

Minutes of the Westover City Council
July 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama is held in the City of Westover, at 6:30 p.m. on July 5, 2017 at City Hall in Westover, Alabama.

Upon roll call, the Mayor declares a quorum present and the regular Council session is open.

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

Absent: Councilmember Wayne Jones

INVOCATION: The invocation is given by Councilmember Crisman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Riggins thanked everyone for attending and reports that there were no major accidents in Westover this holiday weekend. For that, he is thankful.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the June 6, 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 – Mayor Riggins announces:

The Treasurer's report for March, April, and May 2017 have been distributed. Mayor Pro tem Champion-Fisch moves to adopt updated March report. Councilmember Crisman seconds. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the March 2017 treasurer's report is adopted.

Mayor Pro tem Champion-Fisch moves to adopt updated April report. Councilmember Tyler seconds. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the updated April 2017 treasurer's report is adopted.

Mayor Pro tem Champion-Fisch moves to delay the May budget until next meeting. A voice vote is taken, and the May 2017 treasurer's report is delayed unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilmember Lane announces:

The Westover Business Alliance Lunch will be on July 20, 2017 at Serve Pro Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Titles should be in the mail for vehicles. She applied for 4 of the vehicles' replacement titles because they were missing. Chief Penny announces that Clerk Brooks received two today for Caprice and Impala.

Councilmember Lane also discussed the Train stopping on the tracks here in Westover and remaining on the tracks blocking the road for sometimes hours at the time. She will be discussing this with Brian Benzer.

B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Councilmember Tyler announces:

CAPZO classes are finished. Let Clerk Brooks know if you still need certification.

She would like to thank Donna Langlois and Lydia Riggins for helping with the Summer Reading Program.

A South Shelby County luncheon will be held on July 13, 2017 at 12:00 pm in Columbiana, AL at Columbiana First Baptist Church. RSVP is not required. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

The South Shelby Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Shindig with Live music, Bar B Que, and Brews. Tickets are \$10 to sample all the Bar B Que, including a sample of all the BBQ. This event will be on July 15, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Councilmember Champion-Fisch - No report

D. PARKS AND RECREATION – Councilmember Champion-Fisch - Expresses concern about grass cutting in the park. Also, the water fountain needs to be replaced. Mayor Riggins would like to replace the water fountain. We also need to be sure we are in compliance with the law.

E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Tyler announces:

Harrison Regional cut delivery days to two as mentioned in a previous meeting. Van delivery is still set for Tuesday and Thursday.

F. ANNEXATION – Councilmember Wayne Jones – No report - Absent

G. PUBLIC HEALTH – Councilmember Jay Crisman reports:

July is International Group B Strep Awareness Month. More Information can be found at www.groupbstreptinternational.org.

It is also Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month. More information can be found at www.arthritis.org.

There has been an increase in tick borne illnesses in Alabama. Be aware of the symptoms of Lyme disease. If a tick attaches, save it and take it to the doctor with you for testing if sickness is experienced.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Mayor Riggins – None
2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Riggins - No report - Absent
3. HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD – Councilmember Tyler – No report
4. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice is absent.
5. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chair Roberta Stamp – Absent – No report
6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Brent Penny announces:

The billing for calls answered by the Fire Department are now being billed to the citizens. It takes 90 days for the payments to be disbursed from the billing company. There have been 3 car wrecks and we are waiting on payment for them. On November 13, 14, and 15, The Westover Fire Department is hosting a car seat safety class from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be firemen from Westover, Chelsea, and Childersburg. This will certify the firemen in Car Seat Safety.

Jud George is now in the Live In Program. All of the City's fire hydrants and all the hydrants in our call area have now been tested. This month, we will test all the fire hose we have for damage. Ice machines are not in stock. Can take up to 40 days for the order to process.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mayor Pro tem Champion-Fisch moves to adopt the audit report for 2015 fiscal year. Councilmember Tyler seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the audit report is adopted unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Champion-Fisch motions to purchase ice maker for Fire Department, and Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. Mayor Pro tem Champion-Fisch asks for a \$2000 maximum. Councilmember Lane agrees. There is no other discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and purchase is approved unanimously up to \$2000 maximum.

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

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution # 2017-07-05-2014 Clerk Brooks read the Yellow Leaf Farms Resolution to the Council and citizens. Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt the resolution, and Mayor Pro tem Champion-Fisch seconds the motion.

Councilmember Crisman wanted to be sure the Lawyer has reviewed. Mayor Riggins confirms that the Lawyer Bill Justice has reviewed this. A voice vote is taken, and the resolution is adopted unanimously.

Resolution # 2017-07-05-2015 Clerk Brooks read the Willow Oaks Homeowner's Association and City of Westover Agreement Resolution to the Council and citizens. Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt the resolution, and Councilmember lane seconds. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken, and the resolution is approved unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Champion-Fisch comments that the newly completed City signs look good. Because many citizens do not know about the storm shelter, Mayor Pro Tem Champion Fisch asks for a sign to be placed out front labeling the storm shelter. We need one on the street as well directing citizens to the storm shelter.

Councilmember Crisman pledges \$2000 toward the goal of 8 more flags for the median on US Hwy 280. Other citizens may want to dedicate one to a service member. The flags are around \$375 a piece if anyone is interested.

Councilmember Tyler motions to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem seconds the motion. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken with all in favor, and the meeting is adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Submitted by,

Nicole Brooks, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor, Larry Riggins