

Minutes of the Westover Town Council March 7, 2006

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westover, Alabama is held in the Town of Westover, Town Hall in Westover, Alabama at 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2006, at the regular place for such regular sessions.

Upon roll call, the Mayor declares a Quorum present and the regular session open for transaction of business.

In attendance are: Councilmembers: Jeanne Champion Fisch, Larry Riggins, Susan Strickland, Annette Tyler, and Mayor Mark McLaughlin

ABSENT: Ed Bahr

Invocation: Rev. T.W. Wood, Pastor-Spiritual Life Worship Center, and Mayor McLaughlin leading the Pledge of Allegiance

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor McLaughlin reads the council's disclaimer:

The Town Council of Westover thanks you for attending tonight's meeting and would like to remind everyone the following:

Anyone desiring to be on the agenda will notify the Mayor no later than ten business days prior to the following scheduled meeting. All guests are limited to three minutes unless extended by a majority of the Council. All guest speakers will speak only to the subject scheduled on the agenda. Any questions or clarifications will be addressed to the Mayor and the ruling of the Mayor will be final. Again, thank you for attending and your understanding, patience and cooperation. We look forward to a productive meeting.

The Mayor announces the following:

Preliminary park work is continuing. Park and Rec. Committee has made recommendations for a plan "A", and plan "B", contingent on the amount of land obtained for use.

Library hours have changed.

Remember the town's website

Remember the Town Voicemail system and option 3 for announcements.

Alagasco is installing gas line in town.

There is a large annexation interest at this time.

Public Safety Committee is working on report for FEMA concerning flood plains and flood insurance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Mayor presents the minutes from the February, 21, 2006, regular meeting. Councilmember Riggins moves to accept minutes as presented, and Councilmember Tyler seconds motion. No discussion. A voice vote is taken and Mayor McLaughlin declares motion passing with unanimous vote.

The vote is as follows:

YEAS: Champion Fisch, Riggins, Strickland, Tyler, and McLaughlin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bahr

FINANCE REPORT – Clerk Jones-No report at tonight’s meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Riggins-Last month annexed approx. 1400 acres on south side of U.S. 280 belonging to Westervelt. Master plan presented at the last Planning Commission meeting and there are 6 parks being presented at this time in that plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Strickland-Have tried to contact FEMA and they are not returning phone calls.

Sheriff’s Report- Given by McLaughlin- Sheriff’s report for the month of February with total calls of 33 total calls for service with 32 for Public contact.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - Councilmember Tyler-Education- read information from the “No Child Left Behind” program concerning Chelsea Middle School and how they were the only middle school in Shelby County to make progress on the writing assessment.

Public Relations-April 13th will be “Coffee with the Mayor” at Westover.

Seniors program will be Wednesday March 15th at 10:00a.m. and the theme is “Springtime”.

Library- Summer Reading Program kicks off June 10th and the theme is “Once Upon a Time.” The program will be held at the library.

SUBDIVISION AND ZONING - Councilmember Champion Fisch-Carden Crest has requested 5 more building permits.

PUBLIC WORKS - Councilmember Bahr-Absent

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation: Councilmember Bahr- Absent

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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Chair, Mr. Larry Riggins- No report tonight.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Michael Sampsell- Not in attendance.

HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

Historical Commission- Councilmember Tyler-No report for tonight

Beautification- The Beautification Board held a meeting March 4, and projects were discussed to welcome new residents and also yard work for the elderly. This can be incorporated into the school program where the local students can earn community service hours.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Butch Ellis not present tonight.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mrs. Vickie Alexander- Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet Thursday at 6:30p.m.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Councilmember Riggins moves to read the contract to approve assistance to help forward Progress 280. Councilmember Tyler seconds motion to read the letter asking for assistance in funding of this project. The letter is read at length by Clerk Jones.

Councilmember Riggins asks if there were an attachment showing the funding request of other towns.

Councilmember Strickland asks when letter was received. The mayor stated it was recently, since the last meeting.

Councilmember Riggins asks to see a breakdown on funding when available. Councilmember Riggins moves with a second from Champion Fisch to allocate \$500.00 for funding of this project. Due to allocation of funds this will be taken up at the next meeting.

Councilmember Riggins moves to read the Alabama Department of Transportation agreement for the installation and maintenance of special directional and /or political boundary signs municipal governments. This is for the moving of the Welcome to Westover sign. Clerk Jones reads agreement at length.

Councilmember Riggins moves to layover this agreement for further discussion. The current agreement with the state may be amended and this agreement not needed. A second is given by Councilmember Tyler. Due to no discussion a vote was taken to lay over to next meeting the discussion of this topic. Motion passing with unanimous vote.

Jeanne Champion Fisch moves to amend budget with Riggins' second to allow allocation of \$1,000.00 in funds to Owens House.

Discussion – The auditor recommended that the budget be amended when funds are allocated that are not budgeted. Motion passes with unanimous vote to amend budget.

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

Mr. Tim Guthrie
11145 Hwy 55
Westover, AL 35147

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Addresses the council and presents a petition to the mayor and council concerning the riding of motocross cycles and four wheelers on a newly constructed track on private property. Asking that the council pass an ordinance to control the use of this track due to excessive dust and noise. Mr. Guthrie also presented a video tape to show the dust situation.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

The mayor presents and asks for the first reading of a Resolution for the installation, maintenance and/or landscaping for special directional or political boundary signs. The clerk reads the proposed resolution at length. This to be held till the next meeting and presented again.

ORDINANCE

None

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month is read into the minutes by clerk Jones.

Councilmember Riggins moves to adopt and Tyler seconds.

Being no discussion, the mayor puts the motion on the floor and a vote is taken. The mayor declares the motion passing with unanimous vote.

A proclamation to express the gratitude of the town to the participants in the inaugural Christmas Parade is read at length by the clerk. Councilmember Tyler moves to accept with a second by Riggins. The motion is put to a vote and passes with unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

Being no comments, additional new business or committee reports, Councilmember Riggins moves to adjourn and second is by Councilmember Tyler. Motion to adjourn carries by unanimous vote of members. After vote is taken, Mayor McLaughlin announces that The Council stands adjourned. The next regular session is

on Tuesday, which is, March 21, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at the Westover Town Hall and pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Vote to adjourn is as follows:

YEAS: Bahr, Champion Fisch, Riggins, Strickland, Tyler, and Mayor McLaughlin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bahr

Submitted by,

Town Clerk

Mayor, Mark McLaughlin