

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, July 20, 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 6:07PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Devoris Roscha Ragland, and Craig Wadsworth present. Councilmember Kenneth Washington arrived at 6:14PM. Councilmember Eric Turner was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was led by Councilmember Dutton.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES: minutes from the Public Hearing and the Regular Council Meeting from July 13, 2015 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Dutton with a second from 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: the Mayor introduced Ms. Heather Jones and presented a check for \$1,000 from the City to help offset the cost for the 12 year old team to attend the Dizzy Dean Tournaments. Additional contributions can be made through a visit to the Mayor's web site. Mayor Miller also announced that the Leeds BOE (Board of Education) has voted to borrow funds to install astroturf on the football field at the High School. The field will accommodate the football teams of both the High School and Leeds Youth Sports Football. The funding is possible from the refinancing of Jefferson County's finances.

b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons: the Chief announced that the Fire Department participated in a mock train derailment disaster training session.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: No Report.

d) Library, Director Williams: Ms. Williams announced that Ramona Jett will serve as the story teller for the "Tot time" on Tuesday, July 21, at 10:00AM. Ms. Williams distributed flyers describing the "super hero party" to be held at Memorial Park on July 30. The super heroes are the Leeds City Police, Fire, Court and Street Departments who will appear at the event. This event will mark the end of the summer reading program.

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.

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: No Report.

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner: Absent.

b) Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland: No Report.

c) **Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth:** Mr. Wadsworth expressed appreciation to the Girls Scout Troop Number 234 for cleaning up playground equipment at Memorial Park.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2015-07-14 Authorizing A Reimbursement.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07-14 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) **Solid Waste Exception Certificate Request – Robert C. Smith, 7068 Greenwood Lane.** The Mayor asked if Mr. Smith was present, and Mr. Smith was not present in the audience. Councilmember Washington asked for clarification from City Attorney Barnett about the guidelines for exceptions. The exception request failed due to lack of a motion to authorize.

c) **Resolution 2015-07-15 Policy For Determination Of Failed Solid Waste Services.** Rod Praytor, long time resident, commented that he was overcharged by the company 10 years ago, has not had service at 7438 Parkway Drive since that time and does not see why he needs to start paying now. Mr. Praytor indicated that he has properly disposed of the garbage at dumping facilities of either Jefferson County or City of Birmingham or by another person to haul for him. The Mayor informed Mr. Praytor of the two options available to him to qualify not having to pay for service. City Attorneys Brunson and Barnett affirmed what the Mayor advised Mr. Praytor. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07-15 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Patterson, Briarwood Lane, commented about the renovations and playing surface at the Football field and asked if anything is being done about the lighting at the facility. The Mayor stated that he did not know that there was a problem but will check into the matter. Mr. Patterson also asked about having seating on both sides of the field; Mayor Miller indicated that he is communicating with the Superintendent about this matter.

Councilmember Ragland, commented that the lot is overgrown at 1611 Parnell Drive and asked if something could be done about it. The Inspections Superintendent gave an update on this matter and indicated that there will be a list ready for the August council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Washington to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk