

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 3, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a regular scheduled council meeting on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 PM with Councilmembers Kenneth Washington, Eric Turner, Johnny Dutton, Craig Wadsworth and Devoris Roscha Ragland present.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor David Miller.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** May 20, 2013 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.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2013-05-07 Award Bid City Hall Site Work.** Motion to table Resolution 2013-05-07 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion to table passed with all present voting yes.

5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

a) **Administration, Mayor Miller:** The Mayor updated the council regarding the Splash Pad project, which must now go through the bid process.

b) **Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** No Report.

c) **Police Department, Chief Jackson:** No Report.

d) **Library, Director Williams:** Williams spoke about the summer reading program for adults, young adults and children is underway. The following events were also announced:

- Tuesday, June 11, Sally's Beekeeping Program for adults
- Wednesday, June 12, a cow will be on display for the children at the Elementary School
- On Friday, June 14, the Kickoff event for the Summer Reading Program will be at the Leeds Arts Center.

d) **Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** No Report.

e) **Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** The Baseball and Softball schedules are in the last three weeks of the program. The soccer field is closed until further notice for refurbishing. The Football program is preparing for registration.

f) **Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** No Report.

g) **Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** No Report.

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:** No Report.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2013-06-01 Authorizing Expenditure for Leeds Summer Camp 2013.** Mayor Miller commented on the City's support. Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**b) Resolution 2013-06-02 Assessing Weed Abatement Lien:** Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2013-06-03 Weed Nuisance Matter.** Superintendent Watson informed council of this matter at the request of Councilmember Washington. Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) Resolution 2013-06-04 Authorize Tree Removal Expenditure:** Motion to approve Resolution 2013-06-04 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**e) Ordinance 2013-06-01 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance.** Superintendent Watson informed the council about this matter.

Motion to suspend the rules by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-06-01 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**f) Ordinance 2013-06-02 Erosion and Sedimentation Standard Operating Procedures.:**

Motion to suspend the rules by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2013-06-02 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Carl Marbury** expressed his appreciation to the Council for the City's donation to the Summer Camp program. Dr. Marbury also thanked Councilmember Ragland for the donations she has obtained for the summer camp, as well as Chief Jackson, Chief Pierce and Inspections Superintendent Watson for helping with the kitchen facilities at the Moton Center. Dr. Marbury commented about the need to appoint a group of cooperative partners to work with the Moton Center in an integrated plan and asked to meet with the Council's committee before the next council meeting. Mayor Miller asked the Council's committee to meet with Dr. Marbury before the next council meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Charlotte Earnest, 1721 Carlisle Circle,** asked why the council did not have an invocation at the start of the meeting. The Mayor responded that it was his oversight. Ms. Earnest reported that she received the first part of the information she requested on May 6<sup>th</sup>, but not the second part regarding the site work costs. Ms. Earnest expressed her concern about the City spending \$174,000 to stop work on a construction project that had been approved. Mayor Miller commented that the Fire Station was built in the wrong place at \$1.6 million.

**Arthur Bailey, Cahaba Hills.** Mr. Bailey described a persisting noise problem on June Avenue and Katherine Street, and that there were two gun shots fired there last Friday night. Multiple calls have been made to the police dept. Mayor directed Chief Jackson to investigate..

**Melba Kay Gunn, 7621 Georgia Avenue,** complained that she has had a water problem since the Leeds Water Works Board performed water line work last year. She also commented about trees in the back yard that the prior administration did not clean up after the tornado a couple of years ago. Superintendent Watson informed the Council that the City's engineer has looked into this matter.

**Walter Lewis, Mobile AL,** represents Benchmark Securities. Mr. Lewis offered his company's services as investment bankers and would like to do business with the City.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43PM.

  
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David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk