

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, May 19, 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 was absent.

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

Mayor Miller introduced Perryn Carroll, candidate for Jefferson County Judge, Place 10, to replace retiring Judge King.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Four structures located at 1345 Vivian Street have been cited for unsafe or unfit for habitation and use or occupancy has been prohibited by City Building Official and structures are ordered to be demolished and removed from the site.

The Mayor requested that this Public Hearing scheduled to consider this item, as well as Item C be removed from the agenda due to recent developments. Motion to remove Item C from the agenda and to remove the Public Hearing by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES: Minutes of the May 05, 2014 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

4. OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to come before the Council.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: Mayor Miller announced a new Leeds magazine that has been produced by the Leeds Chamber, and expressed his appreciation to Jeff Hudson, Chamber President and Sandra McGuire, Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor also updated council and audience concerning the Splash Pad progress. The opening date of May 30th will not be met but hopefully the Splash Pad will open within the next two weeks. Mayor also reported an arrangement has been worked out with the City Schools and Superintendent Moore to allow students to supervise the Splash Pad operations.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce. Captain McDaniel was present, filling in for Chief Pierce. There was no report.

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

d) Library, Director Williams: Director Williams announced the registration for the summer reading program began today (May 19) and the program will start June 1, 2014.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: No Report.

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating: Mr. Keating updated Council about the condition of Charles Moore following a serious accident.

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

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: The Magistrate's report was supplied in the Council's packet. Ms. Roberts reports that there is now a warrant officer from within the Police Department.

6. 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.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2014-05-02 Authorize Professional Consultant Services. Mayor Miller supplied a brief description of this resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-05-02 from Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) Resolution 2014-05-03 Authorize Bid and Expenditure For Drainage Repairs. Ms. Lanier, one of the affected property owners, spoke about this matter also. The mayor's brief description of this resolution was followed by a motion to approve Resolution 2014-05-03 from Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-05-04 Unsafe Structure Determination On Vivian Street. Removed from agenda by vote of Council.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilmember Turner thanked the Street Department for the quick response in handling a matter that occurred in his District.

Jeff Hudson, Chamber President and Manager of Standard Furniture. Mr. Hudson presented the Three Year Master Plan for the Chamber of Commerce to the Council.

Councilmember Washington spoke of the need for a means of communication in the city, such as a newspaper. The Mayor responded that the RDA (Redevelopment Authority) might be able to help with this matter.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk