

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, November 17, 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, and Craig Wadsworth present. Councilmember Kenneth Washington was absent.
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** The Invocation was given at the Public Hearing prior to this meeting.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes for review were a) November 03, 2014 Council Meeting and b) November 06, 2014 Town Hall Meeting. Motion to approve November 3 and November 6 meeting minutes by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner: the motion passed with Councilmember Wadsworth abstaining.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business to come before the Council.
- 5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**
  - a) Administration, Mayor Miller:** No Report.
  - b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** No Report.
  - c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Report was included in the Council's packet.
  - d) Library, Director Williams:** Ms. Williams spoke of a tutoring program in place with Honor Students helping other students. This is open to all grades.
  - e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** the Department's Report was Supplied as a late addition to the Council Packet. Mr. Watson announced the RDA (Redevelopment Authority), the Historical Commission and the Planning & Zoning Board have changed their meeting times to 5:00PM. The Mayor indicated this change was made to avoid overtime for city employees.
  - f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Mr. Keating announced that LYS (Leeds Youth Sports) Football is in the playoffs and seeks direction of the school site.
  - g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Mr. Keating announced that the Cogbil Street project is under way.
  - h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** No Report.
- 6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS;**
  - a) Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner:** Councilmember Turner reports that the finance committee met a few weeks ago and with a few cuts, the proposed budget projects the city finances in good shape.
  - b) Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland:** No Report.
  - c) Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth.** Listen to recording  
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7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Resolution 2014-11-05 Declare Weeds On Certain Properties a Nuisance.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-11-05 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Dutton; with no discussion or public comment, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**b) Resolution 2014-11-06 Confirm Nuisance Weed Abatement Liens.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-11-06 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; with no discussion from public, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2014-11-07 Approve Grant Funds to Non Profit Entities.** Mayor Miller gave some background of this resolution. The Mayor made note of the oversight of donations to the Arts Council but assured that the matter will be resolved with proper notice in the near future. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-11-07 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; with no discussion, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) Approve Fiscal 2014-2015 City Budget.** Mayor David Miller offered some comments about the budget, including his meeting with the city's finance committee and meeting with the department heads. The Mayor also welcomed anyone from the public to view the budget. Mayor noted that there have been many things done to save the city money such as contracting the City's trash and limb service. Mayor indicated that the budget is being presented by the finance committee.

Motion to approve Fiscal 2014-2015 City Budget by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; with no discussion, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Attorney Barnett commented that the motion should have included the Senior Program. The Mayor indicated that Jefferson County has terminated the second session of the exercise program which included two exercise sessions per week. The mayor stated that the proposed budget should be amended to include the \$40.00 additional charge per week for the second session.

Motion to add the amendment as an agenda item by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes for the addition of the agenda item.

**e) Amendment to 2014-2015 budget to include \$40.00 per week service charge for the second session of the exercise program.** Motion to approve the amendment to the 2014-2015 budget by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Mayor introduced Gentry Shows of Advanced Disposal, who addressed the council. Mr. Shows indicated there have been some bumps getting started and the company ran additional trucks to get caught up in the City. Mr. Shows stated that he would like to make quarterly reports to the Council and vet any concerns that might be at hand. Shows spoke of the possibility of distributing another informational leaflet in the mail stating that the city now bills for the garbage service. Advanced Disposal has also hired additional service representatives on staff to provide quick response. Mr. Shows introduced Justin Hunt, Area Manager.

**Executive Session:** City Attorney Burnett stated that the Executive Session pertains to immediate pending litigation and meets the requirements of the open meetings act. This is an informational session. The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:25PM and returned at 7:00PM.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Scotty Blake, 8764 Sunset Drive,** stated he is unhappy with the garbage service, indicating that the truck drove by several weeks ago and has not seen a truck since. Mr. Blake said he called Advanced Disposal and was told they would contact the

supervisor. The streets involved are Sunset and Parnell. Mr. Shows of Advanced Disposal took the complaint.

**Chris Gillen, 6668 June Avenue**, stated that he is coming to the third administration about his problem. When the city completed the E-911 addressing change, it has caused him problems. Mr. Gillen has indicated that he would like to have the address number changed. Mayor Miller stated that he will ask the City's legal department to look into this matter. Councilmember Turner indicated that he would communicate the results to Mr. Gillen.

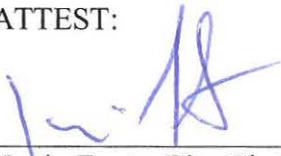
**ADJOURNMENT:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting.



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David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Kevin Fouts, City Clerk