

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, July 15, 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 6:00 PM with Councilmembers Kenneth Washington, Johnny Dutton, Craig Wadsworth and Devoris Roscha Ragland present. Councilmember Eric Turner was absent.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**The Invocation was led by Councilmember Ragland.

PUBLIC HEARING

ABC License Application for Event Concessions, Inc.

Ms. Christine Szalay, General Manager of the Shops at Grand River, addressed the Council with the intent of this request.

With no comments from the public, the mayor closed the public hearing at 6:09PM.

COUNCIL MEETING

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** July 01, 2013 Council Meeting minutes were reviewed by the Council. Councilmember Wadsworth moved to approve the minutes as presented, with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with Councilmember Dutton abstaining.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to come before the Council.

5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

a) **Administration, Mayor Miller:** Mayor called attention to the program the Leeds Arts Council is currently presenting, The King and I.

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

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

d) **Library, Director Williams:** Director Williams informed the council of the upcoming programs available through the Library. They are: 1) a musical program for children on Thursday, July 18th at the Elementary School; 2) two programs relating to diabetes planned; 3) yoga at 6 pm.

e) **Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** Information regarding inspections for the previous month were included in the Council's packet. Mr. Watson also informed Council of the basic features of the City's MIMA complaint processing software. Mayor Miller asked Mr. Watson to look at a property on Morgan street for weeds violation.

f) **Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Football registration is currently in process.

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating: The Recycling program is increasing in goods brought in to the Center. The Recycling program will take glass, metals, cardboard and paper. The program cannot accept paint, tires or batteries.

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: The June report was supplied to council. The Magistrate informed Council that a large number of complaints about dogs are being processed. Complainants must go to the Magistrate's office to complete the complaint.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner: Absent.

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

c) Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth: Councilmember Wadsworth commented about mischief reported in the City Parks at night. Mr. Wadsworth plans to look into limiting park hours and remove abandoned pavilions.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2013-07-03 Regarding ABC License Application: Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-07-03 by Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) Resolution 2013-07-04 Set Public Hearing – Zoning – 2013-030: Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-07-04 by Councilmember Ragland, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2013-07-05 Authorize Bid Solicitation for Street Drainage: Motion to approve Resolution 2013-07-05 by Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2013-07-06 Authorize an Engineering Study. Motion to table this resolution to the next council meeting by Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion to table passed with all present voting yes.

e) Executive Session to Discuss a Legal Matter: City Attorney Brunson requested that the Council amend the agenda to accept Public Comment and then go into Executive Session. Attorney Barnett indicated that the executive session meets the State Alabama Sunshine Laws due to pending legal litigation.

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Eric Turner was stated by Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

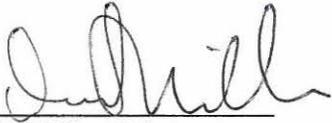
Lou Rodio, Maplewood Drive commented about issues that are going on at Memorial Park in the evening hours. His property is on the backside of the park. Mr. Rodio also brought to the attention of the Council the holes in the fence at the soccer field and the portable toilets having been turned over twice. Mr. Rodio commented that the City has made an investment in the park, needs to make efforts to maintain order and prevent vandalism, even to consider hiring a security guard to patrol at night.

Mayor Miller asked that the Police Department and Park/Recreation Department to look into this matter and develop a plan to address this issue. Lt. Scogin urged the public to call the department at anytime.

David Hogan, Leeds Herald, announced that Mr. Wadsworth is celebrating his 50th birthday today.

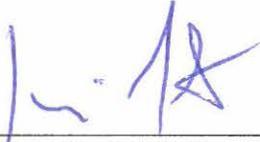
ADJOURNMENT: Since there no other comments, the Mayor closed the public comment session and excused into the executive session. A motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session was offered by Councilmember Ragland, with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. This motion passed with all present voting yes. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:38 PM.

The Council adjourned at 7:18PM upon completion of the Executive Session.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, Acting City Clerk