

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 05, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, January 05, 2015 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.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes from December 15, 2014 Council Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2014-12-02 Appoint Municipal Judge.**

Motion by Councilmember Washington to go into Executive Session regarding (1) this topic as it regards the good name and character of an individual and (2) to discuss an unrelated pending litigation matter. The City Attorney declared that both subject matters meet the criteria to convene into executive session. The Council went into executive session at 6:07PM.

The Council reconvened at 6:42PM

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-12-02 by Councilmember Ragland; there was no second, resulting in failure for Resolution 2014-12-02.

5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- a) **Administration, Mayor Miller:** No Report.
- b) **Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** No Report.
- c) **Police Department, Chief Jackson:** No Report.
- d) **Library, Director Williams:** No Report.
- e) **Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** No Report.
- f) **Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** No Report.
- g) **Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** No Report.  
Councilmember Washington commented that the community is looking bad due to lack of garbage pickup, resulting in piles of trash everywhere. Councilmember Washington cited piles near his home as an example. Attorney Barnett asked if a meeting with the contractor would be helpful and Councilmember Washington agreed.
- 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 announced the good news that we are now making progress. Mr. Watson is working on a meeting between the City and the BOE (Board of Education) to keep the project on track. An updated GEO Tech report has been received with no glaring problems identified. The Architect is working to locate the facility on the report. The current task for BOE is to work on a budget and prepare the documentation needed for the State approvals. Councilmember Washington asked if the school is as large as with the prior site location. Mr. Watson responded that the facility will be the size allowed by funding, which necessitates development of a new budget. Mr. Watson commented that he thinks the facility is the same as planned at the prior site and that the School Superintendent did not want a facility that would have the capacity of no more than 700 students. Councilmember Washington asked if the road had been determined to date. Mr. Watson responded that nothing has been decided to date. The Mayor discussed roadway location possibilities with Mr. Washington. Councilmember Washington voiced his concern about where the ball field will be relocated so that when construction starts, the relocated ball fields will be ready for use. Motion to approve the pay request by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to add Resolution 2015-01-07 to the agenda as item "a-1" by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Wadsworth; the motion passed with all voting yes.

a) **Resolution 2015-01-01 Schedule A Public Hearing.** Motion to change the date from January 20<sup>th</sup> to January 26, 2015 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all voting yes.

a-1) **Resolution 2015-01-07 Reschedule January 19, 2015 Council Meeting.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-07 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) **Resolution 2015-01-02 Ratify Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Expenses:** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-02 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) **Resolution 2015-01-03 Authorize ALDOT TAP Sidewalk Agreement:** Mayor David Miller introduced Mr. Keith Strickland of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-03 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) **Resolution 2015-01-04 Authorize Engineer Sidewalk Design Agreement:** Mr. Keith Strickland explained the agreement/project. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-04 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) **Resolution 2015-01-05 Adopt Driveway Culvert Policy:** The Mayor and Inspections Superintendent Watson gave some background about this subject matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-05 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner. Discussion from Councilmember Washington seeking some clarification if this policy would limit the City's ability to declare an emergency. Councilmember Washington was concerned about the City not adhering to its responsibilities. The Mayor indicated the old informal policy was illegal as advised by the City's attorneys. The Motion to approve passed with all present voting yes.

f) **Resolution 2015-01-06 Adopt Bulk Waste Policy:** The Mayor and Superintendent Watson explained the need for this policy. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-06 by Councilmember Washington and a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Attorney Barnett** informed Councilmember Washington that he has been communicating with Advanced Disposal during the meeting. A meeting has been set for Wednesday morning, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURMENT:** Motion by Councilmember Wadsworth to adjourn. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk