

**CITY OF LEEDS,  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 20, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a regular scheduled council meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:00 pm. at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-tem Kenneth Washington called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with Councilmembers Eric Turner, Johnny Dutton, and Devoris Roscha Ragland present. Mayor David Miller and Councilmember Craig Wadsworth were absent.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The invocation was given by Dr. Carl Marbury.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a) May 6, 2013 Public Hearing minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed with all present voting yes. b) May 6, 2013 Regular Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Motion by Councilmember Dutton to excuse Mayor Miller and Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2013-05-07 Award Bid.** Motion to table the Resolution by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion to table the Resolution passed with all present voting yes.

5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

a) **Administration, Mayor Miller.** Absent.

b) **Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** Hydrant testing completed and will commence again in fall.

c) **Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Report included in packet.

d) **Library, Director Williams:** Grand opening kickoff for Summer Reading Program will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Leeds Arts Council Theater with a free showing of "The Little Mermaid".

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:** April Report was included in the Council's information packet. The Court recalled 30 warrants in February and 27 in May during Amnesty Court. The total of recalled warrants (year to date) is 120.

6. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

b) **Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland:** No Report.

c) **Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth:** Absent.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Ordinance 2013-05-01 Add Section 20 To City Zoning Ordinance.** Inspection Superintendent Watson addressed this matter with the Council. City Attorney, Johnny Brunson spoke concerning the parcels of property at 1613 Montevallo Road represented by Mr. Chris Jones. Mr. Jones has requested that this parcel, located at the NW Quadrant shown on the map, be omitted from this proposed Ordinance. Motion to approve the Overlay Ordinance with the removal of the referenced parcel by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) **Ordinance 2013-05-02 Rezoning 1379 Montevallo Road.** City Attorney Barnett spoke to council about New Business items "B" thru "O". Councilmember Washington opened the floor to Pat Sewell, resident:

**Pat Sewell, 1607 Montevallo Road** spoke to the council requesting an additional condition that commercial Chicken/Poultry and Hog /Swine, Livestock Farms be prohibited. Otherwise the ordinance could be left as is, IE., basically allowing a "Hobby Farm" type activity to be conducted on the properties, and allowing for Horses with not more than one per acre as a ratio.

Motion to approve a conditional rezoning of properties listed in Item b through Item o from R1 to AG 1 with aforementioned restrictions by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) **Ordinance 2013-05-03 Rezoning 1453 Montevallo Road.**

d) **Ordinance 2013-05-04 Rezoning 1337 Montevallo Road.**

e) **Ordinance 2013-05-05 Rezoning 1343 Montevallo Road.**

f) **Ordinance 2013-05-06 Rezoning 1359 Montevallo Road.**

g) **Ordinance 2013-05-07 Rezoning 1365 Montevallo Road.**

h) **Ordinance 2013-05-08 Rezoning 1385 Montevallo Road.**

I) **Ordinance 2013-05-09 Rezoning 1397 Montevallo Road.**

j) **Ordinance 2013-05-10 Rezoning 1429 Montevallo Road.**

k) **Ordinance 2013-05-11 Rezoning 1601 Montevallo Road.**

l) **Ordinance 2013-05-12 Rezoning 1607 Montevallo Road.**

m) **Ordinance 2013-05-13 Rezoning 1613 Montevallo Road.**

n) **Ordinance 2013-05-14 Rezoning 1637 Montevallo Road.**

o) **Ordinance 2013-05-16 Rezoning 1863 Montevallo Road.**

p) **Planning & Zoning Commission Report.:** Inspection Superintendent Brad Watson informed the council of the actions taken at the May 13, 2013 meeting. The commission approved a request to change property in the Highway 25 Rezoning District from I2 to R2. Motion to approve this action by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Dutton. Motion pass with all present voting in approval. There will be a Public Hearing on June 17, 2013, at 5:00 pm.

q) **Resolution 2013-05-08 Weeds Nuisance 7268 Cambric Lane:** Inspection Superintendent Watson informed council of this matter: Motion to approve Resolution 2013-05-08 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

r) **Resolution 2013-05-09 Weeds Nuisance 8263 Farley Avenue:** Superintendent Watson informed the Council of this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-05-09 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

s) **Resolution 2013-05-10 Weeds Nuisance 600 Peach Street:** Inspection Superintendent Watson informed council of this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-05-10 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

t) **Resolution 2013-05-11 to Rescind Resolution 2013-03-15.**: City Attorney Scott Barnett informed council of this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-05-11 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

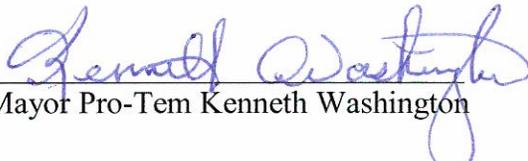
**Carl Marbury, 8569 Apple Street**, announced that the City of Leeds has been named as an ACE (Alabama Community of Excellence) at the League of Municipalities Convention in Montgomery. The Convention was attended by Dr. Carl Marbury, Pat Hall, Martha Smith, Dan Marbury and Kevin Fouts. The plaque given to the City states, "Leeds is hereby designated as an Alabama Community of Excellence May 20, 2013: Alabama Communities of Excellence: Helping Smaller Communities Plan, Grow and Prosper". The prestigious award is extremely significant and the City will need to re-certify again in 3 years to maintain its ACE certification status. Dr. Marbury also spoke concerning the need for all City boards to communicate with each other in order to achieve the goals in the Master Plan.

**Pat Hall** stated that as a result of the ACE award, the city is aligned for the possible receipt of four million dollars in various grants. Ms. Hall expressed appreciation to the volunteers that helped the City achieve this award.

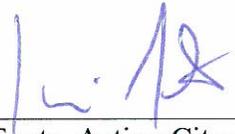
**Mayor Pro-Tem Washington** thanked Dr. Carl Marbury and Ms. Hall for the dedicated hard work poured into this project.

**Charlotte Earnest, 1712 Carlisle Circle**, again asked for the information which she requested at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Ms. Earnest also commented on the nuisance weed condition at the property located at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Railroad; Inspection Superintendent Watson responded that the Department is in communication with the property owner.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilmember Dutton to adjourn at 6:45PM, with a second by Councilmember Ragland.

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth Washington

ATTEST:

  
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Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk