

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 08, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, September 8, 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 Turner.

**PUBLIC HEARING TOPIC:**

**To Consider Approval Of A Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Collection Contract By The City.** Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:09PM. The mayor gave a description of the subject matter. There were no comments from the public and the mayor closed the hearing at 6:10PM.

Mayor Miller asked for a motion to add Resolution 2014-09-06 to the agenda. Motion to add Resolution 2014-09-06 to the agenda as Item I by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting on August 18, 2014 were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Washington; 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 commented about a very successful splash pad season and thanked the Parks and Recreation Director George Keating for making it possible. The Mayor also thanked Leeds High School for the supervisory staff for the operation of the pad.

**b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** Report Supplied to Council.

**c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** No Report.

**d) Library, Director Williams:** Director Williams announced the Library's Leeds Welfare Drive. To raise funds, for the month of September the library will take \$1.00 off library fines for every item of food contributed with a cap of \$10.00.

**e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** Report supplied to Council.

**f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Splash Pad will close on September 14<sup>th</sup> for the season.

**g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.** The Department is initiating a project to inventory all traffic control signs, inputting location coordinates in the GIS (Graphical Information System). This will insure the accuracy of data in the GIS systems used by citizens, emergency vehicles, and police.

**h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** No Report.

**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.
- d) **Primary School Construction Review Committee, Mr. Ben Watson, P.E.** Mr. Watson informed the Council of a Letter of Notice sent to the developer regarding this project. City Attorney Barnett also informed Council of a letter recently received by the Developer which will be discussed later in the meeting.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Resolution 2014-09-01 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-01 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- b) **Resolution 2014-09-02 Declaring Weeds on Certain Properties a Public Nuisance.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-02 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- c) **Resolution 2014-09-03 Award Solid Waste Bid.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-03 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. Discussion was had from Councilmembers Dutton, Ragland, Washington and Wadsworth. On the vote, the motion passed with Councilmember Washington abstaining.
- d) **Resolution 2014-09-04 Acknowledge Receipt of Funds For LRA (Leeds Redevelopment Authority).** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-04 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- e) **Resolution 2014-09-05 Authorize IT Expenditure For Services & Warranty.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-05 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
- f) **Ordinance 2014-09-01 Opting Out Of The AL Tax Tribunal.**

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

City Attorney Barnett gave a brief description of this matter. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-09-01 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

- g) **Ordinance 2014-09-02 Granting A Water Franchise Agreement.**

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 adopt Ordinance 2014-09-02 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

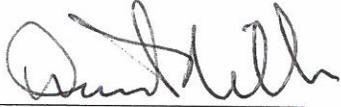
Attorney Brunson informed the Council that \$50,000 has been received by City's law firm in payment for an old tax debt due the City.

**h) Executive Session To Discuss An Imminent Litigation Matter.** City Attorney Brunson informed the Council that this Executive Session is to discuss imminent litigation before the Council and no votes will be taken. The Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:51PM and returned to the meeting chambers at 7:28PM.

**i) Resolution 2014-09-06 regarding an Engineering Services Contract.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-06 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were offered by the Public.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Washington at 7:29PM. The meeting was adjourned.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk