

Westover City Council
MINUTES
April 20, 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 April 20, 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 introduced Juno Manning, as our new Planning & Zoning Clerk. Welcome Juno to the City of Westover. Juno is involved with the Westover Day In The Park.

Mayor Riggins announced the Westover Day In The Park will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be food vendors. Everyone is invited. This event has been shared on Facebook. Any vendor that would like to participate, should know there is an entry form link listed on our Westover Website page.

Mayor Riggins announced that May 2021 is Mental Health Month for the City of Westover. Mayor introduced Judge Allison Boyd as our guest speaker regarding Mental Health.

Judge Allison Boyd thanked the Council for considering recognition of Mental Health month. Judge Boyd is a member of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), which is a national group. There is a local Shelby NAMI (Namishelby.com) group with less than 100 members and State NAMI group has around only 500 members. If you have family or friends that suffer from mental illness this is an excellent resource. There are support groups that meet monthly, virtually, at this time. Judge Boyd is a member of the State NAMI group and would like to get all of our cities involved. Thank you to the Council and everyone for getting involved in NAMI group.

Mayor Riggins asked for Resolution #2020-04-20-2021 Proclaiming Mental Health Awareness for May to be read at this time by Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman to adopt Resolution #2021-04-20-2062 Proclaiming Mental Health Awareness for May.

A second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The motion to adopt Resolution #2021-04-20-2062 Proclaiming Mental Health Awareness for May was adopted unanimously as presented

Judge Allison Boyd will share the Resolution on their website. Suggest sending picture of the City Council with the Resolution.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The April 6, 2021, meeting minutes were presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adopt the April 6, 2021 minutes as presented.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The minutes of April 6, 2021 were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Riggins presented the March 2021 YTD detailed Treasurer's Report in the pre-meeting. The report will be presented at our next meeting for approval.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane

Business Development – The Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be Thursday, April 22nd 12-1 at Rockhurst Farm. The Luncheon will open at 11:30 for networking.

This is an outdoor venue and Covid precautions will be in place. The keynote speakers are Mark Hay with Alabama Snake Removers, an update from The Westover Planning Commission and Business Spotlight Rockhurst Farm Nona and Dr. John Hurst, Owners.

This will be a fun full hour of learning about local businesses, good food door prizes and networking.

Like and share The Westover Business Alliance Facebook page.

"Keep it Local, it Matters"

Public Safety – Councilmember Susan Lane spoke with ALDOT about signs that have damage at the intersection of Highway 280 and 55. She has a conference call with The CSX Railroad and Operation Lifesaver.

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education – No Report

Public Relations – Senta Goldman has announced approval to re-open the Senior Program and the Westover Library. Senior Program will begin tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Library – Open

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 – There are two topics and one we have heard from Judge Allison Boyd regarding May as Mental Health Month. There is a website for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) <https://afsp.org> which has helpful information.

The COVID numbers peaked in January & February 2021 and now the numbers of cases and deaths have decreased. Keep up the COVID safety precautions by social distancing and wearing masks.

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
Wayne Jones reported Doug Eddleman, Eddleman Properties presented Pine Mountain Preserve Village 3 to the Planning Commission. Mr. Eddleman will be meeting with the Shelby County Board of Education regarding a new school site for Pine Mountain Preserve.

Juno Manning, Planning and Zoning Clerk, announced Geostone will be asking for pre-zoning and if the Planning Commission approves will be presented to the City Council.

Mayor Riggins commented that Geostone has been in discussion with Planning Commission members and himself for approximately one year to annex into Westover. The annexation will be to have a Small Block Production Company by the railroad. This would create approximately 25 jobs. This will be presented at the Planning Commission meeting next week to request Pre-zoning. If the Planning Commission recommends zoning as Economic Center Industrial (ECI), this will be presented to the City Council.

- Attorney – Mr. William Justice – Absent
Mayor Riggins reported that Attorney Bill Justice has been busy with several legal items for the City the last few weeks with advise for the Fire Department Bid Contract and the Government Capital Financial Lease Agreement for the Fire Department.
- Board of Zoning Adjustments - Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent
- Westover Fire Department - Chief Micah Woodley – Provided a handout to the Council and reported the following information:

Call Type	April 2021
Structure Fires	0
Vehicle Fires	0
Brush/Wood Fires	1
Medical Complaints	8
Vehicle Accidents	2
Assists	0
Alarms	1
TOTAL	12

Chief Woodley updated the Council on the following:

An updated court order to meet the DMV requirements was received and submitted to the State of Alabama to finalize the transfer of the Volunteer Fire Truck and Ambulance into the city's name.

New I-Pads on the Battalion and Engine were placed in service from the FM Global grant in 2020.

All emergency light upgrades have been ordered for the donated Vestavia Fire Truck and we are still working through some issues on a decal vendor. This truck will be placed in service mid-May.

Fire House Subs has awarded the Fire Department with \$22,673.00 for a Wildlife Fire/EMS skid unit for the Mule, storage racks and cancer prevention items. We should have the paperwork finalized and the money directly deposited in our account in mid-May.

The Shelby County Fire and EMS Association has awarded the Fire Department \$4,153.60 in equipment for attendance and involvement in the association during 2020. We used the funds to order needed equipment for the fire truck and upgraded some existing equipment for the fire truck.

FEMA grants selection is scheduled to start on April 30, 2021. We should have a decision on all our requests by late May 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Riggins reported the Mt. Tabor Parsonage is for sale at \$155,000.00. Due to the lack of not having the Fire Department bids, Mayor would like to postpone any recommendations for the Mt. Tabor parsonage at this time.

Mayor Riggins reported that the remodeling of Mt. Tabor ADA Bathroom is in progress. Mayor will get an update from Todd Destafino this week. Also, the Archives Room at Mt. Tabor Annex has a new lock on the door and a key will be kept at City Hall.

Mayor Riggins reported on the Fire Department Construction project status as discussed in the pre-meeting. No sealed bids were received. L.E. Marcus Construction had mailed their bid but, we have not received in the mail as of today. The bid was emailed April 16, 2021 and the bid was dated April 2, 2021.

Mayor Riggins is asking the Council to approve negotiation of a final Construction Contract with L. E. Marcus Construction. The emailed bid did not include the paving. The Construction Contract will be written and sent to the Council for approval. Mayor Riggins needs pricing to include paving.

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to approve Mayor to negotiate a new Construction Contract for Fire Department Renovations.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane. Mayor Riggins stated he would send the new Construction Contract to the Council for review as soon as it was finalized.

The approval for Mayor Riggins to negotiate a final Construction Contract was adopted unanimously as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #2021-04-20-2062 Proclaiming Mental Health Awareness for May was presented. This Resolution was read into the minutes by Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk – Treasurer, as stated under communications.

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

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

Resolution #2021-04-20-2061 – A Resolution Providing for the 2021 Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday. This Resolution was read into the minutes by Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk – Treasurer.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt Resolution #2021-04-20-2061, A Resolution Providing for the 2021 Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday.

A second was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The motion to adopt Resolution #2021-04-20-2061, A Resolution Providing for the 2021 Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday was adopted unanimously as presented.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Riggins continued discussion of the Railroad. Encouraged everyone to call CSX 1-800 number. It is an issue with our Fire Department not receiving notification from CSX when the railroad track is going to be blocked.

Councilmember Susan Lane is continuing to build a good relationship with CSX and citizens.

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 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk - Treasurer