

**.CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland arrived at 6:11PM.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:The Invocation was given at the public hearing prior to this meeting.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the Council Meeting on February 17, 2014 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Ordinance 2014-02-05 Cable Franchise Agreement. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-02-05 was stated by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. Councilmember Washington raised a question regarding the Public Education Channel shown in the Agreement. Attorney Barnett described this as a dedicated channel regarding City business and activities. Barnett indicated that the City would have to purchase the hardware to film or “produce” the video loop, but there would be no cost for the “air-time”. There was additional discussion about the 5 year term of the franchise. With no further discussion, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Mayor David Miller requested an addition to the agenda as Item H, Resolution 2014-03-06 Approve the Probation Services Provider. A motion to add Item H to the agenda by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: No Report.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce: Captain McDaniel provided the Report for the Fire Department. Leeds Chapter of IAFF (Internation Association of Fire Fighters) had a fundraiser and raised over \$1,000 for MDA (Muscular Distrophy Association).

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: No Report.

d) Library, Director Williams: Ms. Williams reported that she attended the Alabama Library Legislative Day in Montgomery on February 18, 2014. Governor Robert Bentley proclaimed the date as *Alabama Library Legislative Day* at the event. Ms. Williams also announced that the Library Foundation is seeking additional funds to occupy another building for events and asked the City's help with utilities and insurance.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: Mr. Watson announced a total of 177 courtesy visits paid to residents regarding infractions. Watson also announced a City Cleanup Day planned for Saturday, May 3rd. The day will be held in cooperation with the PALS (People Against a Littered State) program and more information will follow.

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating: No Report.

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

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: No Report.

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: Mr. Brent Watson, Insite Corporation, updated the Council regarding the meeting held last Friday, February 28, 2014, with Daniel Corporation and USX. Mr. Watson stated that the Final Plat is nearing completion and will be presented to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, in order to finalize the transfer title of Lot 1, the proposed school site. Watson reviewed the schedule: (1) the Plat submittal to allow the construction of road access and then (2) Phase 1 of construction of the residential component of the development. Mr. Watson stated that there have been no expenses incurred making it necessary for the City to release grant funds for road construction which will significantly exceed the amount of the grant. Watson set March 17 as the target date to have the grading plans submitted to the state with a bid date also set for March 17. The building package is at 50% and Watson will review for a potential date of March 24th to submit the plans to the state for review on April 10, 2014. Mr. Watson indicated that the site capacity is 800 students and the site was adjusted for economies with the cap of 800 students, age range K thru 2.

Mayor Miller recognized Mr. Joe Knight, District 4 of the Jefferson County Commission. Mr. Knight indicated that he is running unopposed in the upcoming election.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Ordinance 2014-03-01 Provide Issuance of General Obligation School Warrants. The Mayor introduced Mr. Ty Tyson of Merchant Capital, the investment banker for the second round of school bonds issued at a rate of 3.98%. Tyson indicated that the funding cap is less due to a lower than anticipated rate. Mr. Tyson thanked City Attorney Barnett and Rod Kanter, from the firm of Bradley Arant, for working with this financing.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-03-01 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) Resolution 2014-03-01 Authorizing A Travel Request. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-01 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-03-02 Unsafe Structure Determination 7019 Coosa Avenue, Leeds. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-02 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all voting yes.

d) Resolution 2014-03-03 Unsafe Structure Determination 7501 Popular Avenue, Leeds. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-03 to affirm the finding of unsafe structure by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) Resolution 2014-03-04 Award Splash Pad Bath House Renovation Bid. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-04 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner. Councilmember Washington raised discussion concerning the bid tabs and suggested that a new structure could be built for less than the renovation bid. The Mayor indicated that the current structure is sound with good roof, walls and foundation. The motion passed with Councilmember Washington voting no.

f) Resolution 2014-03-05 Vegetation Management Contract. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-05 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

g) Zoning Board of Adjustments Board Member Appointment. Motion to nominate Michael McDevitt to membership on the Zoning Board of Adjustments by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

h) Resolution 2014-03-06 Ratify Judicial Probation Services Contract. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-06 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attorney Johnny Brunson brought before the Council the signed agreement for property for the Cogbil Street Bridge replacement. Brunson also stated that there might be some alternative funding to help with replacing the bridge.

Milva Garner, 7601 Georgia Avenue, Leeds. Ms. Garner addressed a drainage matter causing water running across the front of her home. Ms. Garner indicated this was a problem created by the Leeds Water Works Board. Councilmember Washington responded that the problem has been repaired. Superintendent Watson spoke that the placement of the Fire Hydrant interfered with the flow of the water before the water line was installed. Attorney Brunson indicated that he would write a letter to the Water Works Board indicating the position of the council's desire to resolve this matter.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further discussion. Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Wadsworth. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk