

Minutes of the Westover City Council
August 1, 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 August 1, 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, Wayne Jones, and Annette Tyler, Jay Crisman, and Clerk Nicole Brooks

Absent: None

INVOCATION: The invocation is given by Councilmember Crisman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Riggins would like to thank everyone for attending and announces a citizen will be speaking during the meeting. He also reminds any citizens who would like to address the council to fill out a request to be placed on the agenda with the Clerk. This will need to be completed and approved 5 business days before the meeting and will be limited to 3 minutes.

This weekend a CSX train blocked Hwy 55 for more than 30 hours. Mayor Riggins is working on a plan of action for rail road crossings to improve public safety. There have been many complaints.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting are presented for adoption. Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt minutes as presented, and Councilmember Jones 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

The June financial report is presented for adoption. Mayor Pro Tem Champion-Fisch moves to adopt the June financial statements as presented, and Councilmember Jones seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the June financial reports are approved unanimously as presented.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilmember Lane announces:

The Westover Business Alliance Lunch was held on July 20, 2017 at Serve Pro from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. There were 30 people in attendance. The alliance is gaining in numbers. The next Westover Business Alliance meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2017 at ServePro from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Currently working to update the business list for area businesses listed on the City Website. She hopes to have this finished by the end of August.

Bennett Rambo with Rambo Marina in Westover will serve on the advisory board for Chelsea High School.

The yield signs and striping are finished entering Hwy 55 from US 280. The EMA and ALDOT in Montgomery will continue to evaluate the need for a traffic signal.

She has been collaborating with other cities since July about the rail road situation. She talked with Mr. Weeks and requested a meeting with CSX. Nothing has been scheduled yet.

Fire chief has paperwork for bill of sale on newest fire truck. More details to come.

B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Councilmember Tyler announces:

The Westover Public Library now has two public access computers and is offering online classes for public to teach the basics uses of Word and the internet. There is also help offered for filling out online job applications.

Thanks to everyone at Harrison Regional Library and Shelby County Library.

Back to school rock painting party will be at the park on August 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Union Methodist Church will also join in. There will be popsicles and water available for the public. All ages are welcome.

Classes are being held to add CMO hours but they are not local. CAPZO classes were also not local.

South Shelby Chamber Luncheon will be held on August 3, 2017 at 11:30 am until 1:00 pm in Columbiana, AL at Columbiana First Baptist Church.

On August 17th, Coffee with the Mayor of Vincent will be held at Vincent City Hall from 8:30 am until 9:30 am. There is no cost to join and no RSVP.

On September 14th, Coffee with the Mayor of Westover will be held at ServePro in Westover AL.

C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Mayor Pro Tem Champion-Fisch announces that the City is continuing to approve zoning applications within the City.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION – Mayor Pro Tem Champion-Fisch - No Report

E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Tyler– No report

F. ANNEXATION – Councilmember Wayne Jones – Working on maps and obtaining property owners' information.

G. PUBLIC HEALTH – Councilmember Jay Crisman– There has been an increase in tick borne diseases. There have been 2 cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in our area. Don't forget to use insect repellent and check yourself for ticks at the end of the day. Check your children especially in the hairline. Be careful in high grass. Check your pets. Tell your doctor if you have been exposed to a tick

and are experiencing flu like symptoms.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Mayor Riggins – There has been two appointments to the board, Councilmember Tyler and Ed Stowell from the Board of Zoning and Adjustments have agreed to serve. The agenda for next meeting is ready and a meeting time will be set soon.
2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner Riggins announces that there will be a work session on August 20, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We are continuing to update the PUD guidelines.
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
6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Brent Penny announces:

He will be sending a fax to complete the paperwork to get the previous owner of the Spartan Frontline truck's name. He needs the name so maybe he or she can write a bill of sale to the City to obtain a title.

We have been using Fire Recovery USA for a month and there have been 4 motor vehicle accidents. Fire Recovery USA has recovered the money for half of the wrecks and will be sending the funds soon.

A tire on the older fire truck failed and a new one was purchased. This cost around \$580 for new tire. Grant is in now. There has been a thermal imager received in the grant and it is installed, the fire forestry hose for brush fires is installed as well.

There is also work being done to add insulation to the living quarters to help with cooling of the living quarters and hopefully reduce the power bill.

Old Business:

The business license schedule is pending. Mayor Pro Tem Champion-Fisch moves to send the ordinance to the City attorney for review, and Councilmember Jones seconds the motion. Councilmember Crisman discusses the need for a report from Bill Justice on advice going forward. A voice vote is taken, and the motion carries unanimously.

New Business: None

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

Skip Morris is concerned with trash and carports being too close to the road on Highway 101. His physical address to the property he is purchasing is 120 Hwy 101, Westover AL. He did not give another address. Mayor Riggins asked Mr. Morris for his 911 physical address and he gave a Chelsea PO Box number.

Mayor Riggins thanked Mr. Morris and announced that the City Council will not get involved with any private property owner's disputes.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There is a Census meeting on August 23, 2017. Mayor Pro Tem Champion-Fisch is planning to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Champion-Fisch motions to adjourn. Councilmember Lane seconds the motion. There is no discussion. A voice vote is taken with all in favor, and the meeting is adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by,

Nicole Brooks, Clerk/Treasurer

Larry Riggins, Mayor