

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, February 17, 2014 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 Councilmember Eric Turner.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:** a) February 03, 2014 Public Hearing and b) February 03, 2014 Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve both sets of minutes by Councilmember Eric Turner with a second by Councilmember Kenneth Washington; the motion passed with all voting yes.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to come before the Council.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: The Mayor read a commendation for Ms. Peggy Baxter, the School Crossing Guard at the Elementary School. Ms. Baxter was nominated as Citizen of the Year by the Leeds Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Miller also read a letter of commendation for the City Police Department for their services to people stranded by the snow storm on January 28-30, 2014.

Ms. Fannie Burt thanked the council for the actions taken by the City and elected officials.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce: No Report.

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

d) Library, Director Williams: No Report.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: No Report.

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating: The Department expects a full crew starting tomorrow, February 18.

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating: No Report.

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: Report Supplied to Council.

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.

d) Primary School Construction Review Committee: No Report.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to add Resolution 2014-02-09 regarding installation of Oliver Crossing Street Lights to the agenda by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland. Councilmember Dutton asked if they have an active homeowners association. Mr. Watson indicated that there is not an active one for this section of the subdivision. The motion to add the Resolution for consideration passed with all present voting yes.

a) Presentation By Second Street Developers LLC regarding the Old Leeds Plaza Renovation. Mr. Brent Frederick with Second Street Revitalization LLC, gave a presentation to the Council. Some projects completed by the LLC shown were at Pell City, AL, Scottsboro, AL, and also at the Food World Plaza in Leeds, AL. Mr. Frederick then showed pictures of the current condition of the Leeds Plaza. Mayor Miller informed the Council that he had a discussion with Mayor Potter of Scottsboro which indicated that the LLC did what they said they would do. The building where Rusty's Barbecue is located is an out-parcel and the LLC would like to contact the property owner to work with them to help update the building. The mayor suggested that the City's legal representatives contact Mr. Frederick, obtain the facts of the proposal, and bring a formal proposal to the City. Councilmember Washington asked what type of work would be required. Mr. Frederick indicated that initially a sprinkler system be installed, as well as a new roof. The LLC expects it will cost about 1 million dollars to bring the buildings and property up to standards of today. Councilmember Washington asked if there were prospective tenants interested in the location; the answer was no by the LLC.

b) Resolution 2014-02-06 Approval of Senior Center Contract Renewal. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-02-06 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-02-07 Amending Fiscal 2013-2014 City Budget. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-02-07 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2014-02-08 Determination of Newsprint of General Circulation. Mayor Miller explained the need for the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-02-08 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion was amended to add inclusion of the city's website in the Resolution. The motion, as amended, passed with all voting yes.

e) Ordinance 2014-02-05 Approval of Cable Franchise Agreement. City Attorney Barnett gave a synopsis to the Council of the contents of the agreement. Motion to consider this as the First Reading of Ordinance 2014-02-05 by Councilmember Washington, seconded by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all voting yes.

f) Ordinance 2014-02-06 Amending the City Business License Ordinance.

Motion to suspend the rules by Councilmember Wadsworth, with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all voting yes.

Councilmember Wadsworth moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-02-06 with the inclusion that the moratorium on Collection Bins be lifted and the Ordinance stipulate that a background check be completed and paid for by the the applicant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

g) Resolution 2014-02-09 Oliver Crossing Subdivision. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-02-09 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

h) Executive Session. The City Attorney declared that the subject matter to be discussed meets the criteria of the Alabama Sunshine Law. The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:12PM and returned at 7:21PM.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor David Miller presented to the Council a letter of intent to purchase property for \$129,000 which is owned by the City. Motion to allow mayor to negotiate the agreement by Councilmember Turner with second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Roland Isbell, 7717 Pine Avenue, Leeds, asked where the property is located which is behind the Express Oil on Ashville Road. Mr. Isbell also asked about the Cable Franchise indicating that there is no local outlet for customer service and suggested the council should request that there be a local service center.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk