

Westover City Council
MINUTES
January 19, 2021

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 January 19, 2021.

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 Riggins, Councilmembers Roberta Stamp, Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Susan Lane

Absent: Councilmember Dr. Crisman

Invocation: The invocation was given by Ed Stowell.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins reported the interview process began today for the part-time Planning Commission & Zoning Clerk position. The Mayor and City Clerk had the first interview this morning and it went well. We have other interviews set up this week. Hopefully, we will be able to present a decision at the next City Council meeting.

The Planning Commission had a Subdivision Regulations work session at Mt. Tabor. It was comfortable and we were able to social distance to meet the COVID regulations. Chair Ed Stowell did a fantastic job reviewing the Subdivision Regulations with the Commissioners. The Subdivision Regulations have amendments and should be ready to present in a Public Hearing within the next 30 days.

Mayor Riggins reported meeting with an Architect and two Builders on the Fire Station renovations and additions across the street. He had spoken with Chief Woodley regarding getting extra help like contract workers to begin cleaning out old fire station again and getting another dumpster. Right now we have two or three lawn maintenance guys that are willing to help due to their work is slow this time of the year.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The January 5, 2021, meeting minutes were presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the minutes of January 5, 2021, as presented.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The minutes of January 5, 2021, were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The December 2020 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed in the pre-meeting. Will delay approval until next meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane
The Westover Business Alliance meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. via Facebook Live, grab your lunch and join us. We will have random drawings throughout the meeting when you join Facebook live drop your name in the comments. Our keynote speaker is Noelle Hardy, Agency Manager with the Burriss Group in Homewood and partner with Colonial Life Insurance Company.

Do not forget to like and share, "The Westover Business Alliance Facebook page!"

"Kings Home Cupids" will begin decorating mailboxes January 20th, register at www.kingshome.com/show-your-love for your beautiful mailbox bow and sign. Show your Love this Valentine's Day and bless the ministry of King's Home at the same time! 💕 You can find this information on my Facebook page please like and share.

"Keep it Local, it Matters"

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office wants me to remind citizens:

"Hide it, Lock it, Keep it"

The CSX Railroad wants me to remind citizens please do not go around the crossing gates when down and stop when the crossing signals are on.

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education – Lavonne Gatlin CAPZO has recertification dates and Councilmember Tyler looking at possibly March 2021 to recertify or new certification. Via Zoom

Public Relations – Alabama Industrial Training online Feb March April 2021.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Library – No Report

Senior Program – No Report

D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones

Annexation – No Report

Zoning – One application for the property (new residence) for Ray Franklin Resident on Rose Drive.

E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman - Absent

F. SUBDIVISIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Roberta Stamp
No Report

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- Governmental Utilities Services Corporation - Councilmember Annette Tyler
No Report
- Planning Commission – Chairman Ed Stowell – Commission will meet next Tuesday and Feb (post notices before Public Meeting for Sub Regs finalization)
- City Attorney – Attorney William Justice – Absent
- Board of Zoning Adjustments – Chair Stephen Floyd – Absent

- Westover Fire Department – Chief Woodley
13 Calls YTD
House Fire – 1 (Harpersville)
Brush Fire - 1
EMS Compliant – 9
Vehicle Accident – 2 (1 Fatality)

FEMA grants will be submitted this upcoming week if the Council approves funding matches up to \$48,500.00.

Still waiting on a transfer date from Vestavia Fire on the 1996 fire truck.

December reimbursement from the State of Alabama for \$72,960.51 still has not posted on their CARES Act expenditures website.

Surplus Sale of the 2002 Tahoe will begin this week, sale of the Volunteer Ambulance will begin as soon as the title is received from the State (late January/early February), sale of the 1994 Spartan fire engine is planned for early February, sale of the Volunteer engine is on hold due to federal grant requirements for surplus after award, if the pumper grant is awarded (expected sale in June/July 2021).

OLD BUSINESS:

Part Time Clerk Interview process began today and have two more scheduled this week. Hopefully, will have a decision to present next week. The pay range is \$12.00 - \$14.00 and plan to start this person at \$13.00 of \$13.50 and after 90 days probation may increase. The hours will be approximately 20 hours per week and will support the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Department FEMA Grant Application presented in the pre-meeting by Chief Micah Woodley

A motion to approve Fire Department FEMA Grant Application by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The Fire Department FEMA Grant Application was approved unanimously.

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

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

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

A tentative date has been set for Coffee with the Mayor on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and will be held Mt. Tabor. This is tentative due to the COVID regulations.

Councilmember Roberta Stamp reported that the Census numbers are to be presented to the President by March 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

Adjournment was approved unanimously.

Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk - Treasurer