

Westover City Council
MINUTES
August 18th, 2020

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 August 18th, 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: Annette Tyler, Roberta Stamp, Wayne Jones, Susan Lane & Dr. Crisman

Absent: None

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2021 Budget - Mayor Riggins reported the 2021 Budget is progressing and he will present it at the next City Council meeting. Work sessions may be scheduled as needed to finalize the 2021 Budget.

Paving Projects Update – Mayor Riggins reported the paving projects are moving ahead of schedule. Willow Oaks paving project is complete. The end of Willow Oaks Drive has a small area that needs paving repair and the county will repair and tie in with Highway 55.

The Villages of Westover may be completed today.

The first invoice was received from Dunn Construction for asphalt in the amount of \$17,557.18. The exact amount of the invoice (\$17,557.18) will be transferred from the Willow Oaks Bond to the General Fund Account.

The tree in the cul-de-sac on April Lane has been removed. April Lane will need patch work and a storm drain extension in one area and the paving will begin soon and possibly, finished by this Friday.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Corrections were made to the August 4th, 2020 minutes.

A motion was made to adopt the August 4th, 2020 minutes with corrections by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The August 4th, 2020 minutes with corrections were adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for July 2020 year-to-date was presented.

A motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report for July 2020 was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The Treasurer's Report for July 2020 were adopted unanimously as presented.

Mayor Riggins mentioned the 2016 Budget, which was approved in September 2016, the amount of Income was \$402,000.00 and for 2021 the Income Projection will be over \$700,000.00. City of Westover has been blessed with the progress.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane
Business Development - Councilmember Susan Lane reported the mission of Business Development is to enhance the quality of life for Westover residents by providing accessible, safe, healthy, and affordable housing; creating a sustainable economy with a focus on local owned businesses; and building collaborative networks to provide the necessary training for workforce development. I am thankful for the partnership with Shelby County Schools and Job coaches.

"Keep it Local, it Matters"

Public Safety - Councilmember Susan Lane stated as a friendly reminder to citizens about ShelbyAlerts, get emergency alerts and other important community news by signing up. This system enables to quickly provide you with critical information such as: severe weather, road closures, missing persons, evacuations and more.

Chief Wayne Shirley is remembered for his selfless service, and leadership. Public service was his Passion. Chief Shirley was a humble leader and quick to praise his colleagues for their hard work as a team. I am so grateful that I was able to work with Chief Wayne Shirley on behalf of Public Safety. He will be missed!!

- B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler
Education – The 100th Anniversary of “Women’s Right To Vote” is being celebrated . Susan B. Anthony was pardoned by President Trump. The 19th Amendment ratified 100 years ago this week.

Public Relations

Our September “Coffee with the Mayor” has been cancelled. We do not have an adequate place to host this event and not able to meet the COVID social distancing requirements.

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce has Restaurant Month Celebration from August 18th – 23rd, 2020.

There will be a 2020 Candidates Forum which will be recorded on August 22th, and will be accessible on line on facebook.

- C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler
Library - The Library is following the same COVID 19 guidelines as Harrison Regional Library.

Senior Program - No Senior Program at this time. The Library does not have adequate space to abide by the COVID social distancing requirements.

- D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones
Annexation - Councilmember Wayne Jones reported that Beverly Gardner (Bobby Pardue’s mother-in-law) will be asking for rezoning of a 14 acre parcel to build a home at the next Planning Commission meeting..

- E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman
Public Health – Councilmember Dr. Crisman reported the COVID 19 numbers seem to be going in our favor now. The mask order placed by Governor Ivey is still in effect. Kids are going back to school and will be trying to get into some type of normal routine.

Safety – Councilmember Dr. Crisman advised to abide by Governor Ivey’s basic

general social distancing, wearing mask, using hand sanitizer and disinfecting areas.

- F. SUBDIVISIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Roberta Stamp Subdivision - Mr. Eddleman will be bringing the Master Plan for Pine Mountain Preserve, Village 1 to the Planning Commission meeting next week.

Economic Development – The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is conducting a survey of broadband access and broadband speeds available for residences and businesses around the state. To complete the survey go to adeca.alabama.gov (click survey box at left on homepage) or call 334-353-4589.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CENSUS 2020 -

Self Response rates as of 8/16/2020: Alabama = 61.2% (National rate = 63.8%)
Shelby County = 75.3% and Westover = 72.8%

These counts will not include responses received by Census enumerators who are now going door-to-door as needed to gather information from households that have not yet responded. We only have until September 30 to be counted.

The meeting was recessed so that the Mayor and Councilmembers could take a picture in front of City Hall to promote the 2020 Census. The sign they posed with, stated the following:

We completed our 2020 Census!!

So Alabama has money for:

- Schools
- Public Safety
- Community Programs

www.2020Census.gov

It will be promoted on Facebook.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- Governmental Utilities Services Corporation - Councilmember Annette Tyler - The GUSC meeting will be held next week, Thursday, August 27th, at 6:00 p.m. at Westover City Hall.
 - Planning Commission – Chairman Randy Wiggins – Absent - No Report
 - Attorney – Mr. William Justice – No Report
 - Board of Zoning – Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent
 - Westover Fire Department - Chief Micah Woodley – Absent
- Mayor Riggins reported all 2021 Budget items for the Fire Department have now

been submitted by Chief Woodley. The FEMA grants are being reviewed and have not been rewarded as of yesterday.

Old Business:

Mayor Riggins updated on the Computer Server Comparative.

A motion was made to give Mayor Riggins authority to enter into contract with IT In A Box by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

A second motion made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The motion on authority given to Mayor Riggins to enter into contract with IT In A Box was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Riggins will authorize the contract with IT In a Box tomorrow. It will take approximately three to four weeks to receive programs and equipment. This system will upgrade our email service to Outlook, more manageable calendars and manage our City website. Also, we will be saving \$1500.00 per year by changing from WebN8 for managing our City website and email service.

New Business:

The 2021 Rebuild Alabama Street Plan, pursuant to requirements of the Rebuild Alabama Act 2019-2, was distributed. The deadline from the AAMCA to post notice of our Westover Street Plan is August 31st, 2020. The following streets by priority will be Bryan Road, Christopher Cove Road, Rosewood Drive and Cedar Hill Farm Road.

A motion to pass the 2021 Rebuild Alabama Street Plan for the City Of Westover was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

A second made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The 2021 Rebuild Alabama Street Plan was adopted unanimously as presented and will be posted on the website.

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Annette Tyler announced that Charles Champion passed away, a long time resident of Westover. Condolences to Mrs. Champion.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman announced that the Westover Business Alliance will be scheduling a Fall meeting.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman complimented that it is great to see the paving projects moving forward.

Dr. Laura Tidwell has joined Dr. Crisman's practice and is going a great job. Dr. Tidwell purchased a home in Willow Oaks.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman mentioned Camelot Manor, Wedding Venue, has added lighting and really looks great as you drive by at night.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman mentioned The Church of Chelsea Westover will be moving into their new building by November 2020.

Councilmember Susan Lane mentioned the Servpro Building is up for sale.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman mentioned the Watersports event this past weekend had 250 splashes and was very successful.

Councilmember Annette Tyler mentioned B-Lovely Salon moved to Columbiana and the tobacco sign on the building is an old sign and no has moved into that building.

Councilmember Wayne Jones asked about the progress of the Vincent Middle High School new Athletic Building. Councilmember Susan Lane reported the walls are up and workers are beginning to work again. Due to the COVID 19 and weather, work has been delayed at times. Also, other schools have already had to quarantine students after the restart of school.

Councilmember Wayne Jones stated he was glad everyone is well and able to attend tonight's meeting.

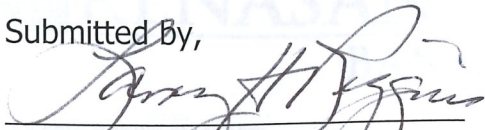
Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn.

A second made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted By,


Larry Riggins, Mayor


Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk-Treasurer

Deposit Account Balances

| MA-TRC | Account Number | Balance |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Working Accounts | | |
| 1201294 | *3811 | |
| 1201294 | *3636 | |
| 1201294 | *5803 | |
| 1201294 | *1385 | |
| 1201294 | *8536 | |
| 1201294 | *2931 | |
| 1201294 | *2998 | |
| 1201294 | *7402 | |
| Bridge Accounts | | |
| 1201294 | *2598 | |