

## Minutes of the Westover Town Council July 5, 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 July 05, 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: Councilmember Riggins, with 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:

Library is a tremendous asset to the town.

Work is continuing on weather siren and it is to be installed shortly.

FEMA, Neighborhood Watch, COPS programs are being worked on by the Public Safety Committee. We are in a 1 year compliance time and the council is waiting on a report to meet the requirements required of them by FEMA to become compliant with this program.

Progress 280 Access Management Plan discussions are still in works & the plan mirrors the town's comprehensive plan.

Mark Strickland is the webmaster of the town's website -  
[www.westoveralabama.org](http://www.westoveralabama.org)

Use voicemail, 205-678-3375 for messages from the town.

Council interrupted at this time by audience member and then council meeting resumes.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Mayor presents the minutes from the June 20, 2006, regular meeting of the council. Councilmember Tyler moves to accept minutes as presented, and Councilmember Champion Fisch seconds motion. Being no discussion, the vote is taken and Mayor McLaughlin declares motion passing with a majority vote.

The vote is as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Bahr

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Clerk Jones-No report to present at this meeting.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

**ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT** -Councilmember Riggins- No report tonight.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** - Councilmember Strickland-The fire department is still in need of volunteers. Will continue to work toward contacting FEMA and prepare the information for the council.

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

Education-October 4, 2006 is the next Elected Officials Training Program for the mayor and council to obtain necessary CMO credit hours to become a Certified Municipal Officer; this will be held at the Birmingham Marriott.

Public Relations-July 7, 2006, at 1:30, the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a ribbon cutting at the White House in Westover, Alabama, due to the building being under new ownership.

The Summer Reading Program for the Westover Library is in its 4<sup>th</sup> week and there are 32 children enrolled in the program. The McWane Center will be presenting the program July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Senior's Program- July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am and the Donna Dewberry One Stroke Painting will be taught. Also, it will be bring a covered dish lunch.

**SUBDIVISION AND ZONING** - Councilmember Champion Fisch-presents a report on the number of housing starts and completions in the subdivisions.

Carden Crest- 2 houses sold, 1 under contract, 5 under construction, and 2 lots being graded.

Chelsea Square- 2 completed houses and 1 under construction

**PUBLIC WORKS** - Councilmember Bahr-Absent.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Parks and Recreation:** Councilmember Bahr- Absent

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

##### **GUSC**

Chair, Mr. Larry Riggins-No Report

##### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chair, Michael Sampsell- Absent

#### **HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD**

*Historical Commission-* Councilmember Tyler attended the unveiling of the time capsule in the Shelby County Courthouse. The documents will be displayed in the archives museum of the Historical Society in the former Shelby County Courthouse.

Beautification- Next Beautification Board will meet July 8, 2006, at 10 a.m. This date is chosen due to the regular meeting time falling prior to a holiday when people will be out of town.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mr. Butch Ellis not present tonight.

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Board Chair Roberta Stamp- report presented by Jeanelle Bennet- Discussed 2 items of business at the last meeting with the first item being, approving a special exception zoning for a landscape business at 7919 County Hwy 51.

Looked at sign verbiage as requested by the Shelby County Development Services which will allow sign placement in certain areas where the land terrain did not meet the sign code.

### **Old Business:**

Motion to research and assign charges to town documents (Ordinances, Resolutions, Minutes, Etc.) Work is still being done on this project.

Councilmember Strickland suggests having this information on the website. The mayor is working with the web master to test this system for such use.

This will lay over to the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

Motion to Approve Weather Siren payment and amend the budget to reflect Weather Siren payment approval. Motion presented by Councilmember Riggins and a second by Councilmember Tyler.

Councilmember Riggins states the expenditure has been approved at a previous meeting and this motion will be to amend the budget.

Councilmember Riggins moves to suspend the rules and a second is given by Councilmember Champion Fisch. Being no discussion the motion to suspend is put to a roll call vote. The vote is as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Bahr

The mayor declared the motion to suspend the rules passes.

At this time, there is a roll call vote on the motion to amend the budget and the motion carries. The vote is as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Bahr

Motion to amend the budget to pay Alabama Power for monthly service for the Traffic Beacon at Highway 55 and U.S. 280. Motion is presented by Councilmember Riggins and a second by Councilmember Tyler. Being no discussion Councilmember Champion Fisch moves to suspend the rules and a second is offered by Councilmember Riggins.

Councilmember Riggins states the payment for the electricity usage has been approved at a prior meeting.

At this time, there is a roll call vote on the motion to suspend the rules, and the motion carries. The vote is as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Bahr

Being no further discussion on the motion to amend the budget, a roll call vote is taken and the motion passes with the vote as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Bahr

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

None

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

None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Riggins thanks Councilmember Strickland for work on the FEMA information.

Councilmember Tyler with a second by Councilmember Champion Fisch moves to adjourn. The motion is put to a vote and motion carries with unanimous vote. The council is adjourned until July 18, 2006.

Submitted by,

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Town Clerk

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Mayor, Mark McLaughlin