

Westover City Council
MINUTES
May 5th, 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 May 5th, 2020.

Call To Order

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Clerk Meacham

Upon roll call, the Mayor declared a quorum present by those in Chamber and on Video Conference and the regular session opened for transaction of business.

In Attendance were: Mayor Larry Riggins, Councilmembers Susan Lane, Annette Tyler, Wayne Jones, Roberta Stamp

Absent: Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mayor Larry Riggins.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was dispensed with due to having virtual meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS - Mayor announced this City Council meeting is being held via Zoom video conferencing. This is a public meeting and is being held at Westover City Hall. The meeting and agenda is posted on our bulletin board outside of City Hall. The public is invited to attend but must abide by the order from Governor Kay Ivey to maintain social distancing. The social distancing limit inside is ten people and the six foot social distancing is expected. This information is posted on the door at City Hall.

No one is in the City Hall Chambers at this time, only Mayor Riggins.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The April 21st, 2020, meeting minutes were presented with corrections.

A motion to adopt the Minutes of April 21st, 2020, with corrections, was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The minutes of April 21st, 2020, was adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for March 2020 was presented.

A motion to adopt the March 2020 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The March 2020, Treasurer's Report, was adopted unanimously as presented.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Susan Lane

Business Development

The next Westover Business Alliance luncheon meeting will be held July 23rd.

Susan is contacting businesses in our area during this COVID-19 pandemic, by emails, texts, phone calls and sending out cards. Some of the businesses have re-opened.

Public Safety

Remember our public safety personnel that are essential workers during this pandemic.

Mayor reported that Congressman Gary Palmer stated that Alabama just received another 1.9 billion dollars in Federal Aid above the first round of COVID-19 aid. In the first round of Federal Aid for Alabama there was \$750,000.00 requested by businesses and the funds ran out. The 1.9 billion dollars should supply the needs for the business requests. This is good news.

B. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Education - No Report

Public Relations

Shelby County Chamber has postponed all events until Governor Kay Ivey speaks May 15th, 2020 with updated information.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Library - The Westover Library remains closed at this time. Maybe will re-open by May 15th. Some libraries are open and abiding by the social distancing and providing areas for hand washing and keeping the areas sanitized.

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 SPECIAL COMMITTEE

CENSUS 2020 - Councilmember Roberta Stamp

On Thursday, April 30th, 2020, Roberta Stamp joined the 2020 Census participation video conference with Governor Kay Ivey and Director Kenneth Boswell. Alabama needs to reach 80% to maintain current representation. The Governor appreciates that Shelby County is doing well. Alabama needs to have 80% participation to keep all of our congressional seats. If Alabama only has 72% we will lose one of our congressional seats, less than that, there is a chance we will lose two congressional seats.

As of Monday, May 4th, 2020, Alabama's response rate was 54.8%, Shelby County's response rate is 68.8% and Westover's response rate was 67%.

The National Census Bureau will send Field Representatives door-to-door to collect census data beginning Wednesday, May 6th, 2020.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- GOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES SERVICES CORPORATION –Councilmember Annette Tyler - No Report
- PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Randy Wiggins - Absent
Mayor Riggins reported there is one small subdivision at this time. Planning a Work Session for revising Westover Subdivision rules and regulations.
- ATTORNEY – Mr. William Justice – Absent
- BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS – Chairman Stephen Floyd - Absent
- WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Micah Woodley - Absent
Mayor Riggins reported that the Westover Fire Department received a \$1000.00 grant from Walmart to be used to buy equipment. The FEMA grants have been postponed by one month, so bids will be opening in June instead of May.

Old Business:

The Paving Projects - The specs and bids will be presented at our next City Council meeting. Everyone will need to be present in the City Hall Chamber to vote and we will abide by the order given by Governor Kay Ivey, such as social distancing and all safety measures.

New Business: None

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

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

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Susan Lane announced that the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce is selling tee-shirts for \$25.00 and \$15.00 of the money will go toward supporting Shelby County's businesses.

Councilmember Wayne Jones told everyone to be careful and be safe.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler to adjourn.

A second made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk-Treasurer