

**Westover City Council  
MINUTES  
September 3, 2019**

The meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on September 3, 2019.

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

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

**Absent:** Councilman Jay Crisman.

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

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

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

The following minutes were presented for adoption:

The Minutes of the August 20, 2019 - Regular City Council meeting.

The Minutes of the August 22, 2019 - Work Session meeting.

The Minutes of the August 28, 2019 - Special Called meeting.

Councilmember Annette Tyler made motion to suspend the rules to adopt all three sets of minutes as presented. Councilmember Wayne Jones seconded. No other discussion from council to suspend rules. The adoption of The Minutes of August 20, 2019 - Regular Council meeting, The Minutes of August 22, 2019 - Budget Work Session and The Minutes of The August 28, 2019 - Special Called meeting. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

The motion made by Councilmember Wayne Jones to adopt the July 2019 treasurer's report and Councilmember Susan Lane seconded. The adoption of the July 2019 treasurer's report was unanimously adopted as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Mayor Riggins read the Proclamation of Appreciation for the Service of Brent Penny, previous Fire Chief.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Susan Lane reported that the next Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Servpro, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Sheriff Samaniego will be our featured speaker.

"Keep it local, it matters" – Reasons to shop local, improve the local economy, local businesses are more accountable to their local communities, better customer service and buying local foods has numerous health benefits.

Public Safety – Councilmember Susan Lane reported the City of Westover will partner with Operation Lifesaver, CSX Railroad, Town of Harpersville, and the Town of Vincent for Rail Safety Week. The three Mayors will sign a proclamation declaring Rail Safety Week on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Vincent Middle High School in the auditorium. Please join us if you can, light refreshments will be served afterwards. Rail Safety Week brings awareness to "track tragedies". Wear Red.

- B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS - Annette Tyler reported that "Coffee with The Mayor" will be held this Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at Servpro in Westover. Everyone is invited.
- C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler reported the Library is replacing equipment. Polaris is changing applications for the computer programs and the application for new library cards. There are new regulations and we will have more up-to-date computer programs.
- D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones reported at the present there are no annexation packets but has zoning information that needs to be obtained.
- E. PUBLIC HEALTH - Councilmember Jay Crisman absent. No Report
- F. SUBDIVISIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Roberta Stamp - No Report

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

### **2020 Census – Councilmember Roberta Stamp**

Councilmember Roberta Stamp and Mayor Riggins met regarding the 2020 Census Liaison and have a census action plan for Westover. Councilmember Roberta Stamp distributed the action plan and stated she had come up with a time table. Councilmember Roberta Stamp and Mayor Riggins will be meeting this Thursday, September 5, 2019, with other census coordinators and have a plan for the next steps.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

1. GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Councilmember Annette Tyler –  
A Special Called meeting was held August 28, 2019 for the GUSC. New officers were elected.
2. PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Randy Wiggins - Absent
3. ATTORNEY – Mr. Bill Justice – Absent  
These are pending questions about the voting machines to be used in 2020, should the ordinance from 2008 be updated or have another ordinance in place. Councilmember Wayne Jones reported that the county states the brand and model of the machines in their ordinance.
4. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS –Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent.
5. WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Morris – No Report

**Old Business:**

The option of moving \$100,000.00 from the Savings Reserve account into a 6 month CD account at the rate of 1.79% was presented. Councilmember Annette Tyler made a motion to adopt and place these funds into a CD account as presented. A second from Councilmember Wayne Jones. Motion approved unanimously as presented.

**New Business:**

The Fiscal 2020 Budget Presentation was discussed in a work session meeting. Councilmember Wayne Jones moved to suspend the rules of order for adoption of the 2020 Budget and a second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler. Roll Call vote taken to suspend rules and was approved unanimously.

The 2020 Budget total revenues are \$664,514.21 and total expenses \$600,723.10. Councilmember Roberta Stamp made motion to adopt the Fiscal 2020 Budget as presented. Councilmember Annette Tyler seconded. A vote was taken and the Fiscal 2020 Budget was adopted unanimously as presented.

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

None

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

Councilmember Mayor Riggins read The Resolution (2019-09-03-2036) to authorize the Mayor and Council to establish a salary for the Fire Chief of the City of Westover's Fire Department.

A motion was made by Annette Tyler to adopt the resolution and a second from Councilmember Susan Lane. All ayes and resolution was adopted.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Wayne Jones welcomed Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk, back from the AAMCA Conference.

Councilmember Mayor Riggins announced a Reception will be held in the Library for Brent Penny and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Adjournment**

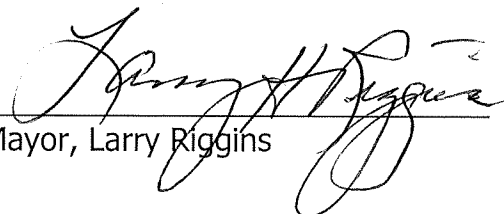
Councilmember Annette Tyler made motion to adjourn. Councilmember Susan Lane seconded.

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

  
Mayor, Larry Riggins