

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, September 16, 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 Johnny Dutton, Devoris Roscha Ragland, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. .
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** The Invocation was led by Evan Kennedy.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** a) September 09, 2013 Council Meeting minutes, correction by Councilmember Dutton to indicate that the invocation was given by Talmadge Pool. Motion to approve the minutes with the correction by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed as corrected with all present voting yes.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to come before the Council.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: No Report.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce: Absent.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: Report provided to Council.

d) Library, Director Williams: Ms. Williams summarized the information supplied in the report supplied to Council. Director Williams also announced that the Jefferson County Public Library has a new logo. Jefferson County is a 501-3c organization and is separate from the Jefferson County Government. Ms. Williams read the mission statement for the County Library System and for the Leeds Library. Director Williams reported that the library has 5 computers with 2 laptops along with free WiFi services, as well as ebook service available to patrons.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: Brad Watson reported that at the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission last week, a decision to recommend the US Steel's Planned Community Development proposal concerning zoning and sent the proposal to City Council. Mr. Watson commended Eddie Cook, Chairman, and Roland Isbell for the committed work they did regarding this matter. Also, Superintendent Watson announced a Public Hearing set for October 6, 2013 concerning the rezoning of 40 lots for R2 from R6.

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating: Road closings in downtown Friday night in preparation for the Folk Festival.

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating: Councilmember Washington asked about the roadside mowing and stated that the glass for the mower cab has been ordered and the hope is to be operational by next week.

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: Report Included in the packet given to Council. Ms Roberts announced the plan to have another amnesty day in October. Roberts also informed council that during court last week, there were 44 calls with no messages left.

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 other than to remind people to support the Folk Festival.

Motion to suspend the rules to add item H regarding a tree matter by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth: Motion passed with all present voting yes.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) FCCLA Safety Proclamation: Evan Kennedy said a few words regarding : Emily Goodwin, Watts, Rachel Goodwin, Casen Files, Kaley Goodson. Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is an organization in the School. FCCLA is sponsoring a campaign titled “ It Can Wait”, to address the practice of texting and driving, which is an epidemic in the United States. The National “It Can Wait Day” is Thursday, September 19th, and Thursday activities at Leeds High School will include 1) distribution of 200 Thumb Bands with a message that says “Texting Kills”; 2) placment of a large banner pledging not to text and drive; 3) a speaker and 4) a “grim reaper” who will select 11 students to be tapped to represent students who have died during the day. Mr. Kennedy also stated that AT&T has videos available about the dangers of texting and driving. Ms Turner also added that 33% of parents of teenagers text and drive.

b) Resolution 2013-09-06 Regarding A Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Motion by to approve Resolution 2013-09-06 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Dutton, motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2013-09-07 Regarding A Juvenile Detention Service Agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-09-07 by Wadsworth with a second by Ragland, motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2013-09-08 Regarding Scheduling A Public Hearing Date. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-09-08 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) Resolution 2013-09-09 Regarding A Travel Request. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-09-09 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

f) Resolution 2013-09-10 Regarding Weed Lien on Certain Properties. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-09-10 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

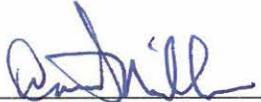
g) Board Appointment for Opening on Board of Education. Councilmember Wadsworth stated that there were multiple interviews from applicants, and he would like to nominate Phillip Height. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ragland. Councilmember Dutton nominated Tamara Harrison with a second by Councilmember Turner. There were no other nominations. Motion to call for the vote by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all voting yes. The roll call vote for Phillip Height follows: Councilmembers Washington, Wadsworth and Ragland voted yes. Councilmember Turner abstained. Mayor Miller and Councilmember Dutton voted no. The nomination carried and Phillip Height was elected to the Board of Education.

h) Tree Matter: Mayor supplied a background to this matter. Attorney Johnny Brunson supplied additional information and Mr. Eddie Cook, Chairman of the Tree Commission concurred with the information presented. Brunson indicated a Resolution will be forthcoming regarding a safety matter with the tree and to eliminate the danger associated with it. Mr. Cook also stated that is a shame to remove the tree but considering the damage already caused, he asked the Council to authorize the mayor to negotiate its removal. Motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate removal of the tree by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Howell, Precilla Street, commented that a vehicle whose occupant was visiting the last house on the left on Precilla Street, was speeding on the roadway and he asked for help to slow this vehicle down. Howell also asked if the City had a "Grandfather Clause". Attorney Scott Barnett responded that a "Grandfather Clause" is always specific to the matter at hand. Mr. Howell also asked about the drainage issues already approved by the Council when Owen Drake was on the Council. The Mayor directed the City Clerk to look into the matter on Precilla Street drainage project which was referenced.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth to adjourn at 6:49PM; all present voted yes.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk