

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

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, March 17, 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 6:06 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Devoris Roscha Ragland, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth present. Councilmember Kenneth Washington was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: The Invocation was led by Bill Edgil.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES: a) Minutes of March 03, 2014 Public Hearing and b) Minutes of March 03, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. Motion to approve both documents by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

Mayor Miller announced the death of former Councilmember Johnny Kile and wished the best for the family.

4. OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business came before the Council.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: No Report.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce: No Report.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: Report Included in Council's packet.

d) Library, Director Williams: The Jefferson County Library is sponsoring a program in connection with Money Smart Week on April 8th by United Way. The program is "Essentials for Small Business".

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: Mr. Watson reminded those present of the Hazardous Waste Day on April 26th – sponsored by the Jefferson County Commission for county residents. Also, May 3rd is scheduled as "City Cleanup Day". Watson introduced Dr. Carl Marbury, Co-Leader for Leeds Cleanup Day. Particular attention will be paid to the cleanup of Parkway Drive and other thoroughfares in the City. With the help of the ACE program (Alabama Communities of Excellence) Marbury hopes to have all areas of the City covered with the cleanup efforts, followed up with another cleanup in 6 months. Dr. Marbury asked that the council members inform their respective districts about this effort.

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

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

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: Report Supplied.

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: Councilmember Wadsworth spoke about the Leeds Youth Sports and asked Philip Hyché to speak to council. Mr. Hyché informed the Council that he was elected as President of the Football program and as such, has identified issues which he would like to initiate: 1)

Hyche spoke about the need to have regulatory guidelines/bylaws to operate the program. Hyche would like the City to review the bylaws of each of the sports programs, Soccer, Baseball, Football and Basketball. 2) An outstanding balance of \$3,065.57 from last year raised the need to regulate the program's accounting funds balance before, during and after the program. 3) Mr. Hyche spoke about cleaning the facilities and properly storing equipment in the facilities. 4) Hyche would like to see mandatory background checks for staff working in the Leeds Youth Football program. 5) another goal for this year is to obtain a 501-3c non profit status.

The Mayor asked if Hyche if the League could obtain the bylaws currently in use in the Hoover program and not re-invent the wheel to develop bylaws for the league. Attorney Barnett advised council of other options available to the program that might be able to bridge the gap with Mr. Hyche's concerns. There will be a meeting sometime in the near future.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Announce Opening of School Board Position District 03. Mayor Miller announced the Open Position and indicated an announcement will be made. Gerald Clayton, Montevallo Road, spoke about District 5 position was filled by Ms. Kathy Dutton and thinks that there should be a representative from District 5 on the board.

b) Resolution 2014-03-06 Designate Grand River Family Spring and Family Fall Festivals as Non City Special Events. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-06 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-03-07 E-911 Agreement: Motion to table this resolution to obtain more information by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion to table passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2014-03-08 Amendment 772 Public Hearing Granting Funds to A Private Entity. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-08 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes. Noting that the number should be 2014-03-08.

e) Resolution 2014-03-09 Authorizing Car Tag Renewal For Jefferson County City Residents. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-09 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. Discussion was the question of increased administrative burden. Mayor Miller indicated that it is anticipated to be minimal but the Council will monitor this activity in Vestavia Hills.

f) Ordinance 2014-03-01 Designating City Assessment Officer:

Motion to suspend the Rules by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all voting yes.

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

g) Ordinance 2014-03-02 Adopting Alabama Energy and Residential Codes.

Motion to suspend the Rules by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

Superintendent Brad Watson explained the codes. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-03-01 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mondretta Williams. Concerning renewal of car tags, Ms. Williams announced that if a resident has their renewal notice in hand, they can come to the library to renew their registration. The person will need to have a credit card to process.

Mayor advised **Ms. Milva Garner, 7601 Georgia Avenue** that the Leeds Water Works Board (LWWB) has been officially notified by the City about her drainage problem. Ms. Garner thanked the mayor and council for the work they have done about this matter.

Dr. Carl Marbury announced that Moton Center Library is having a “Think Tank” meeting for the Holistic Health Program on April 29th, 9 to 11 AM. The Program is being instituted at the former Baptist Health Center.

Joe Kelly asked about the business license for the “Popsicle truck”. The Mayor indicated that the fee has been reduced and the license can be obtained at City Hall.

Bill Edgil, 1300 Ashville Road, commented that he has heard coyotes in back of his house and with one or two growling at his bird dog. Mr. Edgil asks if the City has traps to capture the animals. Mr. Edgil was informed that the City does not have this equipment and normally contacts the State for help with such matters. Chief Jackson will seek help from the State Animal control and with Jefferson County for traps.

ADJOURNMENT: There were no other comments. Motion to adjourn was stated by Councilmember Turner. The meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk