

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, November 4, 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 6:05 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 Kenneth Washington.
  
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** a) October 21, 2013 Council Public Hearing. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with Councilmember Washington abstaining. b) October 21, 2013 Council Meeting. Motion to approve by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; motion passed with all present voting yes.
  
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a) Ordinance 2013-10-01 Authorizing Warrants.** Motion to table consideration of the Ordinance by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion to table passed with all present voting yes.
  
- 5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**
  - a) Administration, Mayor Miller:** Mayor announced that construction of the Splash Pad has begun and plans are to open in the spring.
  
  - b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** No Report.
  
  - c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** No Report.
  
  - d) Library, Director Williams:** Director Williams announced a presentation by The Seasoned Performers at the library on November 12, 2013 at 11 am. Admission if free.
  
  - e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** No Report.
  
  - f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Baseball schedule is completed. The Basketball program is gearing up for the season.
  
  - g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Councilman Washington asked about the dumping of trash at the end of Douglas Avenue. He stated that the "No Dumping" sign has been stolen. Chief Jackson said that he will increase patrolling in the area. Magistrate Roberts informed council that the penalties imposed by the court for dumping are a \$500 fine and assigned community service.
  
  - h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** Ms. Roberts reports that she has been invited to sit on the Criminal Justice Panel at UAB and anyone that would like to attend this panel should contact her. Ms. Roberts also reports that she has been named as an Alabama Educational and Justice Representative. Ms. Roberts also informed Council that there will be another Amnesty Court Day scheduled for December 14, 2013.

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 2013-11-01 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.** Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes. Councilmember Ragland asked that the City publish this resolution. City Clerk Kevin Fouts stated that the announcement will be on the city's website.
- b) **Resolution 2013-11-02 Tree Removal.** Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- c) **Resolution 2013-11-03 TARP ALDOT Funding Agreement.** Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- d) **Resolution 2013-11-04 Declaring Weeds A Nuisance.** Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- e) **Resolution 2013-11-05 Award Telcom and Data Network Services Bid.** Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- f) **Resolution 2013-11-06 Prosecutor Professional Services.** Motion to approve Resolution by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Darlene Johnson, 1814 Rosa Parks Circle,** stated that in 2008-2009, the City of Leeds demolished a house which she owned. Ms. Johnson asked that the city pay for the house which she alleged she was remodeling at the time. Attorney Brunson offered to meet with Ms. Johnson about the matter.

**Angela Lewis, The Wing Cafe,** opened The Wing Cafe in Leeds and invited the Mayor and Council to come in and try the food.

**Attorney Johnny Brunson** addressed the Council regarding the Sims Street tree removal. Mr. Brunson informed the Council that the City has received a claim from the property owner at that location for \$7,000, followed by a letter from the property owner's attorney demanding \$20,000.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The meeting adjourned at 6:29PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk