

**Westover City Council
MINUTES
December 17, 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 December 17, 2019.

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

Call To Order

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Clerk Meacham

In Attendance were: Mayor Larry Riggins, Councilmember Susan Lane, Roberta Stamp, Annette Tyler, Dr. Jay Crisman

Absent: Wayne Jones

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mr. Riggins, King's Home Inc.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

2019 Christmas Parade Update - We had a good turnout for the Christmas Parade and more people would have attended but due to the last two years of cancellation due to inclement weather has slowed down the attendance. Mayor Riggins complimented Dr. Jay Crisman for the parade float and that compliments have been made on our website. Mayor thanked all that worked on the parade to make it successful and stated that a follow up parade meeting would be called in January 2020.

Santa will be riding through the neighborhoods in Westover on Friday, December 20th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Santa will start at Westover City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Riggins read the Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation. The official month for Human Trafficking Awareness will be January 2020.

Jamie Willett, Anti Human Trafficking, with the Junior League of Alabama informed the Council of the Human Trafficking that is in our State. UAB has done a study on human trafficking and there are 500,000 victims that travel through the State of Alabama each month. Social Media is a lure for victims.

There is training and education being done for Hotels and Motels and for the staff to be aware. The City of Birmingham will be hosting world games and we will be offering education to them before these events. Human Traffickers go to large events. Truck stops along interstates are another area they traffick and will offer education awareness and display posters in restrooms.

Jamie Willett, Anti Human Trafficking with the Junior League of Alabama, will be doing a following up with Mayor Riggins in January 2020.

Ms. Willett, thanked Mayor Riggins and the City Council for the proclamation of Human Trafficking Awareness Month for January 2020.

Bonnie Meacham, Clerk-Treasurer read Resolution 2019-12-17-2037 - A Resolution authorizing a donation to King's Home, Inc. The donation amount to be \$500.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt Resolution 2019-12-17-2037 to donate \$500.00 to King's Home Inc. A second from Councilmember Annette Tyler. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Riggins gave an update on the Demolitions ordered by the Council.

Mayor Riggins stated that VMHS Football Team sent thank you for our support for Vincent Middle High School by purchasing an ad in their program.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the December 3, 2019 were presented. A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adopt the December 3, 2019 minutes as presented and a second by Councilmember Annette Tyler. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the October 2019, Treasurer's Report as presented. A second from Councilmember Susan Lane. A voice vote was taken and the treasurer's report was adopted unanimously as presented.

The November 2019 Treasurer's Report will be considered at the next meeting.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Susan Lane Business Development

The next Westover Business Alliance Meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Serv Pro from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. No RSVP required. The guest speaker will be Brian Lay, District Manager for Dollar General.

The 2020 Boat Show at the BJCC begins Thursday, January 23rd through Sunday, January 26, 2020. Check the website for hours. Stop by and say Hello to Skiers Marine and Rambo.

Public Safety

The Shelby County EMA offers residents new emergency alert system to help keep you and your family safe before, during and after the emergency by alerting you as soon as possible. The system is called Shelby Alerts. I have signed up it is user friendly. You can put in your 5 most frequent locations. You will only receive an alert if the emergency is in your area. Weather alerts if your location is within The Polygon. Different time zones because it's a world wide company. Last night over 8,000 numbers received alerts, 2200 clicked that they received the message. Please sign up at The Shelby County EMA website.

The Shelby County Sheriffs office wants to remind all citizens, "Hide it, Lock it, Keep it".

The CSX Railroad wants me 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.

- B. **EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler**
Education – New Planning Commission members will need to attend classes and be certified, as well as some re-certifications will be needed in 2020 and working on schedule.

Public Relations – Councilmember Annette Tyler reported that Boots & Bow Ties Auction will be held Thursday, December 19, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Old Mill Square facility in Columbiana.

- C. **LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler** reported new computer systems will be placed in each library in our area.
- D. **ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones - Absent - No**

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- E. PUBLIC HEALTH – Councilmember Jay Crisman reminded everyone to stay safe during the holidays. Make sure younger children are being supervised with new toys. There are more children ER visits this time of year. Also, make sure there are safety precautions when displaying fireworks.

Reminder to get flu vaccine. There are heater caused fire injuries this time of year so be safe.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Census 2020 Liaison – Councilmember Roberta Stamp reported the Shelby County Census Committee had two entries in the Westover Christmas Parade. The \$1600.00 showing on their display represented the amount that each person counted represents.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION – Councilmember Annette Tyler – No Report
- PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Randy Wiggins – Absent
- ATTORNEY – Mr. William Justice – Absent
Mayor reported that the district attorney has been informed by Judge Crowson to serve summons for people that refuse to abate their nuisances. Instead of being arrested they will be issued a summons to go to court.

There will be a conference January 7th, 2020 in Judge Moore's office to discuss the Volunteer Fire department assets.

- BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS –Chairman Stephen Floyd – absent
No Report

WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Morris & Fireman Micah Woodley reported Fire Engine had issues during testing. A handout was given for a plan for January 2020 and is included in these minutes. There is a point system. Will need the City Council to approve the monies and have in writing to the match amount if awarded the grant. If we receive the grant must make purchases between August 2020 - August 2021. The grant application needs to be turned in between January 3, 2020 and February 2020.

Mayor Riggins suggested a work session to be scheduled to look at our cash reserve and capital fund to make the city's match. Get dates from Fire Chief to schedule a work session in January 2020. Mayor suggests a Resolution to back up the grant request.

Mayor Riggins reported that the Fire Department was instrumental in the Christmas parade. Will schedule a meeting in mid January 2020 to discuss opportunities to improve the Christmas Parade.

Old Business

Volunteer Fire Assets – waiting on ruling and order from the court. Demolition, there are two properties. Mayor contacted the both property owners and will give them one week to complete the demolition. Mayor spoke with a contractor that we will hire to get the properties cleaned up. If contractor is hired there will be a lien placed on the property. Judge Crowson participated in the Westover Christmas Parade and did notice the two properties.

New Business:

Mayor and Councilmembers Compensation rates were presented. This compensation was compared to other municipalities and if passed this will be for new Mayor and Councilmembers after 2020 Election. A motion to draft a Ordinance for Council and Mayor compensation rates for November 2020 was presented by Councilmember Annette Tyler. A second from Councilmember Roberta Stamp. .

Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman asked Mayor Riggins to present overview for the increase. Mayor explained the compensation increase will be comparable with other municipalities' compensations. In 2020 there will be an increase in building of new homes and more licenses, permits in 2020. The increase will also be motivation for the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Annette Tyler stated that the Council does not get paid for the special work sessions and only get paid for the two City Council meetings per month. Mayor also stated that a good deal of money for City Business has been paid out of pocket.

A voice vote was then taken and motion was adopted unanimously as presented.

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

None

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Susan Lane wished everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman thanked the Fire Department Chief for providing detailed handout information for the Council.

Also, thank you to Jamie Willett, Anti Human Trafficking, with the Junior League of Alabama for informing the Council of the significance of Anti Human Trafficking.

Adjournment

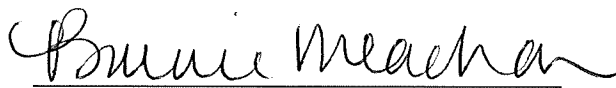
A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn.

A second from Councilmember Susan Lane.

Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor



Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk-Treasurer