

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 13, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Eric Turner.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** June 15, 2015 Council Public Hearing and Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented 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 announced and congratulated Chuck Parsons as the new City Fire Chief. The Mayor also announced the City's Leeds Youth Sports team in the Dizzy Dean Tournaments and that they are most likely headed to the World Series. The Mayor reported a serious fire call on Dorrough Street on July 4th. The following members of the Police Department were recognized and were presented with a plaque: Ben Armstrong, Mike Staggs, Adam Ledbetter, Sgt. Ron Reeves, Brian Chalian and Richard Waldrop. Rhonda Lee, a new dispatcher, was commended for her outstanding performance in handling the call. Firefighters recognized and presented with a plaque: Jonathan Rock, Mark Howard, LaFredrick "Marlo" Blount, and Lt. Barry Wright. Cory Lamon and Dalton Williams received a special letter of commendation for saving the life of the person who was trapped in the structure fire.

**b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons:** Report supplied. Chief Parsons also reports that the ISO inspector was on site and the department expects a report soon.

**c) Police Department, Chief Jackson:** Report supplied.

**d) Library, Director Williams:** Ms. Williams announced the kick-off for the Summer Reading Program will be at the Leeds Memorial Park, July 30th at 10:00 AM. There will be games, refreshments, and the City fire trucks and vehicles will be there for all to explore.

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

**f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating.** Mr. Keating expressed appreciation to Girl Scout Troop Number 234, who voluntarily cleaned areas damaged by graffiti in the parks. Citizens were asked to report to the police any activity of people defacing park property and for additional help to clean graffiti in the parks. Councilmember Washington asks that the people responsible be fined to the extent possible.

**g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.** No Report.

**h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Report Supplied.

**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 foundation site-work is complete and work can begin to set the foundations. The weather is cooperating and everything is currently on schedule. Watson recommends that the invoices from GMC be paid as presented. Watson reports that the Contractor has not submitted any invoices to date. Motion to pay the invoices as submitted by GMC by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all voting yes.

Mayor Miller requested adding an item to the agenda as Item Q addressing the vandalized portalets. Motion to add Item Q to the agenda by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; motion passed with all voting yes.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Executive Session Regarding Pending Litigation.** Attorney Brunson states that the subject matter qualifies for an executive session, as it concerns imminent pending litigation. The Mayor asked for a vote to go into executive session and all voted yes. Council went into executive session at 6:30PM and returned to the meeting room at 6:58PM.

**b) City Board Appointment.** The LWWB (Leeds Water Works Board) will appoint a member for a full term to replace the late Ms. Charley Glenn. Councilmember Ragland nominated Ms. Sabrina Rose; there was no second. Councilmember Washington nominated Michael Hall with a second by Councilmember Turner. There were no other nominations and on the call for the vote, all voted in favor. Mayor Miller congratulated Michael Hall on his appointment to the Leeds Water Works Board.

**c) Resolution 2015-07-01 Authorize Expenditures For Limb Grinding and Removal Services.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07-01 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland, motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) Resolution 2015-07-02 Confirming Report of Costs and Creating Weed Lien On Properties.** After announcing the property addresses the Mayor asked if anyone was present to speak concerning any of the announced being assessed.

**e) Resolution 2015-07-03 Confirming Report of Costs and Creating Weed Lien On Properties.**

**f) Resolution 2015-07-04 Confirming Report of Costs and Creating Weed Lien On Properties.**

**g) Resolution 2015-07-05 Confirming Report of Costs and Creating Weed Lien On Properties.**

With no comments from the audience, a motion to approve items d – g was made by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**h) Resolution 2015-07-06 Approve Inmate Housing Agreement.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07-06 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland; motion passed with all present voting yes.

**i) Resolution 2015-07-07 Termination of Probation Services Contract.** Mayor Miller spoke about this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07-07 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**j) Resolution 2015-07-08 Determination Of Certain Weeds & Overgrown Property To Be A Public Nuisance.** Motion to approve items j – m by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The Mayor announced the properties being referenced in items j-m and asked if anyone present would like to speak to these matters. With no comments, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**k) Resolution 2015-07-09 Determination Of Certain Weeds & Overgrown Property To Be A Public Nuisance.**

**l) Resolution 2015-07-10 Determination Of Certain Weeds & Overgrown Property To Be A Public Nuisance.**

**m) Resolution 2015-07-11 Determination Of Certain Weeds & Overgrown Property To Be A Public Nuisance.**

**n) Resolution 2015-07-12 Impose Penalties Against Solid Waste Contractor.**

Mayor supplied an update to council of the current situation with the contractor and indicated that the issues are getting worse. Mayor Miller indicated that the matter has been turned over to the City's legal staff. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07-12 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. Discussion: Councilmember Washington and Mr. Gentry Shows (representing the contractor) spoke to the Council about the matter. Mr. Shows indicated that the company services approximately 4,500 homes in the city and has not had many complaints. Mr. Shows indicated that there is a procedure in place to communicate issues between the City and the company. Mayor Miller stated that the garbage service has recently dipped below standards and to be brought back to the prior service level would be fine. The Mayor also stated the yard waste service has struggled from the beginning with the city assisting the company to help make them successful. Mr. Shows states that the Franchise Contract calls for the City to assist in getting the commercial accounts to be on services. Shows asked if the City would take the Trash and Limb service back. Mayor and Council indicated that the City bid it as a package and does not have the finances to take that service back, which is why it was in the bid.

Mr. Shows indicated the zones are working but the recent Wednesday route was abnormally heavy but when they went back to pickup the piles they were gone. The Mayor indicated that the City picked up the piles to abate the complaints received at City Hall. Attorney Barnett spoke to the Council about Shows comments of the commercial accounts need to be put on notice of needing to be contracted with the City's franchisee. Mr. Barnett expressed concern as to whether Advance Disposal be able to service the commercial accounts with the current problems being experienced. Mayor Miller asked that Advance Disposal supply in writing the names of city businesses that need to issued another notice that they must be serviced by Advance Disposal.

**Kathye Drake, 1008 Kings Forest Drive,** commented about the garbage being missed on her street. She also commented that she called Advanced Disposal to report that her garbage can had no wheels; after waiting for a couple weeks a replacement container was placed but in worse condition than the one being replaced. Drake commented that the garbage service is not up to the same standards as it was in the recent past.

Councilmember Dutton asked Mr. Shows if the problem is manpower or equipment; Mr. Shows responded that the company has experienced labor issues but now has that problem resolved. Shows indicates that Advance ran the route five days last week with a second truck coming in to help. Shows asks Inspections Superintendent Watson if the zones are working or should something else be implemented, to which Mr. Watson responded that it is important to stay with the current zone schedule as the residents are responsive. With no other discussion, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**o) Resolution 2015-07-13 Approve Settlement Agreement.** Mayor gave a brief update about on the matter in the Resolution. A motion to approve Resolution

2015-07-13 was made by Councilmember Turner with a second from Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**p) Ordinance 2015-07-01 Adopt and Enact Procedures and Requirements For Unclaimed Property.**

Motion to suspend the rules by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton, the motion passed with all voting yes. Attorney Barnett spoke to the content of this ordinance.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-07-01 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. Discussion: Councilmember Washington asked if the Council could be supplied a report of property that was disposed. Attorney Barnett advised Council that the motion could be amended to include that topic in the Ordinance. Councilmember Ragland amended the motion to include the police chief supply a report of the planned items for disposal as part of the 90 day notice with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the amended motion passed with all present voting yes.

**q) Approve payment of vandalized Portalets at Motion Park.** Motion to authorize payment of the \$1,600 replacement costs by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ms. Burt** expressed concern about garbage, but also about people hanging out in the Moton Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilmember Washington to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk