

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, June 16, 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 Jesse Turner.

PUBLIC HEARING – Unsafe Building Ordinance

The concerned property address is 1800 Oliver Street. Mayor Miller indicated that the property owners are seeking a time extension to September 5th.

Kathye Drake, 1008 Kings Forest Drive, stated that her son lives next to this nuisance. Ms. Drake indicated this matter has been like this for two years and should not have taken this long to remove the nuisance. Councilman Washington asked Inspections Department Supervisor Watson if anything has been done since the first notice. Mr. Watson indicated that there appears to be no change since the January 31st inspection date. Councilmember Washington indicates the property owner is not present at tonight's meeting and the last appeal was to salvage pictures. Councilmember Washington thinks this nuisance needs to be abated. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:11PM.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting on June 2, 2014 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was given by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with Councilmember Washington abstaining.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to come before the Council.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: Regarding the Council's Proclamation for Miss Brooke Kelly, the Mayor indicated that Ms. Kelley is visiting colleges and will postpone the presentation to the next meeting.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce: No Report.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: Report Included in Packet. Chief Jackson reported 135 people visited the Splash Pad on Saturday.

d) Library, Director Williams: Ms. Williams reported that there are programs Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00AM and at 2:00PM for children, but appropriate for any age. She also announced that the Fizz Boom Read program continues along with other summer programs.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: No Report.

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating: Mayor reported the attempt to inform the public of the opening of the Splash Pad apparently was successful.

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating: Mr. Keating reported that the limb truck is back in service after being out for repairs for a month and the department is working to get the schedule caught up.

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: Report included in Council's packet.

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 was given but Mr. Wadsworth commented that a date needs to be decided for the Splash Pad Grand Opening.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2014-06-05 Unsafe Structure Compliance Time Extension. The Resolution has been modified by City Attorney. A motion to approve Resolution 2014-06-05 with the change was stated by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes. The amendment to the Resolution extends the City's compliance deadline an additional 30 days to September .

b) Resolution 2014-06-06 Ashville Road Drainage Project. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-06-06 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-06-07 Declaring Weeds On Certain Properties A Nuisance. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-06-07 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Washington. Discussion: Councilmember Washington asked how the city would handle the situation if, with the current weather, the nuisance returns. Mr. Watson reported that once this declaration is made, the City will persue criminal actions; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2014-06-08 Professional Services Agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-06-08 by Councilmember Dutton with a second from Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) Resolution 2014-06-09 Approve Cooperative Agreement With Jefferson County. Attorney Barnett spoke about this matter. There was discussion about making sure the city receives its fair share of the cooperative agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-06-09 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes. Further comment was to stipulate that the City meet with Commissioner Carrington and Commissioner Knight to stress that Leeds gets its fair share of funds through this cooperative agreement.

f) Resolution 2014-06-10 Authorize A Tax Judgment Settlement Agreement. Mayor Miller and Attorney Brunson explained this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-06-10 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

g) Ordinance 2014-06-02 Rename Grand River Parkway.

Councilmember Wadsworth entered a motion by to suspend the rules, with a second by Councilmember by Dutton; motion to suspend the rules passed with all present voting yes.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-06-02 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Fanny Burt commented about all properties need to be cleaned up and she urged the City to keep the pressure on the nuisance properties.

Dr. Carl Marbury thanked the Council on beginning operations at Splash Pad. Dr. Marbury presented information about the summer camp which had over 200 kids this year. Marbury stated that Leeds is one of five locations which will teach robotics and include a trip to Huntsville and expressed his appreciation to the Council for the help with the education foundation. Dr. Marbury spoke of having a series of sessions with high profile state leaders to help elevate the living standards in the Russell Heights neighborhood. Session A will be this weekend at 10:00AM with the continuing series every two months.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk