

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, January 26, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING
Amend the City Zoning Map**

The mayor gave a brief description of the Public Hearing topic.

Ted Crockett, 4024 Shandwick Lane, Birmingham, AL 35242; informed the Council that he has had nothing but problems from the projects supplying information to council. Mr. Crockett indicated that he has communicated with the Housing Authority Executive Director regarding this matter and he questioned the management of the projects.

Ms. Michelette, Housing Authority Executive Director, informed the council and audience that the proposed facility will be similar to the recent projects in Pell City. Ms. Michelette addressed the council and audience on the process of how tenants are screened before they are able to lease a unit. Ms. Michelette indicated that if allowed to improve the site, there will be a relaxing of some rules which regulate the authority and should allow a stricter tenant screening process.

Mayor Miller announced the recent policy adopted by the City regarding commercial properties and bulk waste. The Mayor also announced the issues that are being worked out with the City's Garbage and Bulk Waste contractor. Currently there are 68 Units on the Dorrough site. The proposed demolition for upgrade affects 58 units on Lolly.

Lois Love, Thomas Avenue, 1775 11th Court, Leeds, asked if this rezoning would affect her zoning, and the Mayor's response was negative. Ms. Love indicates there are global concerns and not just with garbage/trash such as drainage, traffic and etc.

David Tredwell, 8551 Thomas Avenue, asked if the footprint was going to change. The Mayor and City attorney indicated there will be no footprint change, because a change would require an alteration in the Declaration of Trust with HUD (Housing and Urban Development).

With no other comments from the audience, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:57P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:59PM.

- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes of the January 05, 2015 Council Meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; 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:** The Mayor reported that the city is the recipient of a \$2,000 historical grant from State Rep. Dickie Drake and State Senator Slade Blackwell.
 - b) **Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** Report supplied.
 - c) **Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Report supplied.
 - d) **Library, Director Williams:** “Leggo-Mania” program is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th from 4 to 5 pm. The library will be closed on Friday, January 30th.
 - e) **Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** No Report.
 - f) **Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Leeds Youth Sports organization is in the process of “sign up” at the new park.
 - g) **Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Mr. Keating reported that the Cogbill Street project is completed.
 - h) **Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** Dates have been set for Amnesty Court. The dates are March 6 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM and on March 7, from 9:00 AM to 1 PM.
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.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Resolution 2015-01-08 SCFF (Special Care Facility Financing) Board Appointments.** The Mayor explained the background of this resolution and how it relates to the recent UAB Facility being constructed in the City. The Mayor proposed the appointment of Bill Richardson, Dr. Rick Palma and Eddie Moore for the Board. Motion to accept the members as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. Discussion: Councilmember Washington voiced his reservations regarding one of the proposed candidates. At the question, the motion passed with Councilmember Washington voting no.
 - b) **Resolution 2015-01-09 PEBA (Public Education Building Authority) Board Appointments.** Mayor Miller proposed the appointment of Joe White and Mike Hall. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-09 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.
 - c) **Resolution 2015-01-10 Authorize Design Agreement.** The Mayor gave a brief description of the resolution. Councilmember Washington spoke about slowing the process down and separating the responsibilities between the City and School. Councilmember Washington thinks the City should separate itself from the School because of its responsibilities for the Leeds Youth Sports programs and what the School wants for itself. **Richard Patterson, Briarwood Lane** and new resident to Leeds, asked about what upgrading has been done on the current stadium. Patterson thinks the AstroTurf is an excellent proposal for the field. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-10 by Councilmember Turner with second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with Councilmember Washington voting no.

d) Resolution 2015-01-11 Authorize Plan Review Payment. Mayor gave a brief description about this resolution: Motion to approve Resolution 2015-01-11 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

e) Ordinance 2015-01-01 Authorize Annexation Petition. Mayor gave a brief description about the Ordinance.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-01-01 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

f) Ordinance 2015-01-02 Amend City Zoning Map.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-01-02 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

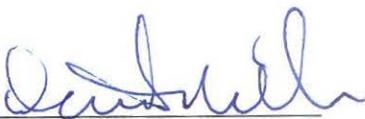
Kathye Drake, Kings Forest Road, thanked the council for what it is doing.

Councilmember Ragland spoke about the AstroTurf matter indicating an upgrade is needed for the school, but thinks there is a need for a separate field to protect the metro team.

Mr. Brunson spoke about the work that is being done with working with Leeds Youth Sports program for better organization and definition of the roles of all entities affected.

Eddie Cook, Leeds, introduced Alison Black Cornelius, Executive Director of the GBHS (Greater Birmingham Humane Society). The Mayor spoke in appreciation of the work of the Humane Society. Mayor Miller referred to other proposals received and will work quickly to get an answer to GBHS as soon as possible with the decision of the City.

ADJOURNMENT: motion from Councilmember Turner to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:50PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk