

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
CALLED COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 19, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Called Council Work Session on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor David Miller called the Work Session to order at approximately 5:19 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Devoris Roscha Ragland, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** The Invocation was led by Councilmember Eric Turner in the previous meeting.

**AGENDA:**

Review various options to incentivize a potential business relocating into Leeds.

**Don Smith, St. Clair County Economic Development Council,** explained the Tax Abatement for manufacturing.

**Councilmember Eric Turner** asked if the State and County have granted these tax abatements.

**Mr. Smith** answered that the Leeds Council has the authority to abate State and County Taxes.

The following additional questions were posed:

**Councilmember Eric Turner** asked about the number of employees that would be employed. Mr. Smith responded there would be 50 employees. Mr. Turner asked about the amount. Answer: the amount is to be abated.

**Councilmember Craig Wadsworth:** has the land been purchased? NA

**Councilmember Johnny Dutton:** what kind of bags would be produced? Answer: Multi-ply bags (such as dog food bags).

**Councilmember Kenneth Washington:** asked if the company would only be paying school tax and why the request to abate ad-valorem tax for 10 years?

**Don Smith** further stated that the vacant city property gets approximately \$2,000/year. Then, in Year 11, the City makes as much as if the property stays "as is" during those years and the City would still get the Occupational Tax. Would the property be on Leeds Water? Yes. Jefferson County Sewer? No.

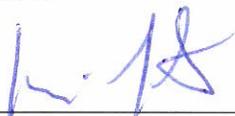
**Councilmember Craig Wadsworth** asked if the ten year period was the standard. Response was that is correct and is what is requested. The Sales and Use Abatement has an expiration date (usually 18 months).

The Work Session was closed at 5:45PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk