

# Minutes of the Westover Town Council

## June 16, 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 June 16, 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, Samuel Mann, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, and Mayor Mark McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** None

Invocation: Councilmember Samuel Mann, 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.

Fire Station site work is ongoing. The property deed is being worked on with the developer and Councilmember Champion-Fisch and Chief Honeycutt and should be presented to the town shortly.

Mayor McLaughlin reports that minor budget worksheet changes are being made and will be given at next meeting.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

May 5, 2009 minutes submitted for approval. Councilmember Riggins with a second from Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt the May 5 minutes. Being no discussion the minutes are adopted by unanimous vote.

June 2, 2009 minutes submitted for approval. Councilmember Mann with a second from Councilmember Riggins moves to adopt the June 2 minutes. Being no discussion the minutes are adopted by unanimous vote.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Clerk Jones-No Report

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

**ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT** -Councilmember Riggins-No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY** -Councilmember Mann-no Report

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS** -Councilmember Tyler-

Summer Reading Program ongoing at Chelsea Public Library

Seniors-Art classes being taught by Sandy Johnson will begin tomorrow and there will be two classes in June, and will continue on into July.

Blood Drive set for July and the date is to be determined

**SUBDIVISION AND ZONING**-Councilmember Champion Fisch-Continuing to approve zoning verifications and foundation surveys in the subdivisions.

**REVENUES AND BUDGET**-Councilmember Hunter-Treasurer's Report will be given at the second meeting of each month due to balancing the bank accounts.

**PUBLIC WORKS**–No report

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Parks and Recreation:**-Councilmember Champion Fisch-No Report

**Special Committee on Storm Shelter and Weather Siren:**  
Work is ongoing on these projects

**Special Committee on Library and Town hall Expansion:**  
Councilmember Tyler-Library work is ongoing. June 19, should be the completion date with final inspection and walk through to be that day.

**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-Meeting planned for this past weekend was cancelled due to no electricity at the town hall because of storm the day before. The Beautification Board meeting is scheduled to a later date.

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mr. Bill Justice-Absent

**BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**

Chair, Roberta Stamp-No Report

**WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Honeycutt-Absent

**Old Business:**

Alatax contract is still being reviewed by the Legal Department

**New Business:**

None

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

None

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

None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Riggins-reports on the Westover Municipal Fire Department's Volunteer Program, that began on June 11, 2009, with approximately 8 volunteers. Three in attendance are looking to start a fire fighter career and will begin with the Westover Volunteer Program.

The training meetings are on Thursday nights at 6:30p.m.

Councilmember Riggins-Sylacauga and Talladega are working with a community garden to teach younger people gardening ideas and it lets the older generation in the community pass on knowledge to the younger generation. Would be interested in starting a community garden next year. Looking for volunteers and land for the garden.

Councilmember Tyler-If anyone has additional garden vegetables or fruits please bring them to the town hall on Wednesdays and they will be shared with the seniors who do not have a garden.

Mayor McLaughlin-The Volunteer Program's application is on the town's website.

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

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

Submitted by,

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Clerk, Wayne Jones

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Mayor, Mark McLaughlin