

**WESTOVER CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 3, 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 August 3, 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: Mayor Riggins, Councilmembers: Annette Tyler, Roberta Stamp, Wayne Jones, Susan Lane and Dr. Jay Crisman

Absent: None

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilmember Jay Crisman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins gave an update on the progress for the Mt. Tabor Annex. No progress over the last two weeks. We are waiting on a special order of panic bars for the front door. The two new glass double doors have been installed. The handicap ramp is built in the front of the building. We need two paved handicap parking spaces by the ramp. The parking lot needs to be paved. Mayor Riggins will be getting bids in hand and will bring to the next Council meeting or may be calling a short special Council meeting to vote on the bids.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Special Called meeting of July 13, 2021, held at New Life Assembly was presented at the pre-meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the Special Called Meeting minutes for July 13, 2021.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The Special Called meeting minutes of July 13, 2021 were adopted unanimously as presented.

The pre-meeting minutes of July 20, 2021 were presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the pre-meeting minutes of July 20, 2021.

A second was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The pre-meeting minutes of July 20, 2021 were adopted unanimously as presented.

The regular meeting minutes for July 20, 2021 were presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adopt the July 20, 2021 minutes as presented.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The regular meeting minutes of July 20, 2021 were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The June 2021 Year-to-Date Treasurer's Report was presented during the pre-meeting.

A motion made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the June 2021 Year-to-date Treasurer's Report.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The June 2021 Year-to-Date 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 would like to say a special “Thank You” to Pastor Britt for providing our venue at New Life Church, WestRover Water Sports for providing our lunch and Jeff Bird with Colonial Pipeline partnerships in Westover. Also, thankful that our David Wilson Memorial Scholarship recipient Kayla Maxwell could attend and we wish her the best of luck!

“Keep It Local It Matters”

Westover Newsletter – Be on the lookout for Our Westover digital newsletter. Thank You to Enviro-Systems for purchasing a year's worth of ads.

\$100.00 Full Page

\$ 50.00 Half Page

\$ 25.00 Quarter Page

Please contact slane@westoveralabama.org (Susan Lane) for information.

Public Safety – Shelby County Schools start back on Thursday, August 12, 2021, so please stop and be courteous to our school buses.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office has received reports of scam phone calls from individuals pretending to be a representative of the Sheriff's Office in an effort to solicit money from you. They will often “spook” or “fake” their phone number so the call appears to be coming from the Sheriff's Office or a similar government agency.

Remember, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office will never call and ask you for money over the phone. If you are ever unsure if the caller works for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, you can always hang up and call us back at (205) 670-6000. Please help share this information with friends and family members to prevent them from falling victim to this and other similar scams.

Please No Dumping. Let's Keep Westover Beautiful.

- B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler
Education - The CAPZO recertification class will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Public Relations – The Shelby County Chamber luncheon will be held this Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Old Mill Square Grand Hall in Columbiana.

Coffee with the Mayor of Columbiana will be held Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at the Grand Hall @ Old Mill Square in Columbiana. RSVP by August 25, 2021 to the Shelby County Chamber.
- C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler
Library – No Report

Senior Program – No Report
- D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones – No Report
Annexation – No Report

Zoning – The Planning Commission is working on a Rezoning project that is tabled and will be having a workshop soon.
- E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman
Public Health - Dr. Crisman stated the new Delta variant is not more dangerous than the first COVID 19, but it is more infectious. Vaccines are widely available at no cost.
Safety – Everyone be safe and do not let your guard down regarding COVID 19. Continue to use precautions.
- F. SUBDIVISIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Roberta Stamp
Subdivisions – Yellowleaf Subdivision was presented to the Planning Commission. Two final plats were approved. They also submitted their street bond and sidewalk bond. A public hearing for the Brasher Rezoning Case was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. This case was tabled until after a work session is held with the Planning Commission and then will be brought back to the next Planning Commission meeting.

Economic Development – No Report

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- Governmental Utilities Services Corporation - Councilmember Annette Tyler
The GUSC Board Meeting will be held Thursday, August 26, 2021, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission – Chairman Ed Stowell – Absent
Mayor Riggins reported the Main project is the potential for a subdivision on Highway 55/280. This is tabled and a work session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and notices will be posted. Notices will be posted tonight. Do not have to send certified notices to adjoining neighbors or neighborhoods. After the work session, and it is decided to present to the Council, then the adjoining neighbors will be sent certified mail of the meeting and will do public notice.
- Attorney – Mr. William Justice – Absent
Mayor Riggins reported that Mr. Justice has been notified to research what qualifies for the American Rescue Funds with infrastructure improvements such as sewer extension and broadband improvements.
- Board of Zoning – Chairman Stephen Floyd – Absent - No Report
- Westover Fire Department - Chief Micah Woodley

FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2021 REPORT		
CALL TYPE	JULY 2021	JULY 2020
Structure Fires	0	1
Vehicle Fires	0	0
Brush/Woods Fires	0	0
Medical Complaints	19	14
Vehicle Accidents	5	0
Assists	6	7
Alarms	2	1
TOTAL	32	23

Chief Woodley reported the air packs that were ordered came in and were placed in service. Gear still has about two months until completed. The firefighters are very happy with the upgrade equipment and would like to extend a thank you to the Council and Mayor for approving this purchase. This is a major step in improving the health and safety of our firefighters operating in hazardous environments.

Equipment is continuing to arrive from the Firehouse Subs Grant. We have completed the install on the Fire/EMS skid unit in the UTV (Mule).

Batteries have been installed in the 1989 E-One and it is ready for surplus sale. We are having issues getting the cab raised to replace the batteries in the 1994 Spartan. This has delayed the surplus sales, but we hope to have them on auction by mid-August 2021. We are attempting to get the old volunteer rescue truck running to add value prior to auction.

FEMA grants selection released a second round on July 30, 2021. We have not received an acceptance or denial letter yet. We should see another round of grants released this Friday.

Construction at the fire station is ongoing with plumbing for the laundry and ADA completed today. The concrete for the front parking area is planned for this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update - Mt Tabor Annex: Mayor Riggins gave an update in Communications. One written bid from Massey Bid \$58,000.00 paving

Update - Fire Department Construction Project Status – Chief Woodley gave an update in Fire Department report.

Update - CAPZO Re-Certification Class: Councilmember Annette Tyler gave an update in the Education report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Mayor Riggins gave an update on the Traffic Light on Highway 280/55. Stone & Sons began working on the installation of traffic light this week.

Mayor Riggins commented that the CSX Train blocked traffic yesterday. There was no notification to the Mayor or the Fire Department. There is a 1-800 number posted near the train track for citizens to call when the train is blocking traffic. These calls to CSX are being tracked so please call the 1-800 number.

Councilmember Susan Lane suggested getting the CSX 1-800 number printed on business size cards to hand out to citizens due to the fact the phone number posted on a sign is hard to read when you are in traffic. Mrs. Lane will get a quote on these cards.

Mayor Riggins stated the CSX railroad is much better about train stopping and blocking traffic as in the past.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones to adjourn.

A second made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk - Treasurer