

Minutes of the Westover City Council
April 17, 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 April 17, 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 Planning Commissioner Stowell.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Mayor Riggins.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins reports:

Rus Weeks is no longer the train master for CSX. We are not sure who it is at this time. The phone number to call if CSX Railroad is blocked for more than 30 minutes is 1-800-232-0144. The crossing number is 639415C. This will be posted on the website.

He attended a meeting with Mayors from within Shelby County to discuss the Broadband Initiative signed by the Governor. 58 INC and Mayors from Shelby County are working together to prosper from the Broadband Initiative.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting are presented for adoption. Council Member Crisman moves to adopt minutes as presented. Council Member 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 REPORT

The Oct through March 2018 report has been presented for review and discussion in premeeting by the clerk. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk reports to council the cost associated with the Strother property demolition. The demolition is complete and the payment of \$24,400 has been made to Osborn Construction. There needs to be a public hearing in May to present a resolution to place a lien on the property.

Mayor Riggins announces that a Public Hearing is to be called at 6:30 pm to allow the public to state why we should or should not place a lien on the property to recover the money spent for demolition. The lien will go against the property and not the owner.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Council Member Lane reminds everyone:

The Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be Thursday, April 19th at Hargis Retreat YMCA from 12 to 1. Lunch is provided and no RSVP required. The theme is business safety and Sherriff Samaniego and Chief Penny will be speaking.

The Chelsea Business Alliance Luncheon will be Wednesday, April 18th at the Chelsea community center at 11:30am. The speakers are from the City of Chelsea and the ace program. Lunch is \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members.

Chelsea Church at Westover will open This Little Light Preschool and MDO begins in June, Registration is open now. Please contact Director Anita Hardy for details. 618-0303

Chelsea Church at Westover will host Colton's K9 car wash Saturday, April 28, 9am until 12☐

The consultant for ALDOT is continuing to look at the intersection of Highway 280 and Highway 55 for potential improvements.

Lane is collaborating with Operation Lifesaver, The CSX Railroad and Governor Ivey's office regarding Rail Safety Week. The CSX Railroad wants me to remind all citizens please do not go around crossing gates and stop when signals are on

Shelby County Drug Free Coalition will be at Chelsea High School on Friday, April 20th at 10:00am, Driving Presentation

B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Council Member Tyler announces:

Online classes are given by Alabama League of Municipalities.

On April 24, 2018, the League will host a Public Works Bidding Webinar.

The 2018 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention will be May 19 – 22, 2018 in Montgomery AL.

The Seniors Program is also working with Heavenly Smiles to have an event called "Smile Day". It is scheduled for April 28, 2018. Volunteers are needed and Senior Citizens from Westover and Chelsea can register to have chores done. If Senior's need help but don't know how to register, please see Annette Tyler and she can help get them on the list.

The Shelby County Senior Picnic & Musical Extravaganza will be on Thursday April 26, 2018 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Shelby County Exhibition Center in Columbiana, AL. There will be transportation provided.

The South Shelby Chamber of Commerce will host Coffee with the Mayor of Chelsea on April 18, 2018 at the Chelsea Community Center from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

The Shelby County Luncheon for May will be on the 3rd from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Columbiana First Baptist Church in Columbiana, AL.

C. SUBDIVISIONS AND ZONING – Council Member Champion-Fisch - Absent.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION – Council Member Champion-Fisch – Absent. Mayor Riggins announces that he will be scheduling a work day to add bark, fix the fence and the water fountain in the park.

E. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM –Council Member Tyler announces that the Library is still removing books from the shelves and donating them to make room for new purchases. She needs volunteers.

F. ANNEXATION – Council Member Jones announces that there is a land owner with 5.83 acres and 2 parcels willing to annex into Westover. He is waiting on the paperwork to be returned. He has talked with them and the Mayor has tried multiple times to contact.

G. PUBLIC HEALTH - Council Member Crisman announces April is Autism Awareness Month.

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 – No Report
6. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Penny announces:
He met with Wayne Shirley, the Fire Chief in Chelsea to discuss the new Fire station at Highway 51 that will be manned soon. This should help with ISO fire ratings in Westover. There will also be a transport rescue unit that we can use if needed. This station is located on the south side of the railroad track in case there is a train stopped on the tracks and blocking the road.
Engine 291 broke down today. Hopefully, it is just the alternator and we can have the old alternator rebuilt to save money.
He is waiting to hear back from the Fire House Subs Grant that was applied for.
He is also working on Wal-Mart Grant to upgrade equipment.
The new radios will be here soon.
Weather sirens are out dated. Cities have started phasing out all or a lot of the weather sirens. It has been suggested to him that the City remove the older siren once it fails to operate and move the newer one to the park so that people in the park that may not have a cell phone will be notified in case of bad weather.
Smoke detectors are available at the fire station.
Please consider an ordinance that will make a Knox box requirement for new commercial business and existing businesses to have a Knox box to hold a door key to the business so the fire department doesn't have to damage the door to get in the business to check for a fire.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

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

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Amended Resolution to Refinance Mortgage on the property #2018-04-17-2020 – the amendment reflects the new balance after the April payment was made. Council Member Tyler moves to adopt the resolution as

presented. Council Member Lane seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the motion. A voice vote is taken, and the resolution is approved unanimously as presented.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Crisman would like to thank the Mayor and Clerk Brooks for gathering information about the direct deposit options which are good for our employees.

Council Member Jones asks Roberta Stamp to report on Jeanne Champion Fisch. She is doing better each day but is still having some issues.

Mayor Riggins thanks Roberta Stamp for helping with the 2020 Census project. It is about a third complete, and there have been very few errors found.

The Westover Senior's Program hosted a Game Night at Westover City Hall on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm. This will continue every second Tuesday night at 6:30 pm.

Council Member Crisman would also like to remind everyone that the Westover Business Alliance Meeting is on April 19, 2018.

Council Member Tyler moves to adjourn with a second from Council Member Crisman. A voice vote is taken, all yeas. The meeting is adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Clerk, Nicole Brooks

Mayor, Larry Riggins