

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, October 19, 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 6:00 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 Turner.

PUBLIC HEARING

a) 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.

1244 Maitland Road, no one present.

8350 Farley Avenue, no one present.

8048 Parkway Drive and 8308 1st Avenue, Inspections Superintendent reports the Public Nuisance has been resolved.

b) Review of October 05, 2015 Tabled Properties.

1800 Oliver Street, Amanda Courson reports the lot has been cut and the cars are in the process of being removed. Courson reports that they plan to build a building for some of the vehicles which remain on the Property. Courson reports that she is trying to locate keys for some of the vehicles. Courson indicated that she is making progress and asked for some additional time to have the vehicles moved. Inspections Superintendent Watson reported that 1800 Oliver Street still has pockets with areas of non-compliance. Ms. Courson reviewed the pictures with the Inspections Superintendent to seek clarification of the non-compliance pockets on the property. Watson recommended to move forward to declare this property a nuisance.

1833 Lane Drive, Amanda Courson reports that some of the cars have current registrations and are insured. Courson reports the Camaro has an antique tag. Watson recommends that this matter be declared a public nuisance. Courson informed council she has located a place which is coming available to store the vehicles.

8357 Dunnivant Road. Owner states that three cars have been removed and he expects to finish the remainder in the next couple weeks; he stated that he moves them during the weekend. Mr. Watson recommended that this matter be declared a public nuisance.

1440 Bark Avenue, No one present.

1827 Linden Street is now in compliance.

Mr. Gann asked if the council would postpone the declaration of 1440 Bark Avenue as a nuisance on the property if the taxes were paid on that property. Mayor Miller asked if Mr. Gann has the survey of the property, to which Mr. Gann indicated no. The Mayor asked about the issues with this property and was informed that it is the vegetation overgrowth and the trailer unit. Mr. Watson informed the Council of to the best of his knowledge, Mr. Keith Hall owns the property in question.

No one else was present to discuss the properties in question.

Mayor closed public hearing at 6:24PM and opened the Council Meeting.

REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: a) October 05, 2015 Council Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; motion passed with all present voting yes.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2015-10-09 Regarding Tabled 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.

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-10-09 for 1800 Oliver Street by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland. After some discussion, the motion was amended to hold restraint of enforcement until October 29, 2015. The amended motion passed with all present voting yes.

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-10-09 but to hold enforcement until October 29, 2015 for 1833 Lane Drive by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

8357 Dunnivant Road, Motion to declare a nuisance under Resolution 2015-10-09 and to hold enforcement to October 29 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

1440 Bark Avenue. Motion to declare a nuisance under Resolution 2015-10-09 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland to declare this property a Public Nuisance, motion passed with all present voting yes.

5. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a) Administration, Mayor Miller. The Mayor reminded everyone to see the new service station which opened by Walmart with a reduced price for gas. October 20, 2015, the UAB Clinic will have a ribbon cutting at 11:30AM and everyone is welcome to attend.

b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons. Chief reported of speaking at Valley View Baptist on fire safety.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson. Report included in packet.

d) Library, Director Williams. Ms. Williams reported the following schedule: TOT Time October 21st at 10AM, on October 27th at noon, the Season Performers present "Haunting Tales". The public is invited and to bring your own lunch with the Library supplying the dessert and drink. Williams reported that all 3rd graders have been in the Library and have Library Cards. Director Williams requests the parents to stop by the Library to get additional information and to validate the cards that were issued.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson. No Report.

f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating. No Report.

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating. The Side arm machine is back in the repair garage and the second limb truck will be back in operation next week after being in the garage.

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. Mayor Miller reported that with the help of local state representative Dickie Drake, he met with folks from ADECA (Alabama Department of Economics and Community Affairs) to seek ways to construct public restrooms at Memorial Park.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Ordinance 2015-10-03 Amending City Lodging Tax Ordinance.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-10-03 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; after some discussion, the motion passed with all present voting yes.

b) Resolution 2015-10-06 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. With no one present to speak on behalf of 1244 Maitland, A motion to declare a nuisance under Resolution 2015-10-06 by Councilmember Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes

With no one present to speak on behalf of 8350 Farley Avenue, A motion to declare a nuisance under Resolution 2015-10-06 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

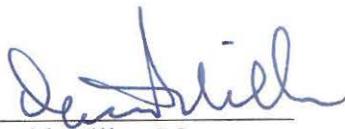
c) Resolution 2015-10-07 Accepting Certain Professional Services Relating to Employee Flexible Spending Accounts. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-10-07 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; after discussion, the motion passed with Councilmember Washington voting no.

d) Resolution 2015-10-08 Accepting Certain Professional Services Relating To Employee Insurance Benefits. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-10-08 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Fannie Burt asked about the garbage service and the rates. The mayor indicated that the rate stays the same. Advanced Disposal will send clarification of garbage services payment. Ms. Burt commented that Advanced Disposal charges a late fee of \$5.00 and observed that the mail service is causing delays and incurring late fees.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Turner to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk