

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, October 6, 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 6:04 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Devoris Roscha Ragland, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth present and Kenneth Washington arriving late.
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** The Invocation was led by Councilmember Turner.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** a) September 15, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; b) September 26, 2014 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes; and c) September 29, 2014 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve minutes from the three meetings listed by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with Councilmember Ragland abstaining.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Resolution 2014-09-07 Senior Citizen Program Contract.** Motion to decline Resolution 2014-09-07 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion to decline the Resolution passed with all present voting yes.

Councilmember Washington arrived at 6:06 PM.

b) Resolution 2014-09-08 ABC License Application. Motion to decline Resolution 2014-09-08 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2014-09-09 Authorize Termination of Project Development. Mr. Jamie Cowden, representing USS (United States Steel) presented information to the council, with an update of status. Cowden indicated that the funding is in place to build the parkway and has presented a copy of the school site deed to the Mayor. Cowden went further to indicate the residential component has an unknown start date, but the school is placed nicely to accommodate future development. Mr. Cowden indicated that USS is investing one million dollars for this site along with the City's one million grant to the development.

Mr. Walter Schoel, Walter Schoel Engineering, Development Engineer, presented information to the Council. Schoel indicated he has the preliminary plat design and is scheduled to present the design to the City's boards by October 31st. Mr. Schoel also reported working on permitting requirements of other regulating agencies before the October 31st date.

City Attorney Barnett asked that the Council meet in Executive Session before taking action on this matter.

Motion to meet in Executive Session passed with all present voting yes. The Council went into Executive Session at 6:14PM and reconvened at 6:33 PM.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-09 Authorize Termination of Project Development by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. Discussion from Councilmember Washington included his opinion that the city entered this agreement in good faith and the vision that was projected in the beginning has gotten lost since inception of the agreement. Councilmember Washington described Leeds as a blue collar city with not a lot of funds and cannot entertain all the requests that the City spend more money. Councilmember Turner stated his agreement with Councilmember Washington's comments and expressed

dissappointment with USS and Daniels Corporation. Councilmember Ragland reinforced the same comments and dissatisfaction with the current results. Councilmember Wadsworth also expressed his dissatisfaction that groundbreaking in this project for the City's children was planned for December but nothing has happened. Councilmember Dutton spoke of the school being built in his district and the joy from his constituents.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09-09; motion passed with all present voting yes.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller: the Mayor reports that he is taking Pat Hall and Dr. Marbury to the ACE Fall Leadership Conference, as Ms. Hall is being recognized at this meeting.

b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce: Report supplied to Council. The Chief announced that October is Fire Prevention Month and the department is working on programs for the City Schools. Mr. Pierce reminded everyone to change batteries in smoke detectors. Councilmember Washington asked if there is a grant system for supplying free smoke detectors to those in need.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: Report for previous month was included in packet.

d) Library, Director Williams: No Report.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: Report included in packet.

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating: No Report.

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

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: Ms. Roberts stated that she is working on Fiscal Year 2014 report and the report should be available at next meeting. Reconciliation of the Cash Bond Account is also underway.

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: Park & Recreation Committee and the City Attorney are talking with Leeds Youth Sports to establish cohesion between the entities.

d) Primary School Construction Review Committee, Mr. Ben Watson, P.E.: No Report.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2014-10-01 ABC License Application. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-10-01 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) Resolution 2014-10-02 ABC License Application. Mr. Watson advised council of this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-10-02 subject to ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustments) approval by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion failed by unanimous no vote.

c) Ordinance 2014-10-01 Solid Waste Disposal Policy.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-10-01 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Ordinance 2014-10-02 Solid Waste Disposal Fees.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-10-02 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) Executive Session. The Council met in Executive Session earlier in the meeting.

8. Public Comment:

Ms. Burt, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, mentioned she had received the Advanced Disposal advertising flyer. Ms. Bert also thanked Councilmember Washington for attending a church event.

Kathye Drake, 1008 Kings Forest Drive, expressed her gratitude for the Council's strong stand with USS. Ms. Drake also requested that Street and Sanitation check on Gary Street for potholes/holes in the roadway.

Councilmember Washington commented his desire to see the City move forward and felt that the City was held back due to the commitments made with USS and Daniel Corp. Having that issue cleared, he said he hopes to be able to concentrate on other projects to move the City forward. Councilmember Washington also thanked the City Attorneys for the hard work that they have done regarding the development project.

Jimmy Roy Johnson reported a broken sidewalk at the Grammer School; also Mr. Johnson mentioned that the fence is broken and kids are coming through the fence.

Magistrate Roberts urged people to pay their trash bill as provided in the new ordinance for Solid Waste as mandated by the State. Failure to pay can result in court costs exceeding \$200, much more than the garbage fee.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Turner; the meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk