

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 5:00 pm. 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 Jimmy Roy Johnson.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**
  - a) **Property Annexation Petition Located at 689 Southern Trace Parkway, Leeds.** The Mayor gave an introduction regarding this item and opened the floor to anyone to comment about this matter. There was no discussion.
  - b) **Property Annexation Petition Located at 830 Southern Trace Parkway, Leeds.** The mayor introduced this matter and with no comments the floor was closed regarding this matter.
  - c) **Notice of Unsafe Structure Review Hearing 1800 Oliver Street, Leeds.** Superintendent Watson informed council about this matter. Mayor Miller commented that the property owner is requesting additional time to comply. Inspection Superintendent Brad Watson informed council that this action allows for another 180 days.

**Kathy Drake, 1008 Kings Forest Drive,** indicated that her son lives at a neighboring property and every time it rains there is a smell and it is dangerous and vagrants are hanging around the property.

**Councilmember Washington** asked the date this property was damaged. Mr. Watson responded that Fire Department records indicate the damage occurred 03/21/12. Watson also described the process in which the property owner is notified in the same procedure as with the Nuisance ordinance. Councilmember Washington asked why the property owner was not present and Mr. Watson responded that the property owner had until Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to give notice to the City Clerk and nothing had been received.

Ms. Drake commented that the 180 days is ridiculous as it already has been almost two years. Attorney Scott Barnett stated that due notice must be given to a fault when the City seeks to remove/demolish the structure.

With no other comments, the mayor closed discussion of this item.

**d) Notice of Unsafe Structure Review Hearing, 7583 Alabama Avenue, Leeds.** **Councilmember Washington** indicated that it is time for the City to do something about this property. Mr. Washington stated that the owner has contacted Habitat for Humanity but Councilmember Washington indicated that he would like to see a letter to this fact. Mr. Watson added that he spoke to the owner about 6 months ago suggesting that the owner go to Habitat for Humanity, but to date the owner has not attended a meeting.

With no other comments about this matter the mayor closed the item.

Mayor David Miller closed the Public Hearing at 5:23 pm with a motion by Councilmember Washington.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk