

**Westover City Council  
MINUTES  
January 7, 2020**

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 January 7, 2020.

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

**Call To Order**

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call** – Clerk Meacham

**In Attendance were:** Mayor Larry Riggins, Councilmembers Susan Lane, Roberta Stamp, Annette Tyler, Dr. Jay Crisman & Wayne Jones

**Absent:** None

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Councilmember Jay Crisman.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Riggins reported that the City was productive in 2019. There have been 12 houses demolished during the City Council's term. Thank you to the City Council for their support and approval of the demolitions. Repairs of park lights were done. The appearance of our City is improving.

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

The minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt the December 17, 2019 minutes as presented and a second made by Councilmember Susan Lane. The December 17, 2020 minutes was adopted unanimously as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt the November 2019, Treasurer's Report as presented. A second motion made by Councilmember Annette Tyler. The November 2019 Treasurer's Report was adopted unanimously as presented.

The December Treasurer's Report will be presented at our next City Council meeting.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane  
The Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be held Thursday, January 23rd, from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. at Servpro. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Brian Lay, District Manager for Dollar General. No RSVP, No membership, and No charge for Lunch.

The Birmingham Boat Show will be held at the BJCC, Thursday, January 23rd - 26th, check the websites for times. Skiers Marine and Rambo will both be there.

PUBLIC SAFETY - The Shelby County EMA offers residents a new emergency alert system. This system is called Shelby Alerts. You can put in your five most frequent locations. You will only receive an alert if the emergency is in your area. Weather alerts if your location is within the polygon. When you sign up there are different time zones because it's a world wide company. Please sign up at The Shelby County EMA website.

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

- B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

EDUCATION - The Planning Commission members are being updated for 2020 along with certifications and re-certifications. Planning to schedule a class to be held at City Hall.

The Westover Day In The Park, meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Luncheon will be held Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at Old Mill in Columbiana. RSVP is needed.

The Annual Legislative Delegation Preview Luncheon will be held January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Pelham Civic Complex. RSVP at 205-663-4542.

- C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler - No Report

- D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones –  
A property on Highway 51 is in the process stage for annexation and will be a great addition to the City.
- E. PUBLIC HEALTH – Councilmember Jay Crisman  
National Glaucoma Health is recognized this month. For more information contact National Eye Institute and [nei.nih.gov](http://nei.nih.gov).

January is also Thyroid Awareness Month. Thyroid issues can cause weight gain or weight loss. For more information [thyroidawareness.com](http://thyroidawareness.com)

Local Emergency Rooms are having numerous patients with respiratory problems. If you are sick with a fever please stay home to take precaution to not spread to others.

- F. SUBDIVISIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Councilmember Roberta Stamp - No Report

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Census 2020 Liason – Roberta Stamp - It is getting close to the Census. We will begin posting information and the first notification will go out in March 2020.

**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 ADJUSTMENTS – Chairman Stephen Boyd - Absent

**Old Business:**

Volunteer Fire Assets Update – Mayor Riggins reported waiting on a judgement from The State Attorney General’s office and Judge Moore.

Demolition update – There are none at the present time. In this council’s term, twelve structures has been taken down in the City of Westover. Citizens are taking care of their properties.

Fire Department - Micah Woodley - Reported there was an increase in calls for

the City of Westover for 2019. Brush fires were up by 59%. House fires up by 29%.

The deadline for the Fire Department grant will be in February 2020.

**New Business:**

Mayor announced there will be a Called Council Work Session for review of the Fire Department grant proposal. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting information will be posted for the City of Westover Citizens.

**READING OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

None

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

Clerk Meacham read Ordinance #2020-01-07-1014 - An ordinance amending the Compensation For Mayor and Council Members was presented. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones. A second from Councilmember Annette Tyler. A role call vote was taken to suspend the rules on Ordinance #2020-01-07-1014 and Councilmembers Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, Mayor Riggins, Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp and Dr. Jay Crisman voted yes unanimously to suspend the rules.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-01-07-1014, an Ordinance to Amend The Compensation For Mayor and Council Members was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp. A second by Councilmember Annette Tyler. A role call vote was taken to adopt Ordinance #2020-01-07-1014 and Councilmembers Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, Mayor Riggins, Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp and Dr. Jay Crisman voted yes, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Clerk Meacham read Resolution #2020-01-02-2028, a Resolution Providing For a Severe Weather Preparedness Sales and Use Tax Holiday For Covered Items For 2020. A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adopt Resolution #2020-01-02-2028 and a second by Councilmember Susan Lane. A voice vote was taken to adopt Resolution #2020-01-02-2028 and was adopted unanimously.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

The Alabama Municipal Journal has a picture with an article of Councilor Jordan-Smith from Vincent and Councilor Susan Lane from Westover promoting The 2020 Census.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wayne Jones to adjourn. A second from Councilmember Susan Lane. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Larry Riggins, Mayor

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Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk-Treasurer