

Minutes of the Westover Town Council

November 3, 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 November 3, 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, Andrea Hunter, 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:

The Mayor stated there have been inquiries concerning trash and properties not being kept. Mayor asks for written details in order to address problems.

There has been recent local press about fire department coverage area and responsibilities of The Westover Volunteer Fire Department, and the Westover Municipal Fire Department. There are maps at the Westover Municipal Fire Department and the Mayor's Office so people can view the coverage areas. The municipal fire department responds to calls within the city limits.

If there is annexation concerns please contact Councilmember Larry Riggins. Several annexation procedures are working at this time.

Need volunteers to participate in the Christmas Parade organization and also the day of the Christmas Parade

Clerk, Fire Chief and Mayor are having weekly staff meetings to discuss daily operations of the town and daily communication is mandatory.

Procedures are being developed for town's operation and will be presented to the council.

Voice mail is handled through the town hall and is ringing through to the proper extension.

Website is changing daily and updates are being made.

The Mayor's personal assistant has recently lost her husband due to illness.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 15, 2009 minutes submitted for approval. Councilmember Riggins with a second from Councilmember Mann moves to adopt the minutes as presented. Being no discussion the minutes are adopted by unanimous vote.

October 6, 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.

October 20, 2009 minutes submitted for approval. Councilmember Mann with a second from Councilmember Tyler 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-

Education-The GED classes are ongoing at the Westover Public Library and several people are enrolled in the program.

Public Relations-The first Friday in December will be the regular Reading With Santa program and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The parade is December 12th and volunteers are needed.

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 concerning the storm shelter.

Weather siren bid in place and working to obtain siren.

Special Committee on Library and Town hall Expansion: Council Member Tyler-working to obtain computer access for the library. Wiring is being done now.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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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-No Report

WESTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Honeycutt–Presented brief report on call volume.

Mr. Aaron Vines, one of the volunteers has recently completed fire fighter school.

Old Business:

The Alatax contract is pending with Alatax

New Business:

None

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

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Riggins moves to adopt Ordinance Amending Council Rules and Procedures asking that the changes to the rules be read into the minutes. A second is given by Councilmember Champion Fisch to read sections 5, 8, 26 & 27 into the minutes.

Councilmember Riggins with a second by Councilmember Champion Fisch moves to suspend the rules of order to act upon ordinance. 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

Rules are suspended.

Councilmember Riggins with a second by Councilmember Hunter moves to adopt proposed ordinance. 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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Champion Fisch states that October Tales was a success.

Councilmember Hunter asks if the city's volunteer fireman will get recognition in the news concerning his graduation and the newspaper will be contacted concerning this.

Mayor announces that the 2010 Census is being advertised and he has posters to display concerning the census. These are to remind the citizens that the Census is near and they should participate

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,

Clerk, Wayne Jones

Mayor, Mark McLaughlin