

**Westover City Council
MINUTES
August 4th, 2020**

The meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:31 p.m. on August 4th, 2020.

Call To Order

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Clerk Meacham

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: Roberta Stamp, Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Susan Lane

Absent: Councilmember Dr. Crisman

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor reported 2021 Budget in progress – will be able to pass by Oct 1st.

Council Organization meeting and swearing will be held November 2, 2020. Mayor Riggins invited Judge Allison Boyd to do the swearing in by Zoom, if possible. No response at this time from Judge Boyd.

Resolutions on Election of unopposed Mayor and Council Candidates. Each candidate will have a resolution of election to be put on the record. No opposition this year.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting minutes for July 21st, 2020 to be adopted with corrected date was presented.

A motion was made to adopt the July 21st, 2020 minutes by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The July 7th, 2020 minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for year to date thru June 2020 was distributed at last meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the June 2020 Treasurer's Report.

A second made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The Year-To-Date June Treasurer's Report was adopted unanimously as presented.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane – Business Development - BLovely Beauty Salon moved to Columbiana and a Tabacco Shop has moved in.

"Keep it Local, it matters"

Public Safety - Councilmember Susan Lane reported that the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has issued a burn ban for 12 counties in Alabama, its an effort to protect air quality.

The burn ban will last until October 31, 2020 and will be in effect for the following counties : Shelby, Baldwin, DeKalb, Etowah, Jefferson, Lawrence, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Russell, and Talladega. It's purpose is to combat the formation of ground-level ozone and the generation of fine particulate matter during warm weather months.

The order, which is issued annually, is separate from burn bans that the Alabama Forestry Commission imposes sometimes during dry weather to prevent wildfires.

Alabama Law requires you to have a burn permit before you burn any woodland, grassland or new ground that is over a quarter acre in size or lies within 25 feet of natural fuels, defined by the AFC as things such as woods or grass. The permit is issued through AFC's dispatch center 800-392-5679.

Councilmember Lane had a conference call with Operation Lifesaver in regards to Rail Safety Week 2020.

The date is September 21st - 27th. More details will be determined closer to the date.

"See Tracks Think Train"

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education – Children will participate in some type of reading education during SORA, a new program. This will be for Kindergarten through 12th grade. E-books, video books and games. Katie Bailey, Library Director, North Shelby Library is leading the new program.

Public Relations - Harpersville Day and Music In The Park are cancelled for this year.

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce will offer a AIDT Leadership Skills Course via Zoom. This is offered September, October and November 2020. Please RSVP to the Chamber.

The Shelby County Chamber has a Investor Reception scheduled via zoom. Check their website for more details.

Also, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce are selling Tee Shirts go to Chamber website for more information.

- C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler - No Report
- D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones – Annexation up to date on Shelby County mapping. Large SC website map is updated as well. No annexation at this moment. Councilmember Wayne Jones reported a zoning case at Intersection County Road 51 and 280.
- E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman - Absent
- F. SUBDIVISIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Roberta Stamp Subdivisions - Councilmember Roberta Stamp reported that the Rustic Oak Plat plan was approved at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Also, there will be a pre-meeting with Mr. Edelman, Mayor Riggins, Randy Wiggins and others with an update for Pine Mountain Preserve Village 1 tomorrow afternoon.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

CENSUS 2020 - Councilmember Roberta Stamp - Reported and discussed the handouts given to the Councilmembers and restated the importance of spreading the word to be counted.

The current Self Response rates as of 8/3/2020:

Alabama = 60.6% (2010 => 72%)

Shelby Co. = 74.5% (2010 => 70.9%)

Westover = 71.9% (2010 => 71.2%)

Currently, Alabama has 7 congressional seats (& 7 electoral college delegates)
We could lose 1 or 2 of those seats (delegates) unless we get the statewide response rates up. Census results also determine how federal funds are allocated for schools, roads, fire & emergency services, hospitals and more. This works out to about \$1,600 per person counted!

August 11: Census taker/enumerators will begin knocking on doors (9am-9pm) for those households that have not already responded. All follow-up efforts will conclude September 30 to allow time for tabulation to be able to get the numbers to the President by December 31. In-person interview counts will not display on the self-response rate website. Interviews are confidential. Answers will not be shared with immigration or law enforcement services.

2020 Census Push for Alabama: A social media campaign to highlight reasons why everyone should respond to the 2020 census.

The council members will pose with a sign indicating we have all responded to the 2020 Census and why. Plan to do this at our next council meeting.

The next City Council meeting we will have a group picture with a Census sign stating we completed our Census. The picture will be posted on our website.

Mayor commented every federal dollar has something to do with the census. Our Fire Department grant and even private company grants and providing points for federal grants. Shelby County does not receive a fair share of dollars because of median income. Reducing to 5 seats will hurt our representation and for getting items added to their agenda for federal dollars.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION –Councilmember Annette Tyler – There will be a GUSC Board meeting– August 27th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Randy Wiggins – Absent
- Mayor stated Roberta Stamp reported for Subdivisions above.
- ATTORNEY – Mr. William Justice – Absent
- BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent
- WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Micah Woodley reported FEMA grant selections have begun. The operation & safety, which will include fire fighting gear and other items on our list.

As of now we have a total of 183 calls this year down from last year 8% and Brush Fires are down. Burn Ban is important to air quality.

Technology grant – private grant goes through October 2020.

Westover Fire Department has applied for a total of 21 grants.

Only the Federal grants have to be matched and the other grants are 100% and does not have to be matched. We are a big target for these grants. We do keep data numbers up-to-date so that we can present if asked from FEMA or other grants.

Old Business:

Paving Project Update – Clerk Meacham reported that we are waiting for approval from David Sullivan, Wiregrass Construction, to approve our tax exempt account to purchase asphalt. Massey Asphalt is waiting to purchase asphalt to begin work.

Computer Server Update - Mayor Riggins reported that another quote from IT In A Box will be presented at our next Council meeting.

New Business: None

READING OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. - None

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

Resolution #s 2020-08-04-2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049 of unopposed Candidates for Mayor and Council. With unanimous consent, Clerk Meacham read one into the record.

The Each Officer Elected Without Opposition sample Resolution was read by Clerk Meacham.

A motion to approve Each Officer Elected Without Opposition Resolution #2020-08-04-2044 - Office of Mayor - Larry H. Riggins was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

A second motion made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

Resolution #2020-08-04-2044, Office of Mayor, Larry H. Riggins, was adopted unanimously as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-08-04-2045 - Council Place 1 - James Crisman was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second motion made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

Resolution #2020-08-04-2045, Council Place 1, James Crisman, was adopted unanimously as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-08-04-2046 - Council Place 2 - Wayne Jones was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second motion made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

Resolution #2020-08-04-2046, Council Place 2, Waynes Jones, was adopted unanimously as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-08-04-2047 - Council Place 3 - Annette S. Tyler was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second motion made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

Resolution #2020-08-04-2047, Council Place 3, Annette Tyler, was adopted unanimously as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-08-04-2048 - Council Place 4 - Susan Lane was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

Resolution #2020-08-04-2048, Council Place 4, Susan Lane, was adopted unanimously as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-08-04-2049 - Council Place 5 - Roberta Stamp was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

Resolution #2020-08-04-2049, Council Place 5, Roberta Stamp, was adopted unanimously as presented.

The Written Statement From Mayor To Council Notifying Council That Only One Person Filed a Statement of Candidacy For Each Office was read by Mayor Riggins.

A motion to approve the Written Statement was made by Councilmember Susan Lane

A second motion by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The Written Statement From Mayor to Council Notifying Council That Only One Person Filed A Statement of Candidacy For Each Office was adopted unanimously as presented.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Susan Lane confirmed with Councilmember Annette Tyler the time of the GUSC meeting which will be held Thursday, August 27th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Susan Lane will help Councilmember Roberta Stamp to organize the Census group picture for our next meeting. Clerk Meacham will send out a reminder to everyone to wear their green collar City shirts.

Councilmember Wayne Jones had a question regarding renewal of fire fighter license plates. Chief Woodley asking how often do the personal fire fighter tags are renewed. Chief said that personal fire fighter license plates are renewed annually. If you are a Fire Department employee you are on a list that the license office will check or a letter must be provided in blue ink.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones to adjourn.

A second made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk-Treasurer