

Minutes of the Westover Town Council

May 19, 2009

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 May 19, 2009, 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, Andrea Hunter, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, and Mayor Mark McLaughlin

ABSENT: Sam Mann

Invocation: Councilmember Larry Riggins, followed by 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 five 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:

Contact for inquiry or construction questions for water line and fire hydrant work ongoing along hwy 55 through Westover is 205-670-6540. Hwy 55 work is ongoing and the next phase will be Shelby County Highway 280.

Fire Station site work is ongoing, with property secured near Carden Crest on Shelby County 280. Survey work is being completed and the deed should be prepared by the next council meeting.

Mr. Randall Walden, President of Walden General contractors gives an overview of the storm shelter installation and timeline on installation.

The modular will arrive Thursday morning and should be installed by noon or just afterwards. Approximately one week needed to complete installation and hookup of shelter to the utilities.

Councilmember Tyler asks if contacts with Alabama Power has been contacted for power hookup

Councilmember Hunter acknowledges the hard work of Councilmember Champion Fisch in securing the funding and making the arrangements for the storm shelter.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

No minutes from May 5, 2009 presented for approval.

FINANCE REPORT

Clerk Jones-No Report

Reports of Standing Committees

ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT -Councilmember Riggins-No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY -Councilmember Mann-Absent

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS -Councilmember Tyler-

May 21, 2009, there will be an Open House and Ribbon Cutting at The White House in Westover from 5 until 8p.m.

The Seniors will be travelling to Calera on Wednesday for the "Senior Picnic". 16 seniors from Westover are registered to attend.

Registration for the Westover and Chelsea Summer Reading programs will be May 31st, from 2 until 4 p.m., at the Westover Park.

SUBDIVISION AND ZONING-Councilmember Champion Fisch-Continuing to approve construction in the subdivisions of Westover

REVENUES AND BUDGET-Councilmember Hunter-No Report

PUBLIC WORKS-No report

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:-Councilmember Champion Fisch-No Report

Special Committee on Storm Shelter and Weather Siren:
Report presented earlier in the meeting by Mr. Randall Walden

Special Committee on Library and Town hall Expansion:
Councilmember Tyler-Library work is ongoing. Expect completion within next two weeks.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

GUSC

Chair, Mr. Larry Riggins-No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Buzz Ingle-Absent

HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

Historical Society-Tyler-No Report

Beautification-Tyler-No Report

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Bill Justice-Absent

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Chair, Roberta Stamp-No Report

WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Honeycutt presents report on fire department. ADEM has enacted the No Burn Order, effective May first through the end of October.

Selected a coordinator for the Westover Fire Department Volunteer Program and this is Mr. Norman Poe. He is a former fire chief in Shelby County and has experience working with volunteers and will be an asset to the program. June 11th at 6:30 p.m. will be the first weekly meeting of the program.

Wal-Mart Corporation has presented the Municipal Fire Department with a \$1000.00 grant to use to purchase fire/smoke detectors to be installed in homes in Westover. The department will purchase the detectors and batteries and will install the units in the home of qualified persons.

Shelby County Fire and EMS Council has donated a cardiac monitor and this is a more advanced piece of equipment than was previously used.

Old Business:

Alatax contract is still being reviewed by the Legal Department

New Business:

Councilmember Riggins with a second from Councilmember Champion Fisch moves to contribute \$500.00 to the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind.

Motion put to a voice vote and passes with unanimous vote.

Councilmember Champion Fisch with a second from Councilmember Riggins moves to participate in State Sales Tax Holiday. Discussion- Date is from August 7th to August 9th. Question called and put to a voice vote. Motion passes with unanimous vote.

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

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

A Resolution providing for a Sales and Use Tax Holiday for Covered Items for 2009 is brought before the council. No request for the reading of the resolution.

Councilmember Riggins with a second by Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt the resolution. Discussion-Councilmember Riggins states that the details were brought out earlier in discussion.

Being no further discussion the motion is put to a voice vote and passes with unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Shelby County Community Services Coordinator is asking for help in building a wheelchair ramp for an area resident. A local church has taken on the project and is seeking volunteers to help with the labor. See Mayor McLaughlin for further details.

Councilmember Riggins requests that the date of the project be posted on the website.

Councilmember Riggins with a second from Councilmember Hunter moves to adjourn.

The motion is put to a vote and motion carries with unanimous vote. The mayor declares council adjourned.

Submitted by,

Clerk, Wayne Jones

Mayor, Mark McLaughlin