

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 03, 2015**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with Councilmembers Kenneth Washington, Eric Turner, Johnny Dutton, Craig Wadsworth and Devoris Roscha Ragland present.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The invocation was given by Councilmember Eric Turner.

PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding Properties Identified As Having Certain Conditions
To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance
In Violation of Chapter 32 Of The City of Leeds Code of Ordinances

Holly Barnes, 1728 Linden Street, addressed the Council and explained that she is cleaning up her mother's property which has put her behind on her property. Ms. Barnes requested an extension of another month for Blair Street Property ID Number 3168. Inspections Superintendent supplied the Council with recent pictures.

Amy Ingram, 8397 Dunnivant Road, explained that she is the only person that can work on this property. Ms. Ingram stated that the Toyota has been removed; the gray Lumina and the Honda are going to be registered. Ms. Ingram also stated that the ditch behind the property has heavy growth and she is afraid cut her grass due to snakes from the ditch. She requested a one-week extension and she will have the registrations on the automobiles in that time frame. Inspections Superintendent stated that the ditch behind her property is not the responsibility of the City, as it is private property and there is no easement. Councilmember Washington asked if Ingram had a survey, to which she replied that her mother had the property surveyed about twenty years ago. Ms. Ingram requested time to get the tires removed and vehicle matters resolved.

Melissa Allen, 8960 Pear Street, owns two properties and stated the properties have been empty for two years. This address is not on the list for action by the council tonight. Ms. Allen stated that the refuse people have not picked up trash that has been on the street for over two months. Inspections Superintendent Watson stated that home clean out items are excluded from the City's Bulk Waste program. Ms. Allen stated that she currently resides at 8301 Hall Avenue, (case 3209). She stated that most of the debris was left by her former husband and she does not know what to do with the debris, and requested a two-week extension to resolve this matter and remove the debris. Yard waste for this address is on the "A" Schedule which is this week. .

REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes from the July 20, 2015 Council Meeting 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:** Mayor reports the City's Youth Baseball Team did the City proud in the tournament at South Haven, Mississippi. Mayor also reports that the organization raised \$10,000.00 from donations to help pay for the trip. Mayor reports that the Hubbell Corporation gave \$4,000.00 to the LYS program.
 - b) **Fire Department, Chief Parsons:** No Report

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson: No Report

d) Library, Director Williams: Director Williams reports that the regular TOT Time/ Story Time will be tomorrow. Director Williams reports of the the Library's Facebook page indicates construction is starting but states the construction relates to the carpet being replaced in the Library. Mayor informs Director Williams that the City will look into the ceiling tile repair request.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson: No Report

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating: The Splash Pad season is nearing the seasons end. Starting next week the Pad will be closed the day before school starts and opens Friday 9-4 and Saturday and Sunday regular hours up until Labor Day weekend. After the Labor Day Holiday Weekend the Splash Pad will be closed. The Mayor thanks the donations received from the Shops at Grand River, TNT Fireworks and Zoom Motorsports which allowed the free access to the City's residents.

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.

Mayor reports of the Sidewalk project that has started at the Elementary School and the Downtown area. Mayor reports of the decorative Street Lights that will be part of the project to extend the fixtures along Parkway Drive.

h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts: No Report

6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: 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.: Watson reports that the project is full bore. Watson reports that there are 60 GEO piers being completed daily. Watson indicates the project continues to track for a June 30 facility turn over date. Watson reports hauling 30,000 cubic yards of dirt with another 20,000 to go.

Watson reports of an invoice for Goodwyn Mills Cawood and an invoice for Alabama Power are ready to be paid. Motion by Turner with a second by Dutton to authorize payment, motion passed with all voting yes.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2015-08-01 Determination of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In Violation of Chapter 32 Of The Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve resolution by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland with the omission of case numbers 661, 711, 822, 2380, 3165, 3334 and 3833. Before the vote was taken the Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak about this matter, having no comments from the audience a vote was taken. The Motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) Resolution 2015-08-02 Approval Of An Easement For Primary School:

Motion by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. After brief discussion about the details a vote was taken. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mondretta Williams brought to the Council's attention that the sidewalk on 8th Street needs to be repaired.

Ms. Bert, asked if the school needs a place to haul excess soil, but the answer was negative as it is being hauled to the future Football field at the High School.

Councilmember Washington asked how to limit yard waste sitting along the roadside for pickup.

Mr. Watson stated that the city is having a real problem with dumping. Watson states that the city is monitoring with cameras but it takes time to catch the people doing the dumping. Watson stated that everyone received a map of the pickup schedules and maybe with enforcement efforts, the dumping could be curtailed.

Councilmember Washington thanked the citizens for reporting the issues on nuisance matters this evening. Councilmember Washington asks what the rules are of setting material at the street for pickup. Councilmember Washington also states that the City needs to put more effort in communicating to the public of the Yard waste and garbage schedule. Councilmember Dutton suggests that there has been confusion about when to set items out due to the contractor not being consistent with the pickup schedule. The Council asked that the trash pickup schedule be posted on the website.

Wayne Newton, who lives by Middle School, stated that broken-down cars have been left and weeds are growing in the neighborhood both on Thomas and Bryant to the corner and by the Ball field. He states that the property is not being maintained by the owners. Mr. Newton also spoke about the deterioration of Ashville Road through the neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Turner to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk