

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, February 16, 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, and Craig Wadsworth present. Councilmember Kenneth Washington was absent.
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Dr. Carl Marbury led the invocation.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes from the January 26, 2015 Public Hearing and Council Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was given by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland; 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 announced that the Leeds High School Wrestling Team has been name the State 4A Champions. The Mayor also announced the construction has started for the new BP Gas Station at the intersection of HWY 78 and Ashville Road.
 - b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** Report provided to Council. The Department advised council of the format change of the monthly report and thanked Leeds High School Principal Turner for assisting the department in School Bus Training.
 - c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Report provided to Council.
 - d) Library, Director Williams:** Report supplied to Council. Ms. Williams also distributed the 2014 Jefferson County Public Libraries Annual Report.
 - e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** Brad Watson reported that Rex Lake Medical Clinic construction has started and for the Murphy Oil station at Walmart. Watson also indicates the Bag Supply company is installing equipment in the facility. Watson reported meeting with Advanced Disposal regarding the contractor's performance in the city. Watson reports that they are going to be adding another day to the yard waste pickup, acquiring a larger truck and hiring a dedicated driver for the city. Mayor commented about the contractor's current performance and how the City is trying to work out their less than desirable startup of services supplied to the City.
 - f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Absent.
 - g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.** Absent. Mr. Watson gave the following report via email: 1) Pot holes cannot be repaired due to low temperature; 2) alerted ALDOT to use anti-icing spray on Scott City Hill; and 3) the department is on call to address icing conditions on City Streets.
 - h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Absent, the mayor reports Court Amnesty dates of March 6th 1 to 6PM and March 7th 9AM to 12 noon.
- 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 reported that on Jan 27, 2015 the BOE (Leeds Board of Education) requested that the Zoning Board of Adjustments allow a school to be placed on property which is currently owned by the City. Watson reports that the request was passed unanimously by the Board. Also, the BOE went before Planning & Zoning Board to request selected Primary School Site be subdivided in order to allow the transfer of property to the BOE. The action will also allow placement of an advertisement in the paper to allow time to process the approval of pre-bid applicants. The anticipated schedule as of now will have the facility ready for students in August of 2016. On Thursday, February 16, 2015, Goodwyn, Mills & Caywood, the BOE Architect for the project, submitted plans to the Alabama State Building commission for review. Mr. Watson also displayed the current layout of the site plan and the proposed structure. Watson expressed concern about the budget as being very tight and is suggesting that the school size be decreased to bring the project in at the original 12 million dollars as directed by the City. Watson states that the current proposed structure has a capacity of 700 students and the Council had discussion about what the current needs are of the BOE for the school.

Mayor David Miller thanked the four members from the Planning and Zoning Commission in attendance and for all the work that the commission has done to make this project successfully proceed and all the work that the Board is accomplishing.

7. New Business:

a) **Resolution 2015-02-01 To Set a Public Hearing Date Regarding An Unsafe Structure at 7501 Popular Avenue, Leeds.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-02-01 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed with all present voting yes. Attorney Barnett indicated the terminology in the Resolution needs to be corrected to reflect the true intent of the Resolution.

b) **Resolution 2015-02-02 Regarding Special Event Fee Waiver.** Motion to approve Resolutions 2015-02-02 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes. Mr. Westen's name will be corrected in the Resolution.

c) **Ordinance 2015-02-01 Regarding Official City Logo.**

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

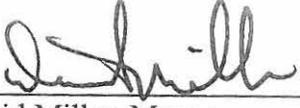
Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02-01 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Motion to adjourn into executive session by Councilmember Dutton with Councilmember Wadsworth; motion passed with all present voting yes. Attorney Brunson made a statement that the subject matter relates to pending litigation which meets the State of Alabama Open Meetings Act. The Council adjourned into executive session at 6:52PM and returned to Chambers at 7:20PM.

d) **Discuss Leeds Redevelopment Authority Resolution Regarding City of Leeds Property Maintenance Code.** Attorney Barnett informed the Council of this matter, in particular addressing the Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Watson also explained to the council the issues at hand. Watson spoke of his efforts to partner with the stakeholders and to not use heavy handed with the enforcement of the code. Motion to create a resolution which mirrors the RDA's Resolution number 2015-02-02 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland. This new Resolution will be Council Resolution number 2015-02-03; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

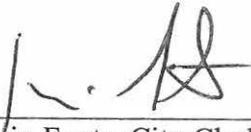
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** there were no comments from the Public.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. The Council adjourned at 7:25PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk