

**Minutes of the Westover City Council**  
**July 16, 2019**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on July 16, 2019.

**Call To Order:** Mayor Larry Riggins called the meeting to order.

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

**In attendance were:** Councilmembers Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Jay Crisman, and Roberta Stamp, and Mayor Larry Riggins

**Absent:** None

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Attorney General filed papers with Shelby County to dispose of the volunteer fire department across the street. It will be advertised in Shelby County Reporter for three weeks giving Board of Directors opportunity to show cause why not to disperse the property.

Mayor Riggins congratulated Dr. Crisman for receiving the Business of the Year Award – 21 or more employees at the Shelby County Chamber luncheon. Dr. Crisman was the speaker and will be in the 280 Reporter.

Mayor Introduced Bonnie Meacham hired as new City Clerk Treasurer for City of Westover.

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

The minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting were presented for adoption. Councilmember Annette Tyler moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Susan Lane seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

**TREASURER REPORT**

No report. Will be available at next meeting.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Susan Lane announced:  
The Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. at Servpro. Featured speakers will be Servpro. No membership, no fee or RSVP required. Bring business cards and be ready to network.

“Keep it Local, it matters”.

For every \$100 spent in local businesses approximately \$68 of it stays home, and if that dollar is spent three times. The economist refers to as the multiplier effect.

- B. Public Safety - The City of Westover will partner with The CSX Railroad and Operation Lifesaver to promote Rail Safety. Rail Safety is a National Movement stay tuned for more details.

The CSX Railroad wants to remind all citizens please do not go around the crossing gates when down and stop when the crossing signals are on. "See tracks think Train"

The Shelby County Sheriff's office wants to remind all citizens of their public service announcement "Hide it, Lock it, Keep it"

Friendly reminder to all citizens; properly label your mailboxes so emergency personnel can find you expeditiously.

- C. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Councilmember Annette Tyler announced:  
No education report

Public Relations - Councilmember Annette Tyler announced the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce has activities and go to website to get dates. These activities are co-sponsored by Shelby county newspaper will need reservations. Board of Education members will speak.

July 31, 2019 - Chamber Community luncheon at Pelham Civic Complex by reservations.

Aug 1, 2019 - Chamber Luncheon will be held at First Baptist Church Columbiana there will be a \$15.00 charge.

- D. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM - Councilmember Annette Tyler: No Report

- E. ANNEXATION AND ZONING - Councilmember Wayne Jones: No report.  
Has zoning paperwork to review tonight. No annexation to report.

- F. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Jay Crisman announced this month named Juvenile Arthritis and American UV - safety months. With the heat of the summer, stay hydrated. Avoid the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for outside activities.

- G. SUBDIVISIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Roberta Stamp - No Report

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

2020 Census - Councilmember Roberta Stamp - No Report

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION - Councilmember Annette Tyler - No Report.
2. PLANNING COMMISSION - Chairman Randy Wiggins - Absent
3. ATTORNEY - Mr. Bill Justice - Absent
4. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS - Chairman Stephen Floyd - Absent.
5. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Brent Penny - Absent

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A motion was presented for City of Westover to fund/sponsor (a one-time annually) luncheon for the Westover Business Alliance Luncheon up to a maximum of \$400.00. A motion from Councilmember Susan Lane to provide the funds. A second motion from Councilmember Wayne Jones. A voice vote was unanimous to provide the funds.

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

Mr. Clarence A. Belew Jr. requested a hearing by letter to the City Council for property located at: 3921 Westover Road, Sterrett, Alabama 35147. The property is an unsafe structure.

Mr. Belew stated that he plans to take care of the property as soon as the doctor releases him which will be sometime in August 2019. Mayor Riggins asked Mr. Belew to explain the work plan for this structure. Mr. Belew stated he would start on the garage that the roof has fallen in to tear down garage and clean up. Mayor Riggins told Mr. Belew that the house needs to be the first structure to be repaired or demolished. Mrs. Tyler asked how long this property has been unoccupied and Mr. Belew told the council for 10 years.

Mayor told Mr. Belew that he would like to go into house with inspector to see what needs to be done to repair and to check to see if it can be repaired or a safety hazard and needs to be demolished.

Mayor Riggins asked Mr. Belew to please present a plan of action such as repair/demolition for the property and present within 10 days or 2 weeks from today, July 16, 2019. Send the plan by mail or email to the City of Westover. The Building Inspector will inspect the inside and allow him to get a permit to do repair if it is repairable. Inspector has to go inside to inspect such as safety structure, pests etc. may need to be demolished. Please present a plan of repair or demolition to the City of Westover. Mr. Belew stated that no one can see the house. Mayor Riggins explained that the house is more visible during winter months and is a public nuisance. Neighbors/Citizens are complaining to Mayor Riggins and Council Members about this property.

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

Resolution #2019-7-16-2035 was read by Mayor Riggins specifying pertinent account and appointing Bonnie Meacham, Clerk/Treasurer and assigning signature authority.

Mayor Riggins stated that the bank drew up this resolution for Bank Manager's approval.

Motion made to adopt the #2019-7-16-2035 resolution by Councilmember Annette Tyler. The second was given by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

Voice vote was unanimous for approval.

Mayor Riggins stated that the signers on the bank accounts for the City of Westover are:  
Larry Riggins, Wayne Jones, Bonnie Meacham

A motion to approve letter to bank stating who signers was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp with second from Councilmember Susan Lane. The motion passed unanimous.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wayne Jones – Addition to the City Hall expansion is progressing.

Councilmember Jay Crisman announced West Rover Water Sports event 120 splashes, Westover August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and another one in September. Watersports link information will be sent to City Clerk.

Susan Lane announced new principal at Chelsea High School, Dr. Turner Friendly reminder to all citizens; properly label your mailboxes so emergency personnel can find you expeditiously.

Councilmember Roberta Stamp congratulated and welcomed Bonnie Meacham, as well as the other councilmembers.

Councilmember Annette Tyler moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Wayne Jones .

There was no other discussion. A voice vote was taken, all yeas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Clerk, Bonnie Meacham

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Mayor, Larry Riggins