

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting, February 4, 2013 at 6:00PM at the Leeds Civic Center, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03PM. Councilmembers Kenneth Washington, Eric Turner, Johnny Dutton, Craig Wadsworth and Devoris Roscha Ragland were present.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Valerie Stern gave the invocation.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes from Council meeting on January 22, 2013 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner. The motion passed with all present voting yes.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a) **Resolution 2013-01-01 Regarding Municipal Courts Professional Fees.** Motion to table the Resolution until the city audit has been received by Councilmember Wadsworth, seconded by Councilmember Turner. The motion passed with all present voting yes.
5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**
  - a) **Administration, Mayor Miller:** The Mayor updated the council about the City Hall relocation and announced that Lehigh Corporation has donated the adjoining property making it possible for the City Hall Complex including the library building to be located.
  - b) **Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** No Report.
  - c) **Police Department, Chief Jackson:** No Report.
  - d) **Library, Director Williams:** No Report.
  - e) **Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** No Report.
  - f) **Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** No Report.
  - g) **Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** No Report.
  - h) **Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** an Amnesty Court is scheduled for Feb. 22, 2013. Interested parties must contact the Magistrate to be placed on the docket.
6. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a) **Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner.** No Report
  - b) **Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland.** No Report
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) **Proclamation Celebrating Arbor Day:** The Mayor read the Arbor Day proclamation before the Council.

**b) Resolution 2013-02-01 To Declare Certain Property as Surplus:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2013-02-02 Creating Weed Lien Abatement Costs to Certain Properties:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) Resolution 2013-02-03 Creating Weed Lien Abatement Costs to Certain Properties:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**e) Resolution 2013-02-04 Creating Weed Lien Abatement Costs to Certain Properties:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

A question was raised concerning 7737 Martin Luther King Drive. Inspector Watson informed the Council that this address had been serviced twice over a two-year period. Motion to approve by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Washington. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**f) Resolution 2013-02-05 Creating Weed Lien Abatement Costs to Certain Properties:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**g) Resolution 2013-02-06 Creating Weed Lien Abatement Costs to Certain Properties:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**h) Resolution 2013-02-07 Authorize City Engineer to Solicit Bids:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**I).Resolution 2013-02-08 Amend Agreement With ALDOT:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

**j) Resolution 2013-02-09 Award Bid:** Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Bonnie Garrett, 7538 Popular Avenue.** Ms. Garrett reported dogs running loose in her neighborhood. Mayor Miller directed the Police Chief to look into this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 6:24PM by Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Turner.

  
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David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk



*Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

*Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

*Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

*Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

*Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

*Now,* Therefore, I, David Miller Mayor of the City of Leeds, Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 as

# Arbor Day

In the City of Leeds, Alabama, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further,* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated* this Fourth day of February in the year 2013

Mayor 

**City of Leeds**  
Municipal Court  
Appointed Personnel Wage Analysis

	<b>FY 2013 Budget – Monthly</b>	<b>FY 2013 Annual</b>	<b>Proposed Change Annual</b>	<b>Annual Difference</b>
<b>Judge</b>	\$1,666.66	\$20,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$16,000.00
<b>Prosecutor***</b>	\$1,200.00	\$24,400.00	\$36,000.00	\$11,600.00
<b>Public Defender</b>	\$1,200.00	\$14,400.00	\$31,200.00	\$16,800.00

\*\*\* \$10,000 Additional budgeted for Appeals

**City of Leeds**  
Professional Court Fees  
February 04, 2013

	<b>Trussville</b>	<b>Irondale</b>	<b>Vestavia Hills</b>	<b>Pell City</b>	<b>Leeds</b>	<b>Mountain Brook</b>
<b>Judge</b>	\$2,100 per month	\$2,333.33 per month (previous amount paid before new judge)	\$1,433.33 per month	\$1,658.33 per month	\$1,666.66 per month	\$577.92 per month. Has 2 Judges so total paid for Judge per month is \$1,155.84
<b>Prosecutor</b>	Serves as City attorneys as well and gets paid hourly	\$2,416.67 Previous Amount Paid before new administration	\$1,100.00 per month	Serves as City Attorneys as well and gets paid \$150 per hour.	\$1,200.00 per month	\$90.00 per hour. Averages 3 hours per court setting
<b>Public Defense</b>	\$2,500.00	Paid by Indigent Fund	Does not provide public defender	\$600.00 per month	\$1,200.00 per month	Does not provide public defender
<b>Annual Fine Amount</b>	\$400,000.00 in 2012	\$453,000.00 in 2012	Did not get information	\$157,000.00	\$158,185.49	\$201,035.11
<b>Court Appearances per month</b>	8 times per month for all parties	Previous administration Mondays and lasted approx 3-4 hours average	4 times per month for all parties	4 times per month for Judge and Prosecutor.: 2 times per month for Public Defender	4 times per month. Public Defender is not required for the traffic court, but he may elect to appear.	4 times per month