

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, August 18, 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, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland arrived during the meeting.
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** The Invocation was led by Jimmy Roy Johnson.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** The Council reviewed minutes of the meeting on August 04, 2014. There was a motion to approve the minutes as written by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; 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:** Mayor gave an update with the property sale indicating the purchaser has exercised the extension of the purchase agreement.
 - b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** No Report.
 - c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Report is included in Council Packet.
 - d) Library, Director Williams:** The Summer Reading Report will be ready by the first meeting in September. Other scheduled events include Leggo Mania Thursday, 4 to 5 PM; the Speak Easy Class Monday, 6:30 Pm at the Library annex. For more details, the public may listen to the Library recording or contact Ms. Williams.
 - e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** Report is included in Packet.
 - f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** the Football program will begin in two weeks. Registration for softball has begun. The Grass Sprinkler System will be repaired.
 - g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** No additional report.
 - h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** Report is included in Packet.
- 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 2014-08-05 Declaring Weeds on Certain Properties a Public Nuisance.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-08-05 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Washington. After discussion from Councilmember Washington, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Councilmember Ragland arrived at the meeting approximately 6:16PM.

b) Resolution 2014-08-06 Regarding Confirming Report of Costs and Creating Weed Lien on Properties. Question by Councilmember Washington to determine if there are administrative costs and whether the property owner fully understands the definition of a lien. Inspection Superintendent Watson informed the Council that the city does not assess an administrative cost and has assembled information which is given to the property owner which describes the process and what a lien is. Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-08-07 Regarding Time Extension of Unsafe Structure Abatement. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-08-07 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2014-08-08 Amending the Budget For Emergency Building Repairs. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-08-08 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) Resolution 2014-08-09 To Reschedule September 1, 2014 Council Meeting to September 8, 2014. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-08-09 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

f) Resolution 2014-08-10 Regarding Receipt of Grant Funds. City Attorney Barnett informed the council concerning the Resolution. With a motion to approve Resolution 2014-08-10 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

g) Resolution 2014-08-11 Regarding Granting A Limited Easement. The Mayor and City Attorney Barnett informed the Council concerning matter. Concern was expressed by Councilmember Washington about not granting a “franchise” for service to residences in Leeds by the BWWB (Birmingham Water Works Board). Attorney Barnett indicated that he can clearly state that the BWWB will not be able to service any and all Leeds residences and commercial properties to the easement agreement. Mr. Barnett referenced the second paragraph on the second page which addresses this subject. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-08-11 subject to the two additional clarification conditions specified by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

h) Ordinance 2014-08-01 Regarding Storm Water Fees.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-08-01 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; after some discussion from Councilmember Washington, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Palma, Leeds Family Chiropractic, thanked the city for repairing the air conditioning, as well as for the financial support of the Folk Festival. Attorney Barnett also informed Council that the RDA (Redevelopment Authority) has given funds in support of the Folk Festival. Mayor Miller explained the RDA's function to the Council and the audience.

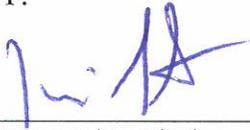
Gerald Miller, 1225 Ashville Road, requested that the City check the timing of the light at Ashville road and Courson Boulevard. The timing appears to be as if Walmart is still at that location.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Washington. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk