

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Called Council Meeting on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland was absent.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Invocation was given by John Saddler.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a) Annexation of Certain Territory to the Corporate Limits of The City of Leeds, Jefferson County.** The Mayor gave a brief description of this matter. There were no comments regarding this subject matter from the public.

**b) Amending the Official City of Leeds Zoning Map, St. Clair County.** The Inspections Superintendent gave a brief description of this topic. There were no comments regarding this subject matter from the public.

**c) Public Benefit To A Private Entity.** The Mayor gave a brief description of this topic. Dr. Carl Marbury spoke to the Council about moving into the third phase of the Moton Center Development Program. Marbury spoke of trying to stabilize the the finances of the Moton center to offer permanent ongoing programs available to the community. Marbury spoke of working on creating the Leeds 2000 Master Plan which helped to bring the creation of the new High School, Middle School, and renovated Elementary School along with the recent development at the Exit I40 area of the City. Marbury described the future projects the organization is working to implement. Councilmember Washington spoke about the efforts the organization to help promote quality of life for the residents of Leeds.

There were no other comments from the audience.

The mayor asked to add Item d, Application for ABC License (which has been advertised) to the Public Hearing agenda. Motion to add item d to the agenda by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) ABC License for G3 Cubed Sports Bar.** Mayor informed the Council that to date the Inspections Department and the Fire Department have not received proper plans to review.

George Gunn, 910 Dundridge Drive, Birmingham, owner of G3 Cubed Sports Bar, spoke to council about the issues. He indicated the Health Department has visited the site and supplied a list of requirements. Gunn indicates these requirements will be completed by end of next week. Gunn also spoke to providing the plans requested by the City. Councilmember Washington asked if the project can move along without the missing information; Inspections Department Superintendent Watson responded that it cannot go forward without that documentation as it is needed to review and comment for issue a Certificate of Occupancy upon completion. A question was raised about the required stamps for the plans. Mr. Joe Caldwell commented that the vote tonight is allowing for the liquor license at the location and not anything else.

The mayor closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 5:40PM

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on January 06, 2014 were provided to the Council. Motion to approve the minutes by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; 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 spoke about the creation of a subcommittee for the school project. Mayor Miller indicated that the City Inspector is already in that capacity and has an engineer.

Mayor Miller asked to add the creation of a school project subcommittee to the agenda. A positive response from Councilmembers Turner and Washington was voiced; the motion passed with all present voting yes and was added to agenda.

**b) Fire Department, Chief Pierce:** Captain Josh McDaniel was introduced as speaking for Chief Pierce. No Report.

**c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Lt. Scoggin represented Chief Jackson. No Report.

**d) Library, Director Williams:** Ms Williams announced the Library closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson:** No Report.

**f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Mr. Keating announced that Baseball and Softball programs are beginning.

**g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** the Leaf Truck will be out of the shop on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

**h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** Report was provided in the Council's packet. Ms. Roberts announced serving on a committee reviewing some negative legislation that needs to be stopped.

### 6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**a) Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner,** No Report.

**b) Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland,** Absent.

**c) Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth,** No Report.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

**a) Ordinance 2014-01-01 Amend Zoning Map.** Mayor described the purpose of the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Turner to suspend the rules, with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion to suspend the rules passed.

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

**b) Ordinance 2014-01-02 Annexation of Property Into The Corporate Limits of the City, Jefferson County.**

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-01-02 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2014-01-06 Authorizing Grant Of Public Funds.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-01-06 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) Resolution 2014-01-07 Authorizing Expenditure and Amending 2014 Budget.** Motion to approve Resolution 2014-01-07 by Councilmember Turner with second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**e) Ratify Fiscal Year 2012-2013 City Financial Audit.** Motion to ratify the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 City Financial Audit by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**f) Resolution 2014-01-08 Approve An ABC License Application.** Motion to approve ABC License Application in Resolution 2014-01-08 with conditions that other regulatory agencies' requirements are met and the receipt of stamped plans by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**g) Resolution 2014-01-09 Approve Application For Authority To Incorporate The Leeds Redevelopment Authority.** The Mayor gave a brief description of this resolution. City Attorney Johnny Burnett explained that after the formation of the Authority this date, a new board will need to be appointed. The map presented defines the downtown properties in this district and can be amended by the over time. Mayor Miller spoke about the benefits of creating this authority. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-01-09 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Washington. Discussion arose from Councilmember Washington asking what the authority can do. Attorney Burnett informed Councilmember Washington of the various types of benefits to the community. Dr. Marbury added to the discussion stating his commendation of the Council for taking this action, and further explained how formation of the Redevelopment Authority folds into the ACE (Alabama Community of Excellence) program. Dr. Marbury also commended City Attorney Barnett and Pat Hall for their work in developing plans for this Authority. With no further discussion, the Motion passed with all voting yes.

**h) School Funding Oversight Sub-Committee:** The Mayor asked for a motion to form the Committee Oversight Subcommittee to include Inspection Department and the City Engineer. The Mayor nominated Johnny Dutton as Representative from the Council, seconded by Councilmember Eric Turner. Discussion: Attorney Barnett informed the Council of a presentation from Insite Engineering which should be presented before the next council meeting. Councilmember Washington reminded the Council that Mrs. Johnny Dutton serves on the Board of Education; he explained that he cannot vote for Councilmember Dutton for this Committee as it represents a direct conflict of interest. Councilmember Turner commented that he seconded the motion because Councilmember Dutton is a banker and there needs to be a finance person on the committee and the budget number is set and needs to be monitored because of the large expenditure. Mayor Miller stated that he does not see a conflict since the Board of Education will not originate the ideas of how to spend the money – the subcommittee would be an intermediary between the Board and the Council. Attorney Brunson reminded the Council that the committee has no authority to spend funds; only the Council has that function. The motion passed with Councilmember Washington and Councilmember Dutton abstaining.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Wadsworth with second by Councilmember Washington. The meeting adjourned at 6:12PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk