

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, September 21, 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 6:04 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland arrived at 6:12PM.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** The Invocation was led by Jimmy Roy Johnson.

**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.**

Mayor David Miller opened the floor to address the following properties:

7545 Parkway Drive, no one was present to speak.

1621 Ashville Road, no one was present to speak.

8372 Thomas Ave, no one was present to speak.

8337 Bryant Ave, Charles Able, property owner, addressed issues with his property.

The property has been cleaned up. The material that was on site belonged to the school and Mr. Able stated the items have been returned to the school.

During a review of properties which were tabled on September 14<sup>th</sup>, it was determined that all properties are resolved except 8449 Dunnavant Road. Ms. Joyce Netherlands commented concerning removing the cars and lawnmowers. The inspector conducted a site visit this date and there are two riding mowers and 1 push mower on the property. The Inspections Superintendent recommends the property be considered as in compliance.

Devoris Roscha Ragland arrived at 6:11PM.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:11PM.

**REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Miller called the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting to order.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** September 14, 2015 Council Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

4. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

a) **Administration, Mayor Miller.** The Mayor commented that the performance of the Trash and Limb service is not up to the City's standards and as of Oct 1, the city will take over the service with the purchase of a new truck.

b) **Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** The department's new website is available at leedsfire.org. The Scout Explorer group is organized and will meet on Saturday mornings at 9:30AM. Other programs from the department include Breast Cancer Awareness Week, and Fire Prevention Week (October 14-21). Abby Smith has been selected as the Fire Prevention Queen, and the runner up is Kayla Cook.

**c) Police Department, Chief Jackson.** Department report is enclosed in packet. Councilmember Washington asked for animal control to visit his district.

**d) Library, Director Williams.** Friends of the Library will present speakers Harold and Nelda Faulkner, Thursday, Sept 24, at noon for a brown bag luncheon.

**e) Inspections Department, Supervisor Brad Watson.** On October 19th at 5:00PM, the Inspections Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet in a joint session for mandatory training with ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management).

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**f) Park and Recreation, Supervisor Keating:** No report.

**g) Street and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.** Limb trucks will be in action by October 1st. In November, December and January leaves will be vacuumed with the leaf vacuum truck and the piles should be clean with no sticks. Mr. Keating suggests that leaves in bags will be picked up faster since there is only one vacuum truck. The Sidearm vehicle is still out of commission, waiting for parts.

**h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Ms. Roberts reminded the public that courts have discretion about probable cause when issuing warrants.

## 5. 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.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to add item "T" titled Special Event, by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**a) Resolution 2015-09-10 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-10 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth, motion passed with all present voting yes.

**b) Resolution 2015-09-11 Professional Services For Computer Network Management and Maintenance.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-11 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth, motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2015-09-12 Professional Services Related to Stormwater Monitoring and Testing.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-12 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**d) Resolution 2015-09-13 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.**

7545 Moton, motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-13 by Councilmember Turner with second by Councilmember Dutton. There was no one present to speak. The motion passed.

1621 Ashville Road, motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-13 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. There was no one present to speak. The motion passed. There was no one present to speak.

8372 Thomas Avenue, motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-13 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Turner. There was no one present to speak and the motion passed.

Case 8449, tabled on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> has met the compliance.

**e) Resolution 2015-09-14 Weed Lien Assessment at 600 Peach Street.** Motion that the property be removed from the list by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed.

**f) Resolution 2015-09-15 Weed Lien Assessment at 1220 Norman Drive.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-15 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton. There was no one present to speak and the motion passed.

**g) Resolution 2015-09-16 Weed Lien Assessment At 1501 Harding Street.**

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-16, then amended to approve items G through Q) in one action by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

h) Resolution 2015-09-17 Weed Lien Assessment At 1704 Jones Street.

I) Resolution 2015-09-18 Weed Lien Assessment At 1807 Gary Alan Circle.

j) Resolution 2015-09-19 Weed Lien Assessment At 1816 Athens Street.

k) Resolution 2015-09-20 Weed Lien Assessment At 2118 Frisco Court.

l) Resolution 2015-09-21 Weed Lien Assessment At 7301 Frisco Avenue.

m) Resolution 2015-09-22 Weed Lien Assessment At 8301 Hall Avenue.

n) Resolution 2015-09-23 Weed Lien Assessment At 8331 Dunnavant Road.

o) Resolution 2015-09-24 Weed Lien Assessment At 8426 Lewis Avenue.

p) Resolution 2015-09-25 Weed Lien Assessment At 8621 Swafford Avenue.

q) Resolution 2015-09-26 Weed Lien Assessment At 8632 Swafford Avenue.

**r) Resolution 2015-09-27 Approve Purchase Of Equipment For The Collections and Disposal Of Bulk Waste.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-27 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; motion passed with all present voting yes.

**s) Resolution 2015-09-28 Professional Services For Website Design.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-28 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**t) Resolution 2015-09-29 Special Events.** Councilmember Turner explained the resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09-29 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Mayor Miller** announced the Ovarian Gynologic Proclamation given by the City.

**Rev. Earnest Mitchell** expressed appreciation for the cleanup efforts carried out by the city and requested a copy of the section 32. Mr. Mitchell was advised to go to [www.municode.org](http://www.municode.org) and search the City's codebook. Rev. Mitchell said he would rather have the paper document. He then questioned whether the city's finances would allow purchase of a limb truck and asked the cost. Mayor Miller responded that the cost would be \$127,000. Rev. Mitchell requested a burn permit to burn the pile of limbs that has been on his property for a long period of time. The Mayor answered that Fire Chief Parsons regulates burn permits. In response, Chief Parsons stated there are no burn permits issued in Leeds.

**Mayor** commented that 7th street had been repaved.

**Andrew Chiles, 7485 Parkway Drive,** asked why items were removed by the City from this property. Mr. Chiles spoke of the Ordinance which was posted on the building and he had started to remove items and start mowing; but the city came and

mowed and removed the items from the property. It was stated that Mr. Rippon controls the property (not Mr. Chiles) as it is in conservatory. The vehicles were determined to be inoperable, thereby falling under the regulation of the Ordinance. The Inspections Superintendent stated that the cars can be obtained by contacting Murrery's Garage to request getting the cars back. Mr. Rogers (the tenant) indicated that he received the notice that was posted on the building. Mr. Chiles indicated that he did not receive the notice via mail because the 2001 Park Place address is incorrect. **Attorney Brunson** exchanged his business card with Mr. Rogers for his lawyer to contact him.

**Library Director Mondretta Williams** commented that she would like to be able to review from the proposed updated website.

**A member of the audience** commented that Bark Avenue to Tree Street needs to be paved. Mayor Miller indicated that it is included on the list of streets that need paving and will be considered at the time of budget formation. Also in question was the time lapse when ambulance and fire trucks going on a call and get on the street and need to backup and turn around. This has occurred within the last couple of months, possibly also on Lilac Street. Chief Parsons states the department is using Active 911, which is a GPS guidance system.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilmember Washington to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk