

**Westover City Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 1, 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 October 1, 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, Wayne Jones, Susan Lane and Jay Crisman

**Absent:** None

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

J.T. Youngblood, Student, Vincent Middle High School, had spoken in pre-meeting to the council on behalf of the students at VMHS, expressing the need for a Athletic facility. This facility would bring confidence and pride in the students and provide for all the athletic programs. The athletic building will facilitate both genders in their sports and the ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps.) program as well.

John Hadder, Athletic Director, Vincent Middle High School, spoke on behalf of Dr. Michelle Edwards, Principal, Staff and the students of VMHS. Mr. Hadder gave details of the school athletic project. "This can change the culture of our students. The students have been to other facilities and seen them as an inspiration. The students have always had to just accept what they have and work with it, having no financial assistance especially in our athletic department." Currently, the area being used by our athletics have issues of flooding and large electrical wiring boxes that should not be there. Also, new equipment is included in this project. Projected date to begin is October 2019.

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

The minutes of the September 17, 2019 were presented. A motion made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the September 17, 2019 minutes as amended in pre-meeting. A second made by Councilmember Susan Lane. All councilmembers voted yea unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for August 2019 was presented for adoption. Councilmember Roberta Stamp made motion to adopt the August 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. A second made by Councilmember Wayne Jones. All councilmembers voted yea, unanimously.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

### **A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Susan Lane**

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** – Councilmember Susan Lane reported that the next Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 24th 12-1 at Servpro. Featured Speakers will be Sheriff Samaniego and Westover Fire Chief Kelly Morris.

Teshua Farms Pumpkin Patch is open until October 27<sup>th</sup>. Days are Friday 1pm-6pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, and Sunday's 1pm-6pm. Call for Group Wednesday Bookings. Hay maze, petting zoo, hay bale slide, corn bins, tricycle tractor track, photo ops, and much more. They added a general store with plenty of gourmet treats and farm products such as local jams, jellies, and honey as well as Teshua Farms keepsakes. Also new in 2019 is The Harvest Concert Series.

There will be a Unity Concert on Tuesday, October 22nd, 6:30 pm at Liberty Baptist Church. This is the 3rd Annual Unity Concert featuring Chelsea High School & P.D. Jackson-Olin High School with an appearance by Chelsea Middle School Choir. Tickets are \$5 per person. I commend Kay Dick and Tracey Hooper for setting an example and showing students how to partner together. Mayor Riggins and myself, were invited to speak on Unity, how important that is in communities. Also reported on the importance of buying local products.

"Keep it Local, it Matter"

**Public Safety** – Councilmember Susan Lane reported that Governor Ivey signed a Proclamation declaring Rail Safety Week September 22nd-28th. Rail Safety is to empower people to keep themselves safe near tracks and trains.

The 3 Mayors signed a Proclamation declaring Rail Safety on Monday, September 23rd at Vincent Middle High School. John Huddleston with Fox 6 aired a great piece on this event, also Shelby County Reporter did stellar job. Thank You to all that attended.

I would like to especially "Thank Dr. Edwards", Principal at Vincent Middle High School, and Dr. Hudson, Principal of Vincent Elementary School, for allowing students to be Rail ambassadors and spread the message. We know that early education empowers students to make good decisions. "Strong communities build strong schools which equals strong kids"

The CSX will be in town for The Vincent Homecoming Parade, and Ballgame. Consider attending, it is Friday, October 4th. Parade is 1:00, Game starts at 7:00, tickets are \$7 at the gate.

**B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler** reported that Music In The Park will be held, Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Citizens and other municipalities are invited to attend.

The Shelby County Health and Wellness will be held October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at The First Baptist Church of Columbiana. Networking will be from 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and Roundtable will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Education Connections Roundtable will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Montevallo High School. Networking will be from 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and Roundtable will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler no report

D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones no report

E. PUBLIC HEALTH – Councilmember Jay Crisman reported that it was good seeing the media on Rail Safety. Domestic Violence and National Breast Cancer are the two topics of focus for the month of October and noted websites for both.

F. SUBDIVISIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Roberta Stamp - No Report

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

Census 2020 Liaison – 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 Morris reported that Fire Safety Week will be held in October. The theme is "Not Every Hero Wears A Cape". Education is on having an escape plan. There will be a Mother's Day Out presentation on the subject on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at The Church of Chelsea (Servpro Facility) beginning at 10:00 a.m.

### **Old Business**

**None**

### **New Business:**

The dedication of the Jeanne Champion Fisch - Safe Shelter will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Citizens, newspaper media, radio stations, municipalities, liaison FEMA, 911, and anyone helping construct this shelter are invited. The signage was approved at the last City Council meeting. There will be a plaque ordered but the plaque will not arrive in time for the ceremony.

Flooring Bids were sent out for the City Hall building expansion. The only bid turned in was from Lynal Chappell, the bid is for \$2190.00. Mayor Riggins stated he would place the order the next day.

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

**None**

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

Clerk Meacham read Resolution #2019-10-01-2036 for Annual Contribution to Vincent Middle High School as a portion of the Student Training Center Capital Campaign.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #2019-10-01-2036 by Councilmember Susan Lane. A second from Councilmember Annette Tyler. All councilmembers voted yea, unanimously. Resolution was adopted.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Riggins thanked Coach Hadder and JT Youngblood for their presentation to the Council.

Susan Lane reminded all to wear pink to our next council meeting in honor of Breast Cancer Month.

**Adjournment**

A motion made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn.

A second from Councilmember Susan Lane.

A voice vote was taken, all yeas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Clerk, Bonnie Meacham

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Mayor, Larry Riggins