

**Minutes of the Westover City Council**  
**April 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City of Westover, at 6:30 p.m. on April 18, 2017 at City Hall in Westover, Alabama.

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

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

Absent: None

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Matthew Britt from New Life Church in Westover.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Riggins.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor Riggins thanked everyone for attending. On May 20 through May 23, 2017, Mayor Riggins, Annette Tyler, and Jeanne Champion Fisch will be attending the 2017 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention. There will be shirts ordered with the City Of Westover, name, and title.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting 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** - Council member Jeanne Champion Fisch presented the budget to the council by email earlier in the week. She would like to note that there are 2 different reports to review. Clerk Brooks and Mayor Pro Tem, Jeanne Champion-Fisch will review the information again and discuss more at the next meeting.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. ANNEXATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT –**

Councilmember Lane announces:

The Westover Business Alliance meeting was on April 13, 2017 at Rockhurst Farms and 28 people were present. Many local businesses donated door prizes and all were given away.

Jeanne Champion Fisch is the new Shelby County Reporter columnist.

**B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Tyler announces:**

University of Alabama has agreed to hold a training session for the whole

It is open to the public and anyone can attend.

The South Shelby Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Shindig with Live music, Bar b Que, and Brews.

Tickets are \$10 to sample all of the Bar B Que. This event will be on July 15, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – No Report

D. PARKS AND RECREATION – No Report

E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Tyler announces that on Thursday June 15, 2017, the Summer Reading Kick Off Event will be held at the City of Westover Park.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY – No Report

G. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Crisman announces:

April is National Autism Awareness Month. You can visit [autism-society.org](http://autism-society.org) for more information. April is also National Heartworm Awareness Month. Please visit [heartwormsociety.org](http://heartwormsociety.org) for more information.

Since we had a mild winter, there may be more ticks than usual. Ticks carry diseases and these diseases are sometimes difficult to diagnose.

There is also a Rabies Epidemic in North Shelby County. This is easy to prevent because there are vaccinations that can protect your pet from rabies. Please encourage children to stay away from friendly wild animals. They are typically sick.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None**

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – No Report

2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner Cindy Riggins announces a work session scheduled for April 23, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. to continue working on the PUD Guidelines and Subdivision Regulations for the City. Everyone is invited to attend the work session.

3. HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD – Councilmember Tyler reports that everyone is invited to the first annual Chelsea Historical Society on Sunday April 23, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will need to RSVP by emailing [ChelseaALHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:ChelseaALHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

4. ATTORNEY – Mr. Bill Justice is absent. Mayor Riggins discusses the Yellow Leaf Farm Subdivision annexed by City of Westover. The previous owner is trying to update the bond with Shelby County and transfer the bond to the City of Westover. The streets are still damaged. Mayor Riggins will continue to update the Council.

5. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chair Roberta Stamp – No report

6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Brent Penny reports that Westover Fire Department qualifies for the EMA grant for approximately \$2700.00.

#### **Old Business:**

Mayor Riggins announces that he will be contacting Ricoh to discuss a contract. He will present the contract to the Council at a later date. There is a municipal discount.

Mayor Riggins updated the Council on the fees associated with a Business license in the City of Westover. He will continue to review the fee schedule and present it to the council at a later date. Once the council approves the fee schedule, RDS will be notified. These changes will be effective January 1, 2018.

**New Business:None**

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

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Resolution 2017-04-18-2013 Opposing SB31 (HB58) which exempts prescription drug sales from the calculation of gross receipts business licenses - Councilmember Champion-Fisch moves to adopt the resolution, and Councilmember Jones seconds the motion. There is no discussion and no one is opposed. A voice vote is taken, and the resolution is approved unanimously.

Resolution 2017-04-18-2012 providing for the 2017 "Back to School" sales tax holiday July 21-23, 2017 - Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt the resolution, and Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. No one is opposed and there is no discussion. A voice vote is taken, and the resolution is approved unanimously.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lane would like to thank everyone for coming tonight. Also would like to thank Matthew Britt from New Life Assembly for coming and presenting our invocation. She would also like to complement the Fire Department for coming to the Westover Alliance Business Meeting in the fire truck.

Councilmember Tyler moves to adjourn. Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken with all in favor, and no one is opposed. The meeting is adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Submitted by,

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Nicole Brooks, Clerk

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Mayor, Larry Riggins