

**Minutes of the Westover City Council**  
**February 18, 2020**

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 February 18, 2020.

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, and Roberta Stamp; and Mayor Larry Riggins

**Absent:** Councilmember Jay Crisman

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Commissioner Ed Stowell.

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor and Jerry South, City Engineer, are in the middle of road improvement observations and inspections for the subdivisions Willow Oaks and Villages of Westover. They are getting bids for the work.

Mike Sampsell is allowing some of the fill dirt from the roads to be repaired to be dumped on his property on Hwy 51 across from his landscape business.

The Alabama Legislature is considering a bill to abolish Police Jurisdiction Collections. If this were passed, cities would no longer be able to collect business fees or bill for services. They would also not be able to conduct building inspections for construction. The Mayor encouraged everyone to go to the Alabama League of Municipalities website (List of upcoming legislation) and enter your comments. He feels this would be bad for cities.

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

The minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting were presented for adoption. Councilmember Lane moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Tyler 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**

The January Fiscal YTD report was distributed during the pre-meeting. The columns with the figures for the month of January will be added to the report and forwarded to the council members. This report will be considered at the next council meeting.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Lane announced:  
Business Development:

The next Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be on Thursday, April 23rd. Stay tuned for details. I hope you have seen the Shelby County Reporter ..... Stephen Hawkins wrote an article with a half page of pictures about the Westover Business Alliance Luncheon in January.

The Melting Pot will host a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Spring Break Camp March 23rd - 27th, 8-4:30, ages 6-13, \$150 includes all STEM supplies, breakfast, lunch, devotional, and counseling for at risk youth. Contact Angela Riggins at (205) 821-4956 or [MeltingPotHealingCenter.com](http://MeltingPotHealingCenter.com).

WestRover Water Sports has several events scheduled for spring and summer. Contact 280 Animal Medical Center for more details.

Skiers Marine is celebrating 25 years in business.

Purchasing local helps grow other businesses as well as our region's tax base. Whether you realize it or not, when you shop local you are individually stimulating the local economy with your support and in turn, helping shape your community's unique character and personality. "Keep it Local, it Matters."

Public Safety:

The EMA wants me to remind all citizens, please sign up for ShelbyAlerts Emergency Notification System at [EMA.shelbyal.com](http://EMA.shelbyal.com).

The CSX Railroad wants me to remind citizens: please do not go around the crossing gates when down, and stop when the crossing signals are on. "See Tracks, Think Train."

**B. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Councilmember Tyler announced:**

Education:

Westover is hosting CAPZO classes on Saturday March 7 at ServPro. The recertification class will be in the morning and the new certification class will be in the afternoon. We have a good number of our city officials attending the classes. It will also be open to other cities.

Public Relations:

February 21, 28: "Keeping it Real" at Helena High School. This is a program for 9th graders. Volunteers are needed.

February 25: Business Coaching program. A Chamber program. 8-11.

February 26: State of our Communities luncheon at Banker Hall in Pelham, 11 am. All mayors to attend.

March 3: Networking 280.

June 4: Shelby County Seniors picnic at Thompson High School. She registered 10 people for Westover.

**C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM –Councilmember Tyler: No report.**

**D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Jones: No report.**

**E. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Crisman: Absent.**

**F. SUBDIVISIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Stamp: No report**

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

A. 2020 Census – Councilmember Stamp: 43 days to Census Day - April 1!

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Councilmember Tyler – No report.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Wiggins – Absent.  
There will be a public hearing Tuesday, February 25 about subdividing the Dunn's property on CR51. The family is dividing up the land that is within the city limits.
3. ATTORNEY –Mr. Bill Justice – Absent.  
He is working on nuisance issues for the city.
4. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS –Chairman Floyd – Absent.
5. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Micah Woodley reported:  
Thanks for the assets in the Volunteer Fire Department building which now belongs to the city. Some can be used. Some can be sold (surplus sales). There is a lot of work to be done within the building.  
He handed out and discussed a Call Statistics Report comparing the numbers for 2018 and 2019.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Plan to sanitize and remediate Fire Building - working on this. We will be getting a dumpster. Will be getting help from the members of our Fire Department.

Lawn Care Service Renewal: Councilmember Jones moved that the City of Westover accept the request from MOWtivated Lawn Care LLC to renew their contract for lawn service at the current rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tyler. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

None

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

None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Jones stated that no decision has been made about what was causing the loud booming noises folks have been hearing this past week.  
The Mayor said it sounded as though someone was blasting beaver dams. No permits were filed for blasting with the city.

Councilmember Tyler mentioned that the county crews left a mess of limbs along CR280 after their recent tree trimming.

Councilmember Tyler moved to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Lane. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, all yeas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Councilmember Roberta Stamp

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Mayor, Larry Riggins