

## Minutes of the Westover Town Council September 15, 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 September 15, 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:** Council Members, Jeanne Champion Fisch, Andrea Hunter, Samuel Mann, Larry Riggins, Annette Tyler, and Mayor Mark McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** None

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

The new fire station site is finalized and work will begin shortly on the weather siren.

Week of September 17-23 is Constitution Week. The Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have requested a mayoral proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17-23, as Constitution Week

The main concerns by residents are loose animals, and un-kept yards. The mayor also asks for help in identifying un-kept yards.

The Mayor asks for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Riggins states that it is time that The Council begins to work on nuisance ordinances addressing junk cars, abandoned houses, unsafe electrical issues, and other issues.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

September 1, 2009 minutes submitted for approval. Councilmember Tyler with a second from Councilmember Riggins moves to adopt the minutes as presented. Being no discussion the minutes are adopted by unanimous vote.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Clerk Jones-No Report

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

**ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT** -Council Member Riggins-No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY** -Council Member Mann-No Report

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**-Council Member Tyler-

Public Relations-The Shelby County Commission is funding a program through the Shelby County Library System presenting Melinda Mills of Learning Through Song at the Westover Town Hall/Senior Center on September 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

September 29, 2009, 5-7p.m. will be the ribbon cutting and reopening of the Westover Library. Refreshments will be served.

All libraries in the state of Alabama will be participating in "The Big Read", in 2010, whereby each library will have a reading program to read "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer". Westover's program will begin on October 2010 at The Town Council.

**SUBDIVISION AND ZONING**-Council Member Champion Fisch-continuing to approve zoning and foundation surveys for building in the subdivisions in Westover

**REVENUES AND BUDGET**-Council Member Hunter-No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS**-No report

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

**Parks and Recreation**:-Council Member Champion Fisch-No Report

**Special Committee on Storm Shelter and Weather Siren**:-  
Council member Champion Fisch-No Report

**Special Committee on Library and Town hall Expansion**: Council Member Tyler-Expansion is complete and other items will be purchased as funds permit.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

##### **GUSC**

Chair, Council Member 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-Absent

**WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Honeycutt–Have two resolutions to present later in the meeting.

**Old Business:**

Alatax contract is still being reviewed by the Legal Department and Alatax

**New Business:**

None

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

None

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

The mayor asks that a Resolution Recognizing the Contributions of Captain Jeff Muzer be read at length into the minutes. After the reading of the resolution, Councilmember Riggins with a second from Councilmember Tyler moves to adopt. Being no discussion the motion is put to a roll call vote and passes with unanimous vote.

AYES: Champion Fisch, Hunter, Mann, McLaughlin, Riggins, Tyler

NAYS: None

Councilmember Riggins with a second from Councilmember Champion Fisch moves to adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Contributions Captain Jerry Payne as though it were read into the minutes, as it is identical to the previous one read with only a name change. Also, both are to be read at length at the presentation. Being no further discussion the motion is put to a roll call vote and passes with unanimous vote.

AYES: Champion Fisch, Hunter, Mann, McLaughlin, Riggins, Tyler

NAYS: None

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Riggins announces that there have been two parcels of property offered for the community garden. Riggins will check these 2 properties for access and location and will break the ground when necessary.

Mayor McLaughlin announces there are several annexations pending and that he will forward requests to Councilmember Riggins for his review.

Councilmember Tyler announces that the Westover Lions Club has received its charter and the first fund raiser will be selling of pecans and peanuts. The club is looking at moving the meetings to evenings to accommodate members who cannot attend meeting during the day.

Councilmember Larry Riggins with a second from Councilmember Mann moves to adjourn.

Being no discussion, 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