

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION AND
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Special Called Council Work Session and Called Council Meeting on Monday, August 26, 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 Work Session to order at 6:00 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton,, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland was absent.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**The Invocation was led by Kathy Drake.

CALLED WORK SESSION:

a) **Review and Discuss 2013-2014 Budget.** Mayor Miller asked the City's Business Officer, David Coyne, to conduct a review the proposed budget.

Councilmember Johnny Dutton commended Mr. Coyne for his work on the budget.

After review, the mayor closed the work session at 7:08PM.

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2013-08-18 Approve Tax Incentive Abatement-Bag Supply Company.**

The mayor gave a brief description and some history of the Bag Supply Company and their request. David Coyne, City Business Officer, went into further detail with the request from the Bag Supply Company.

The Mayor concurred with the Business Officer that the request for a ten-year tax abatement is a little long in time. He would prefer a five to seven year time frame regarding the advalorem tax. The Mayor suggested maintaining the building permit fees. The City will also be getting monies from the Occupational Tax and Business License fee.

b) **Resolution 2013-08-19 Approve Tax Incentive Abatement – Limbaugh Equipment Company.**

Motion to approve items a and b by Councilmember Johnny Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth.

Discussion:

Dennis Limbaugh, President of Limbaugh Equipment, addressed the council with a brief historical background and what the plans are for the future of the company.

Councilmember Washington discussed the time frame requested and stated that to grant the request would set a precedent for anyone else to request the same type of tax abatement. This abatement would affect funding of the public safety departments.

Mayor David Miller confirmed that Sales and Use Tax would be collected after 24 months.

Councilmember Eric Turner confirmed a cost of \$240,000 to the City.

Councilmember Wadsworth withdrew his second to the motion on the table.

Councilmember Dutton amended his motion to select in the resolution: new project located within the jurisdiction of the City of Leeds; abate all state and local non-educational property taxes, abate all construction related transaction taxes (except those construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education) and all mortgage and recoding taxes and then limit the period of abatement to five years. Councilmember Wadsworth seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with yes votes by David Miller, Johnny Dutton, Craig Wadsworth and Eric Turner. Councilmember Washington voted no.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Pezzilo asked if the budget would be available for public viewing. The Mayor answered that it is considered an internal working document until approved by the Council.

Susan Carswell asked if there is an across-the-board 5% decrease in employee salaries. Mayor Miller answered that there is no salary decrease.

The Mayor commented that someone had informed TV Station Fox 6 that the city's insurer has changed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk