



**WESTOVER CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
May 5, 2023**

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 May 5, 2023.

**Call To Order**

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call** – Clerk Meacham

Upon roll call, Mayor declared a quorum present and the regular session opened for transaction of business.

**In Attendance**

Mayor: Larry Riggins; Councilmembers: Roberta Stamp, Wayne Jones, Susan Lane and Annette Tyler

**Absent**

Councilmember Jay Crisman

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by Mayor Riggins.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Mayor Riggins.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Riggins read the rules of Speakers.

Our Westover Day will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at The Church at Chelsea-Westover and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The first speaker, Kathy Carisch, resides at 94 Lakewood Drive, expressed concerns regarding a neighbor having a variety of animals in a seven-acre area resulting in a nuisance for surrounding neighbors.

The second speaker, Connie Ray, resides at 174 Lakewood Drive, expressed concerns regarding a neighbor having a variety of animals resulting in a nuisance for surrounding neighbors as well.

Mayor Riggins deferred to Wayne Jones, Zoning Officer. A called Work Session with the City Council, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to discuss and review the nuisance complaint.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The pre-meeting minutes of April 18, 2023 were presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt the pre-meeting minutes of April 18, 2023.

A second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The pre-meeting minutes of April 18, 2023 were adopted unanimously as presented.

The regular meeting minutes for April 18, 2023 were presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2023.

A second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The April 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The 2023 March Year-To-Date Treasurer’s report were distributed in pre-meeting and will present at our next Council meeting for adoption.

The May 5, 2023 bank balances were distributed in pre-meeting.

Mayor Riggins announced the mortgage loan for City Council has been paid in full.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilmember Susan Lane  
Business Development – Small Business week - April 30, 2023 through May 6, 2023. Every year the president issues a proclamation. Small businesses not only keep the economy going, but they also lead the way in innovation. They provide their local economies with new jobs, products, revenue, services and more. They are the backbone of our economy. Join me and shop at our small businesses.

Shop local, it matters.

Follow and like the Westover Business Alliance page.

The David Wilson Memorial Scholarship was presented on behalf of the Westover Business Alliance on Thursday, April 27, 2023 to Lela Beck, Vincent Middle High School.

Everyone should have received "Our Westover" digital newsletter in April 2023. The next edition will publish in June 2023. Email: slane@westoveralabama if you want to purchase an ad or have information to add in the newsletter.

Public Safety – I have spoken with Peggy Smith, CSX railroad in regards to our concerns about the closure up and coming at highway 51 and 55.

Mr. Charles Stewart with Benchmark called me today and I have officially been added to the call list. Depending on how the teams are moving along with repairs will determine the day the crossing will officially be closed. I will receive a call for the notice of closure. I will promptly contact the mayor and he will put it on our town face book page and alert the fire department. They will not close highway 51 and 55 at the same time for repairs.

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education – No Report

Public Relations – The "Grow Revenue by Understanding How Buyers Buy Today", 2023 Small Business Celebration will be held May 11, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Faulkner University. Please RSVP online.

Business After Hours will be held May 16, 2023 at Beer Hog in Pelham from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Library – Working to complete the book coding for the Library.

Seniors – This month is "Older American" Month.

D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones – No Report

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 Randy Wiggins – Absent

Attorney – Mr. William Justice – Absent

Board of Zoning – Chair Pro Tem Jeff Muzer – Absent

Councilmember Roberta Stamp reported the last meeting was a “no quorum” and no official business conducted. The Board of Zoning needs to officially elect Chairman and Co-Chairman. The next work session is scheduled for June 8, 2023.

Westover Fire Department - Chief Micah Woodley – Absent

Mayor Riggins reported Chief Woodley is working on equipping the new Engine.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Riggins discussed in pre-meeting the website is being worked on and probably another two weeks to complete. Mayor Riggins will send the Council a copy of the Drone Video.

Mayor Riggins reported the phone installation should begin in a couple of weeks.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Riggins asked to pay double payments monthly for the Fire Department loan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to pay double payments each month for the Fire Department mortgage loan.

A second by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The motion to pay double payments each month for the Fire Department mortgage loan was unanimous.

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

### **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS** - None

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Larry Riggins, Mayor

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Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk - Treasurer