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 3, 2017 are presented for adoption. Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt minutes as presented and Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken and the minutes are approved unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilmember Champion-Fisch does not have a report at this time. Mayor Riggins states the budget is in the process of being reviewed. There is a meeting scheduled for January 30, 2017 to discuss.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. ANNEXATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – Council Member Lane – Westover Business Alliance meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 19, 2017 with lunch provided by Mo's Hawg House and the scheduled speakers are April Stone and the owner of Westover Salvage. Councilmember Lane requests the council attend the Boat Show to support participating local businesses.
- B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS No report

- C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Commissioner Champion-Fisch reports she is continuing to approve zoning applications.
- D. PARKS AND RECREATION – Councilmember Champion-Fisch has concerns about the restrooms at the park to ensure they are available during upcoming events and during the day.
- E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM –PUBLIC SAFETY – No Report
- F. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Crisman reminds us that it is flu and cold season. The Alabama Department of Public Health predicts Alabama to be one of four states with high flu like activity this year.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – No Report
2. PLANNING COMMISSION - Commissioner Wiggins - No report
3. HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD – Councilmember Tyler – No Report.
4. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice - Absent
5. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chair Roberta Stamp - No Report
6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Assistant Fire Chief - Penny – Engine 291 is fixed and running good. Don't know about bill yet. Uniforms are ready to pick up. Penny asks Council for approval to order hoodies for firemen at a cost of \$422.50. Mayor Riggins and Councilmembers approve his request.

Old Business: None

New Business: Councilmember Champion-Fisch motions for special Council work session to be held January 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Crisman seconds motion. During discussion, the motion is amended to include the clerk posting the notices 7 days in advance. A voice vote was taken and motion carries.

Mayor Riggins presents for approval two invoices for payment for insurance premiums to Alabama Insurance Corporation totaling \$15,650. Councilmember Champion-Fisch moves to allow payment and Councilmember Tyler seconds. The vote is taken and passes unanimously.

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

A complaint is lodged by Mr. Roger McCullers, 200 Hwy 101, Westover, AL, regarding the poor condition of an abandoned house on his street. Dogs and pigs were kept inside the house, and furniture and garbage remain on premises.

Sandra Champion, 4053 Westover Road, Westover, AL 35147 stated they are quite aware of the house. The animals have been removed from inside the house; the family has talked about the house, and it will be cleaned up.

LuAnn Tennyson, 4075 Westover Road, Westover, AL stated that they are very sorry about the problem and are going to take care of it.

Niece, Christy Glass, 1815 29th Avenue North, Hueytown AL 35023. She was unaware of the condition of the house. She and her brother visited the house and want to remove the house and get the property cleaned up. She needs to know how to handle.

Mayor Riggins stated that notices will be sent to the family and the property posted. Due to complaints to Shelby County and Shelby County Sanitation and Health Department, they have visited the property and determined the Town of Westover will need to address. After posting, there will be 35 days to demolish and clean up property. If after 35 days, the property is not cleaned up and dwelling demolished, owners can request a Public Hearing. The family states that the land will be cleaned up and the building demolished within 35 days.

Mayor Riggins asks if there is a motion to delay postings. None given. The building inspector will be instructed to notify the heirs found under the title search and to post the property.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Hub Harvey, the Emergency Management Supervisor for Shelby County, presents the Shelby County Alabama Multi-jurisdictional Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA in December 2016 for adoption by Westover of the Town of Westover Individual Mitigation Action Plan. Per Mr. Harvey, the current plan will continue for 5 years through December of 2021. A motion presented to adopt by Councilmember Tyler and second from Councilmember Champion-Fisch. All in favor. Resolution #2017-1-16-2002 is adopted.

Resolution providing for a 2017 Severe Weather Tax Holiday was presented. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilmember Jeanne Champion-Fisch and Councilmember Lane seconds.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Susan Lane thanked Mayor Riggins' for his transparency.

Councilmember Tyler moves to adjourn and Councilmember Lane seconds.

Submitted by,

Nicole Brooks, Clerk

Mayor, Larry Riggins