

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a regular scheduled council meeting on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Councilmembers Kenneth Washington, Eric Turner, Johnny Dutton, Craig Wadsworth and Devoris Roscha Ragland present.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Invocation was led by Councilmember Kenneth Washington.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** a) Minutes from meeting on March 04, 2013 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2013-01-01 Municipal Court Judge Prosecutor and Defender Pay.** Motion to table by Councilmember Eric Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland. Following discussion by the Council, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) **Resolution 2013-03-10 Regarding St. Clair County Juvenile Detention Agreement.** Motion to approve Resolution 2013-03-10 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. There was a brief discussion from Councilmember Washington about the annual fee. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) **Resolution 2013-03-11 Regarding St. Clair County Adult Inmate Agreement.** Motion to approve Resolution 2013-03-11 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

a) **Administration, Mayor Miller:** The Mayor reported that the ball park facilities are nearing completion along with the installation of a wireless control system for the score boards.

b) **Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** Chief Pierce announced that Spring hydrant testing will be carried out April 8th thru May.

c) **Police Department, Chief Jackson:** February report distributed.

d) **Library, Director Williams:** Director Williams gave some statistical information regarding public libraries. Director Williams also reminded the Council and the Public that the Summer Reading program is coming up. Mayor Miller reported that he is aware of an environmental matter in the Library Building and a company has been contracted.

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:** There was discussion about the possibility of conducting another amnesty court with details forthcoming. The past Amnesty court was a success.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) **Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner:** No Report.

b) **Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland:** Ms. Ragland commented about the projected firing range off Peach street. In response, Police Chief Jackson addressed council and the audience. The Chief indicated that the city has not had a firing range and the expense to the City to have officers travel to another range every year to obtain the required certifications would be expensive. Mr. Jackson spoke to issues about safety, noise, times of use, proposed users and location on the proposed site. Chief Jackson also indicated that the site will not be available to the general public. Mayor Miller spoke to environmental concerns about the site.

c) **Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth:** No Report.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **City Board Appointments:** Councilmember Wadsworth moved to appoint Amanda Pritchard to the City of Leeds Board of Education. Due to lack of a second to the motion, the motion failed.

b) **Planning & Zoning Commission Report to Council:** Inspection Superintendent Brad Watson apprised council of this matter. Motion to set a Public Hearing date of May 6, 2013 at 5:00PM by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) **Highway 25 Zoning Matter.** Mayor explained the history of this issue and how the legal matter was settled through the courts. The Mayor indicated it was never the Council's intent to allow the area to be rezoned to Heavy Industrial. The Mayor indicated that there is a request being made to the Planning and Zoning Commission by the Council to consider the rezoning of the Highway 25 area properties to be zoned back to R-2. Motion to refer this matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation of proper zoning of this area and also to issue a moratorium on any zoning change until the matter has been resolved for the city to issue construction permits by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland. The motion passed with all present voting yes. (Map included with these minutes.)

d) **Resolution 2013-03-15 Regarding Environmental Covenants With ADEM:** Motion to approve Resolution 2013-03-15 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) **Resolution 2013-03-16 Regarding A Tax Penalty Matter:** Motion to approve Resolution 2013-03-16 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

f) **Resolution 2013-03-17 Regarding A Tax Penalty Matter:** Motion to deny Resoluton 2013-03-17 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner. The motion to deny the waiver passed by all present voting yes.

g) **Resolution 2013-03-18 Regarding A Tax Penalty Matter:** Motion to deny Resolution 2013-03-18 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Dutton. The motion to deny the waiver passed by all present voting yes.

h) **Resolution 2013-03-19 Regarding A Tax Penalty Matter:** Motion to approve Waiver by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

i) **Resolution 2013-03-20 Regarding A Tax Refund Matter:** Motion to approve Resolution 2013-03-20 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

j) Executive Session to Discuss A Legal Matter: The Council did not enter into Executive Session.

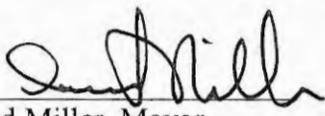
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Charlie Boone, 231 Spruce Street discussed his concerns about the proposed firing range.

Kevin Egan, Mobile, Alabama, Chief Marketing Director, for Judicial Correction Services (JCS), the current Probation Services company of the City addressed the Council. Mr. Egan reviewed the services JCS can offer the City and requested the City's favorable decision in its review of services provided by JCS.

Mr. Kelly, 8100 Skinner Avenue, Leeds, commented that the Itinerant Business License fee is the highest in the area when compared against Pell City.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Washington moved to adjourn at 7:26 PM with a second by Councilmember Turner.

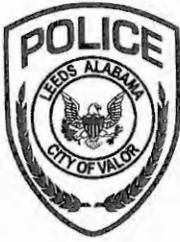


David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk



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DAVID MILLER
MAYOR

March 18, 2013

Mayor and Council:

The following is a summary of the Police Department activities for the month of February 2013, and the 2013 year-to-date totals.

Police Department Activity Summary

Category	*Calls Answered	Accidents Investigated	All Reports	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Warning Citations	Non-Traffic Citations	Misd. Arrests	Felony Arrests	Warrants Served
Feb. 2013	925	38	188	295	117	110	0	30	11	40
2013 YTD	1911	79	371	677	297	259	2	44	20	89
Feb. 2012	1145	29	173	398	174	121	0	22	2	106
2012 YTD	2430	62	332	815	341	314	0	40	6	216
Category	*Officer Assists	*Public Assists	Court Hours	Training Hours	Shifts Worked	Miles Driven				
Feb. 2013	343	191	52	43	245	18140				
2013 YTD	693	408	103	129	517	38963				
Feb. 2012	405	275	50	98	258	19860				
2012 YTD	806	537	81.5	147	525	42082				

*Calls answered, Officer Assists and Public Assists equal all calls.

Jail Expenses

Prisoner Transportation

No. of Inmate Days	240	Feb. 2013	Miles – 1,447.0	Feb. 2013	Hours – 52
Feb. Expenses	\$7,487.50	2013 YTD	Miles – 4,117.0	2013 YTD	Hours – 123
2013 Total YTD	\$19,092.50				
2012 Total	\$68,428.50	2012 Total	Miles – 21,423.5	2012 Total	Hours - 590

False Alarms

False Alarms	Burglary Business	Burglary Residence	Robbery Business	Robbery Residence	Totals	Chargeable
Feb. 2013	10	10	1	0	21	21
2013 YTD Total	32	23	1	2	58	58
2012 YTD Total	254	180	22	0	456	447

Assigned Cases

Statistics for Leeds, Alabama	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Felony Theft	MVT
Feb. 2013	0	1	5	3	5	6	0
2013 YTD	0	1	5	3	13	18	1
Cases Cleared YTD	0	1	4	7	6	10	0
Feb. 2012	0	1	1	0	8	13	0
2012 YTD	0	1	4	0	16	28	0

Respectfully Submitted,

Byron Jackson, Chief of Police

ALABAMA

100%

100% of Alabama's public libraries help people access and use employment resources, including helping with job searches, creating resumes and submitting employment applications.

88.7%

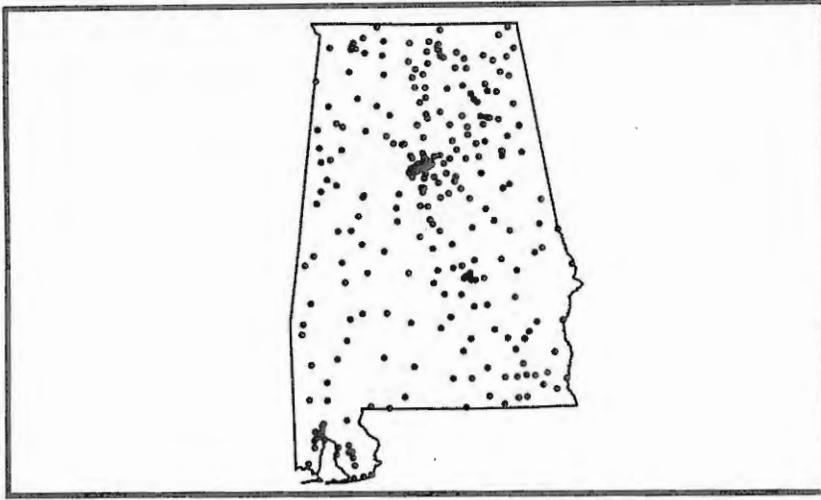
88.7% of Alabama's public libraries offer IT and other technical training, helping people gain essential technology skills for the 21st Century workforce.

98.0%

98.0% of Alabama's public libraries act as the bridge between government and its services, offering free access and assistance to help people complete online government forms.

59.9%

59.9% of Alabama's public libraries are often the only free source of Internet access in their communities, providing a vital link to technology and information.



Public libraries are essential to communities, providing a vital link to the Internet, technology, and information. With their E-government, employment, and educational services and resources, public libraries are helping people access the information they need today — while building the next generation workforce.

- There are 283 public libraries in Alabama.**
- People visited Alabama's public libraries 16,945,000 times.**
- 4,214,000 people used the public access Internet at Alabama's public libraries.**

Miller, K., Swan, D., Craig, T., Dorinski, S., Freeman, M., Isaac, N., O'Shea, P., Schilling, P., Scotto, J., (2011). Public Libraries Survey: Fiscal Year 2009 (IMLS-2011-PLS-02). Institute of Museum and Library Services. Washington, DC



The Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study (www.ala.org/plinternetfunding) survey is managed by the Information Policy and Access Center (ipac.umd.edu) at the University of Maryland and funded by the American Library Association and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. More information about libraries & the Internet is available at www.plinternetsurvey.org. 2011-2012 data presented.



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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, IGP, and the GIS User Community

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