

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 07, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, April 7, 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 6:03 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: The Invocation was led by Councilmember Washington.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Dr. Carl H. Marbury addressed the Council about granting funds to the Moton Center Education Center and not to CLEAR. Marbury requested that the Council approve the purpose as stated but not award the additional \$1,600. The \$1,600 would be taken from the \$60,000 previously awarded to the Moton Center Educational Foundation, Inc.

With no other comments from the Council or audience, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:10 PM.

REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES: a) March 17, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with Councilmember Washington abstaining.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2014-03-07 Authorize The Approval of The Agreement and Assignment of CMRS (Commercial Mobile Radio Service) Excess Cost Recovery Funds from the ANGEN Program. Chief Jackson and City Attorney Barnett advised Council about this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-03-07 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all voting yes.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: The Mayor read the Proclamation in memory of former Councilmember Johnny Kile. The Proclamation was distributed for the Council members to sign.

The mayor commented about the rain event that occurred Sunday evening through Monday morning and the flooding issues in the City related with the storm event.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce: Report supplied. Chief Pierce also reminded the Council of the continuation of the fire hydrant testing being conducted within the City.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: No Report.

d) Library, Director Williams: Director Williams commented about issues surrounding the usage of "e-cigarettes" in City Buildings. Mayor directed the city attorneys to look into this matter. Director Williams announced the National Library Recognition week during which there will be a \$5.00 waiver of Library fines.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: Absent.

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

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating: Mr. Keating spoke about Ann Ave. There are no drainage culverts and the flooding which has occurred in this area during the recent storm event. Attorney Brunson commented about “non Performing” properties (parcels that have not paid taxes in sometime). Brunson advised council that he has scheduled a meeting with with the Jefferson County Tax Collector to discuss this issue.

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: Report Supplied.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner: No Report.

b) Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland: Absent.

c) Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth: No Report.

d) Primary School Construction Review Committee: Mr. Ben Watson advised Council that there was a meeting held last week with all parties to establish that all vested entities will act as one project. Mr. Ben Watson indicated that active sewer must be present on site before the school goes vertical. The adjusted time line for the school to open is December 2015. Watson spoke about trying to coordinate the time-lines. Mayor Miller advised the Council that he has spoken with the School Superintendent who is aware of these issues and is making plans accordingly. Mr. Watson advised the council that an outside architect has reviewed the plans and that they are adequate with nothing opulent. Councilmember Washington asked if the size of the school has been reduced once again. Mr. Watson indicated that the plans show 29 classrooms being planned with an alternate for an additional 8 rooms which will depend on the site-work bids. Councilmember Turner asked when the road will be cut to the school site. Mr. Watson responded with an approximate time of about 8 to 10 weeks but has not seen a finalized set of plans to indicate that time-line. He is anticipating July 1 as the expected construction starting target. Councilmember Wadsworth asked when the developer plans on building homes. Mr. Watson responded that he and the developer have had internal discussions, but with no clear answer. Attorney Barnett stated that the home sub-division development plan has received preliminary plat approval from the City of Leeds Planning and Zoning Commission. There was a motion to approve two invoices which total \$148,500 for which represents 25% and 50% completion of the construction documents to Goodwin Mills and Cawood by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all voting yes.

Attorney Brunson asked if an Executive Session could be added to the end of the council meeting for potential legal matter. Motion to add item I to the agenda by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Public Hearing Granting Funds To A Private Non Profit Entity. The hearing was held on this date after the invocation.

b) Board Member Appointments: Motion to nominate Chad Anderson to serve on the Board of Education by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Motion to appoint Kathye Drake to the Zoning Board of Adjustments by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-04-01 Declaring Weeds A Public Nuisance on Certain Property. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-04-01 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2014-04-02 Award Bid Storm Drainage Improvement Bid. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-04-02 by Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) Resolution 2014-04-03 Authorize and Approve The City Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines and The Employee Tuition Payment & Cost Reimbursement Agreement. Chief Pierce advised council concerning this matter. Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Wadsworth, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

f) Resolution 2014-04-04 Granting Funds to A Private Non Profit Entity. Mayor Miller stated that this matter was resolved during the public hearing. Motion to remove Item f from the agenda by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all voting yes.

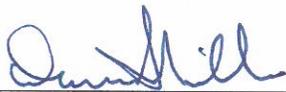
g) Resolution 2014-04-05 HWY 119 Sidewalk Designer Contract Addendum. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-04-05 by Councilmember Wadsworth, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

h) Resolution 2014-04-06 Dissolve the Leeds Moody Cooperative District. Mayor Miller advised Council concerning the Resolution to say that as a matter of housekeeping this Resolution finalizes the dissolution of the Cooperative District. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-04-06 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton. There was discussion from Attorney Brunson regarding some of the details of this matter. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

i) Attorney Burnson asked the Council to move into Executive Session and indicated that the Executive Session would cover appropriate subject matter with the Sunshine Law as it relates to legal matters.

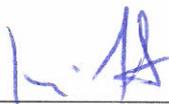
Motion to adjourn to Executive Session by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Washington at 6:56 PM. The Council ended the Executive Session at 7:14 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Washington moved to adjourn the Council meeting with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk