

**Westover City Council
MINUTES
July 6, 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 July 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: Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp, Susan Lane, Annette Tyler and Dr. Jay Crisman.

Absent: None

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilmember Jay Crisman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins announced that a Special Called Council Meeting will be held July 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. New Life Assembly Church and notices have been posted for the Public. A Proposed Temporary Amendment to the Council Rules will be presented to the Council tonight.

Mayor Riggins announced that an invitation has been received from the City of Vincent for Vincent Day In The Park and will be held Saturday, July 24, 2021. At 5:30 p.m. all Elected Officials are invited to be presented onstage.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Pre-Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021 was presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adopt the Pre-Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021.

A second was made by Susan Lane.

The Pre-Meeting Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021 were adopted unanimously as presented.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021, minutes were presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021.

A second was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021 were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No June 2021 Year-To-Date Treasurer's Report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane
Business Development - **INSERT HERE**

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education – The CAPZO re-certification class will be held Saturday, August 7th, 2021 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Clerk Meacham will sign up Mayor and Councilmembers for this class. Councilmember Dr. Crisman will check his schedule.

Vincent In The Park will be held Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Public Relations – Mayor Riggins announced Coffee With The Mayor of Chelsea will be held Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Clerk Meacham will register Mayor Riggins and Councilmember Susan Lane.

Mayor Riggins gave an update on Mt. Tabor, when ready, the Seniors will be able to meet there.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Library – The Library had ten Senior Adult that read 3 to 4 books monthly during the Summer Reading Program. These numbers will be turned into Harrison Regional.

Senior Program – No Report

D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones

Annexation – Council Wayne Jones – No Report

Zoning – Councilmember Wayne Jones reported that the last zoning was GeoStone.

- E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman
Dr. Crisman reported July Eye Injury Prevention Month. Academy of Ophthalmology website has a lot of information. Website: AAO.org

As of July 15, 2021 for Alabama, there were no new cases of COVID reported. The average has been 121 cases.

The Pfizer vaccine Delta variant study has been done and may not be effective. Continue to social distance and wash your hands.

- 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
- Attorney – Mr. William Justice – Absent
Mayor met with Attorney William Justice several times concerning the proposed merger with Chelsea and the School Districts. Mr. Justice will not be able to attend the Special Called Council meeting and Attorney Josh Arnold will be attending in his absence. Mayor Riggins will meet with Attorney Josh Arnold on Monday to help answer questions.
- Board of Zoning Adjustments - Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent
- Westover Fire Department - Chief Micah Woodley - Absent
A handout was distributed to the Council with the Fire Department updates.

Mayor Riggins gave an update on the Fire Department Construction Project Status.

CALL TYPE	JUNE 2021
Structure Fires	0
Vehicle Fires	0
Brush/Wood Fires	0
Medical Complaints	22
Vehicle Accidents	4
Assists	4
Alarms	2
TOTAL	32

Equipment has started coming in from the Firehouse Subs Grant. We are installing the Fire/EMS skid unit in the UTV (Mule) this week.

Batteries are in for the two engines that have been deemed surplus and planning to install this week. Surplus sales should begin next week.

FEMA grants selection, scheduled to start April 30, 2021, completed the first round of awards on June 11, 2021. We have not received an acceptance or denial letter yet and there is still \$234,356, 991.00 to be awarded nationally. We should see another round of grants released this Friday.

State Retirement for the firemen. We have not heard back from RSA regarding our letter of inquiry into becoming a participating agency. Mayor Riggins waiting on a response back from the second completed questionnaire.

Construction for the Fire Station has begun with the addition of the shell almost being complete.

Mayor Riggins stated the fire hose tested is back on trucks today.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Riggins gave an update on the Mt. Tabor Annex. The front door has arrived and may be installed this week along with the ADA threshold being done. When complete, events and meetings may be held. There is one ADA bathroom complete. There is a lot of clean up needed in the fellowship hall of the building.

Councilmember Susan Lane asked if the parking lot has to be paved before we are able to have meetings and events. Mayor Riggins replied, no. He has received two bids that are extremely high.

Councilmember Wayne Jones asked if a cleanup date has been set. Mayor Riggins replied, no.

Mayor stated the Fire Department shell has been done on the renovations. There is a lot of things still inside the building to be cleaned up. The materials are arriving and will be stored in the bay at old fire station.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Riggins reported that there will be a Resolution #2021-07-06-2062 A Resolution to Amend the 2021 Budget recommended by the Auditors. The changes were given in out at Pre-meeting and will be discussed.

Mayor Riggins presented in the pre-meeting a temporary Amendment of the Order of Business to the Council Rules for the Special Called Council meeting to be held Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Mayor Riggins asked the Council if they had comments or recommendations. No one spoke.

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

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

Resolution #2021-07-06-2062 A Resolution to Amend the 2021 Budget. The proposed changes were given in a handout at pre-meeting. Clerk Meacham read Resolution #2021-07-06-2061 – A Resolution to Amend the 2021 Budget.

Mayor Riggins stated the Council Rules Statement "Request to be heard by or make presentation to the Council shall be presented, in writing, no less than five (5) business days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Council" be amended to read "shall be made to the Recording Clerk, prior opening of Public Hearing".

Mayor Riggins presented a temporary Amendment of the Order of Business to Council Rules for the Special Called Council meeting for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at New Life Assembly Church. To amend Section 6 as follows:

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Communications/Purpose of Meeting/Introduction of Time Keeper/Recorder
5. Public Hearing
6. Follow- Up From Council
7. Adjournment

Mayor Riggins read the statement to be amended regarding media and cameras to be changed to All media, cameras and recording devices are to be on the back row only.

Amend to "are to be located in the rear areas, so as not to obstruct vision to the speakers".

Councilmember Wayne Jones asked if we have a line of people, will there be a cut-off of number of people to register. Mayor Riggins replied, no. People will be able to register to register.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dr. Crisman to adopt the temporary amendments to the Order of Business as presented to the Council to apply to the Special Called Council Meeting for Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at New Life Assembly Church in Westover.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The motion to adopt the temporary amendments to the Order of Business as presented to the Council to apply to the Special Called Council Meeting only for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at New Life Assembly Church in Westover were adopted unanimously as presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones to adopt Resolution #2021-07-06-2021 A Resolution to Amend the 2021 Budget.

A second made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

Resolution #2021-07-06-2062 - A Resolution to Amend the 2021 Budget were adopted unanimously as presented. A copy will be included in these minutes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Susan Lane asked will a Deputy be assigned for the Special Council meeting July 13, 2021. Mayor Riggins replied, yes.

Councilmember Wayne Jones stated at the last Planning Commission meeting, he was absent, that Mr. Eddleman presented changes and drawings. These changes and drawings were sent back to Engineer regarding allies and turn around points. This may be presented at the August Planning Commission meeting along with changes.

Councilmember Susan Lane stated, there has been no work going on at the entrance to Pine Mountain from Highway 280. Mayor Riggins replied, waiting on the dirt to settle and all that they are going to finish is the ALDOT right of way portion and not going any further up the mountain and finish before the ALDOT deadline for permit.

Councilmember Susan Lane asked when the work will begin for the Traffic Signal on Highway 280/55. Mayor Riggins stated that another onsite date has been set for mid- July 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk – Treasurer