

**Westover City Council
MINUTES
April 6, 2021**

The meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:36 p.m. on April 6, 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 Larry Riggins, Councilmembers: Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp, Susan Lane and Dr. Jay Crisman.

Absent: None

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins informed everyone a meeting is scheduled with Dr. Lewis Brooks, Assistant Superintendent of Administration for Shelby County Schools. Councilmember Susan Lane will also attend the meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss opportunities for our schools and children.

Mayor Riggins reported the Westover Day In The Park will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021. The Committee met last week. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Annex to finalize this event. Everyone is welcome to join this meeting and volunteers are needed. Food vendors have been chosen. There will be face painting from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We will give away popcorn and small bottles of water.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The March 16, 2021, meeting minutes were presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adopt the March 16, 2021 minutes.

A second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The minutes of March 16, 2021 were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Riggins presented the February 2021 YTD Treasurer's Report in the pre-meeting. Details were presented at the March 16, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt the February 2021 YTD Treasurer's Report.

A second was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp.

The February 2021 YTD Treasurer's Report was adopted unanimously as presented.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane

Business Development – The Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 12:00 Noon -1:00 p.m. at Rockhurst Farm. The Luncheon will open at 11:30 for networking.

This is an outdoor venue and Covid precautions will be in place. Mark Hay with Alabama Snake Removers will discuss his business and an Update from The Westover Planning Commission. Make plans to attend, you do not want to miss this meeting.

Like and share, The Westover Business Alliance Facebook page,

The David Wilson scholarship is open for donations. Please make checks payable to Vincent Middle High School. Any business or individuals are welcome to donate any amount. You can mail your check to Vincent Middle High School, Attention Mrs. McCrimmon or I can pick up your donation. Make sure you write on the check for David Wilson Memorial Scholarship.

"Keep it Local, it Matters"

Public Safety – Colonial Pipeline did share more contact information. Always remember to "call before you dig"

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

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education – No Report

Public Relations – Columbiana Health Department are now taking appointments for the vaccine.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Library – The Westover Library is open. The Summer Reading Program is scheduled for June 2 and June 9, 2021. Information will be on our Westover website.

Senior Program – No Report

D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones

Annexation – No Report

Zoning – No Report

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

Public Health – Vaccines are available go to shelbyvax.as.me to schedule an appointment. CVS in Childersburg, Alabama has the vaccine available.

Beware of the changes made by Governor Kay Ivey regarding mandate changes.

Be safe and abide by the COVID regulations.

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 – Absent
Councilmember Wayne Jones mentioned that Mr. Eddleman, Eddleman Properties, will bring another section of Pine Mountain Preserve to the next Planning Commission meeting this month. Also, Mayor Riggins and Ed Stowell, Chair, Planning Commission are working with developers on a couple of new subdivisions.

- Attorney – Mr. William Justice – Absent
Mayor Riggins reported that Mr. Justice has reviewed the Fire Department Lease Agreement Purchase for Protective Gear. Mr. Justice advised that there is part of the language that need to be changed. Mr. Justice is also working on getting the circuit court judgment amended to force Motor of Vehicles Department to get needed titles for our fire department vehicles.
- Board of Zoning Adjustments - Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent
- Westover Fire Department - Chief Micah Woodley - Absent
Chief Woodley submitted a Fire Department March report.

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>March 2021</u>
Structure Fires	0
Vehicle Fires	0
Brush/Wood Fires	2
Medical Complaints	16
Vehicle Accidents	4
Assists	3
Alarms	3
TOTAL	28

Mayor Riggins announced that he was informed by Chief Woodley the Fire Department will be receiving a Fire House Subs Grant in the amount of \$22,673.00. This is great news.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Riggins reported the Mt. Tabor Parsonage is for sale.

Councilmember Roberta Stamp reported that the Council should review the Parsonage appraisal and the amount of property and consider purchasing since it is next to our Mt. Tabor Annex building. If City Hall considers purchasing the parsonage, we should merge the house and property with the Mt. Tabor Annex building. With a residential house being located so close to our Mt. Tabor Annex building this may cause issues with events, meetings and parking for the residential occupant. We do not have a copy of the appraisal and was told will be selling for approximately \$140,000.00.

Mayor Riggins suggested as soon as the appraisal is available, we will review and if needed, call an emergency meeting to make a decision.

Mayor Riggins reported that the remodeling of Mt. Tabor ADA Bathroom is being done. The demolition is done. Plumbing in the process of being done. Councilmember Wayne Jones asked if the door will be like a half door. Mayor Riggins replied it will be an exterior metal door.

Mayor Riggins reported the Bids for the Fire Department Construction project were sent March 28, 2021. There are six contractors. The opening of the bids will be held Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Susan Lane presented a Digital Newsletter for the City of Westover at the pre-meeting.

A Digital Newsletter from The City Westover to be sent via email every other month. To name the newsletter we will present on the City Of Westover Facebook Page as a contest to send name suggestions for our newsletter. The winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card. The contest will be held for 72 hours on our Facebook page.

A motion made by Councilmember Dr. Crisman to proceed with the Westover Newsletter and the 72-hour contest on the City of Westover website for participants to suggest names for our Westover Digital Newsletter.

A second by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The motion to proceed with the Westover Digital Newsletter and contest on the Westover Facebook page were adopted unanimously.

Mayor Riggins presented Chief Micah Woodley's Surplus for printers and fire equipment detailed in the handouts to the Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to declare items as surplus.

A second by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

Councilmember Wayne Jones asked where the funds will be placed after the sale of the surplus items. Mayor Riggins replied to the General Fund.

The motion to approve the printers and fire equipment declared as surplus were adopted unanimously.

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

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

Resolution # 2021-04-06-2060 – A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor and Council To Exempt Sales and Use Tax and Vendor Entry Fees. Clerk Meacham read Resolution #2021-04-06-2060.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adopt Resolution #00201-04-06-2060 Authorizing The Mayor and Council To Exempt Sales and Use Tax and Vendor Entry Fees for the Westover Day In The Park annual event.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The motion to adopt Resolution #2021-04-06-2060 Authorizing The Mayor and Council To Exempt Sales and Use Tax and Vendor Entry Fees for the Westover Day In the Park annual event was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Riggins stated that this Resolution #021-04-06-2060 will be recorded at the Shelby County Probate Office.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Susan Lane asked if we have heard updates from ALDOT. Mayor Riggins replied that they are waiting on the poles for the traffic light.

Councilmember Wayne Jones asked if any information from 58 Inc. Mayor Riggins replied that Amy Sturdivant, Economic Developer with Director 58 Inc. has no update at this time. Councilmember Wayne Jones said that the Calera Steel Plant is vacant now and now sure where they moved. `

Councilmember Susan Lane mentioned that some are getting the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce’s email and thinks that the problem is with the City Hall email.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman announced the WestRover’s Spring Splash Dock Diving Competition will be held April 30, 2021 – May 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adjourn the meeting.

A second was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk - Treasurer