

**Minutes of the Westover City Council
February 6, 2018**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Westover, Alabama is held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on February 6, 2018.

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

In attendance are: Council Members Wayne Jones, Jay Crisman, Annette Tyler, Susan Lane, and Mayor Larry Riggins

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jeanne Champion Fisch

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Council Member Crisman.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins would like to thank everyone for attending and announces citizens 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 days before the meeting. The speaker will have 3 minutes to speak unless the Council asks for more.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting are presented for adoption as presented. Council Member Tyler moves to adopt minutes as presented. Council Member Crisman seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the minutes are approved unanimously as presented.

TREASURER REPORT

The budget versus actuals with actuals October, November, and December 2017 has been presented for discussion. This is to be continued for the next meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Council Member Lane reminds everyone:
Keep it local. It matters.
Grade Crossing Collision Investigation (GCCl) and Emergency Response for Railroad Incidents (ERRI) CSX training is scheduled for February 14 and 15, 2018 at ServePro. CSX would like to remind everyone to stop when the signals are blinking and do not go around the crossing gates when down.
Next Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be on Thursday April 15, 2018 from 12 to 1 pm at the YMCA at Hargis. Lunch will be provided.
The Chelsea Business Alliance will be on Wednesday February 14th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Chelsea Community Center. The cost is \$15.00.
The Kiwanis Club will host a Pancake breakfast Saturday February 24th from 7am to noon. Tickets are \$5.00.

ALDOT – The consultant for ALDOT is continuing to look at the Highway 280 and County Road 55. The Shelby County Drug Free Coalition will meet on Wednesday March 21st at Family Connections at 8:30 am.

- B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Council Member Tyler announces:
CMO Classes are now being offered for beginners.
The Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention is May 19-22, 2018.
- C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Council Member Champion-Fisch - Absent. Mayor Riggings states that there have been many inquiries about property for subdivisions in Westover.
- D. PARKS AND RECREATION – Council Member Champion-Fisch – Absent
- E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM –Council Member Tyler announces:
The library is still clearing shelves and needing volunteers to help. Let her know if you can help.
- F. ANNEXATION – Council Member Jones – No report
- G. PUBLIC HEALTH - Council Member Crisman reminds every one of the influenza cases in Shelby County. Please get vaccination for the flu and pneumonia.

Report of Special Committees

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Council Member Tyler – No Report
2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Wiggins – Absent
3. HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD – Council Member Tyler – No report
4. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice - Absent
5. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Robert Stamp – Absent
6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Penny - Absent

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Council member Lane makes a motion to pursue the possession of the real estate property of the volunteer fire department through the attorney general. Council Member Jones seconds the motion, and there is no discussion. All are in favor and the motion passes unanimously. Mayor had explained in pre meeting that the AG office action would not be the financial responsibility of the City, only the City's attorney fees for title and request for action.

Council Member Jones makes a motion to award contract to A & A Debris for \$17,700.00 for the demolition of structures on the Strother Property at the corner of Shelby County Road 280 and Shelby County Road 55. This property is otherwise known as Parcel 08 5 21 0 001 045.000. There is a second from Council Member Tyler. There is no discussion. All yeas and no one apposed. The motion passes unanimously.

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

Cherise Richey of 10962 Highway 55 Westover, AL 35147 expresses her concern for the increase in Crime in Westover. Her home was burglarized. Car windows have been shot while riding down the road. She would like to encourage everyone to lookout for each other.

Jennifer Wesson of 9514 Hwy 51, Westover, AL 35147 asks the community to become involved in the Westover Neighborhood Watch page on Facebook. Everyone should also review Crimereports.com. Shelby County Information Technology department is working with Crimereports.com to update the website for citizens.

Shelby County Sherriff’s Department Deputy Tilley of 381 Columbiana Rd Columbiana, AL tells the citizens to dial 911 for emergencies and they will transfer you to the correct department. The Sheriff’s Department is concerned about the citizen’s needs and strive to promote safe and secure communities. Everyone needs burglar alarms for their home. There is one person of interest, but no charges yet, in the cases where someone shot into the widow of 3 vehicles. There is a Motion from Council Member Crisman to allow Deputy Tilley to continue for additional 2 minutes. There is a second from Council Member Tyler. No one is opposed. Time is extended for Deputy Tilley. Anyone can ask for a patrol request and an officer will patrol the area. Everyone should leave lights on and lock your doors when away from home. Also, ask neighbors to watch your property. Mayor Riggins announced that the City could not continue the Public Safety Patrol program. We have another vehicle ready now, but only have 1 person who is willing to patrol neighborhoods. We need volunteers.

Council Member Tyler makes a motion to allow Patricia Strother Arledge to speak about the demolition of the Strother property. Council Member Lane seconds the motion to allow Arledge to speak. There is no discussion and the vote is unanimous. Patricia Strother Arledge, sister of Dorothy Strother, of 316 Thompson Street Columbiana, AL states that she has had health issues and is not financially able to maintain the property. She thinks it is best if she sells it. Mayor Riggins states that the first letter was sent in April 2017. Unless something happens in between now and the beginning of the demolition, the council has made decision and action will be taken.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS –

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Tyler moves to adjourn with a second from Council Member Lane. A voice vote is taken, all yeas. The meeting is adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

Clerk, Nicole Brooks

Mayor, Larry Riggins