

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 21, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, July 21, 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 Councilmember Eric Turner.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes of the Council meeting of July 7, 2014 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Washington and duly seconded by Councilmember Turner. The motion passed with all present voting yes with Councilmember Dutton abstaining.

Mayor Miller requested an addition to the agenda as Item B, Resolution 2014-07-05 to address the requirement that the City establish a Flood Damage Prevention Variance Board. Motion to add the Resolution 2014-07-05 as Item B by Councilmember Washington, seconded by Councilmember Ragland; the motion to add Item B to the agenda was passed by unanimous consent.

Mayor Miller also requested the addition of Item C to the agenda, Resolution 2014-07-06 Award Bid for Culvert Replacement Project on Ashville Road. Motion to suspend the rules to consider this Resolution, seconded. The motion to add Resolution 2014-07-06 to the agenda 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:** the Mayor praised the Leeds 11 year old baseball team for the invitation to participate in the Dizzy Dean World Series. The Leeds team was selected as "Best Sportsmanship Team".

The Mayor then introduced Brooke Kelly to the Council. Mayor Miller read the resolution and Proclamation of July 21 as *Brooke Kelly Day*, recognizing her accomplishments as an outstanding gymnast.

  - b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** No Report.
  - c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Report included in the Council's packet.
  - d) Library, Director Williams:** Ms. Williams made the following announcements: Dino Mania is scheduled for July 22 at 2:00 p.m.; July 25 is the last day for children to register the number of books read; on July 31 (the last day of the Summer Reading Program), they will have a movie, "Meet the Robinsons".
  - e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** Permit Report was included in the Council's packet.
  - f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Mr. Keating reports that Splash Pad attendance is good with approximately 250 guests a day.
  - g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Report from Street Department was included in Council's packet, showing special projects being considered. The Department will do culvert repair on Courson Boulevard this week.

**h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** The Court staff is working to reconcile all accounts before the end of the fiscal year. Mayor agreed that was necessary.

**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.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Resolution 2014-07-04 Declare Weeds on Certain Properties A Public Nuisance And Order Its Abatement.** Inspector Watson called attention to the report included in the packet. All properties have been notified and the time limit for compliance has expired. The Mayor asked if there were comments from owners. Ms. Mary White addressed her concerns to the Council and was asked to speak at the end of the meeting. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-07-04 by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**b) Resolution 2014-07-05 Regarding Flood Damage Prevention Variance Board.** Mayor Miller suggested that the members of the Planning and Zoning Board constitute the membership of this Board. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-07-05 and appointments by Councilmember Dutton and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2014-07-06 Award Bid on Ashville Road Culvert Replacement Project:** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-07-06 by Councilmember Dutton and seconded by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) Resolution 2014-07-07 Allow Negotiations with Jefferson County Commission Seeking Continued Assistance.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-07-07 by Councilmember Dutton, seconded by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mr. Dewitt Self, 1065 Diane Street,** commented that he has lived in the city for 50 years and loves it. Mr. Self complimented the city for the removal of advertisements from power poles. Mr. Self also expressed his concern about the turn from Hwy 78 onto Carolyn Street. He asked about the status of conversation with ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation), asking if the project can be expedited, because he's afraid someone (including himself) will be hurt there.

**Mr. Donald Hamm, 6553 Priscilla Street,** asked why his drainage problem wasn't fixed, since it was approved years ago when the Mayor was a council member. Inspector Watson addressed his concerns.

**Ms. Mary White, 8412 Kirkby Circle,** asked about a notice they've received on weeds behind the back yards in the cul-de-sac. Ms. White's understanding was that the city deeded that property to them years ago because it's a natural area. Inspector Watson explained about the ordinance for weeds and the need for compliance. Councilmember Wadsworth added that the additional issue is with snakes being found in Oliver Crossing and the Mayor confirms that is correct.

**Ms Kimberly Lanier, 1184 Ashville Road,** asked if the original plan to fix the culverts on Ashville Road was still the working plan and the start date. She was informed that the City is working with the original plan and there is no start date.

**Mr. Devin Lanier, 1184 Ashville Road**, stated that he has cleaned out a lot of trash at the site, as well as finding drugs in the trash on a regular basis. Mayor Miller asked the Police Chief to check on that.

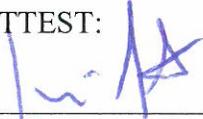
**Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bundy, 1188 Ashville Road**, thanked everyone for coming through with the culvert repair and talked about how much she loved the city.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further comment, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk