

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 02, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, November 02, 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 6:06 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Devoris Roscha Ragland, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth present. Councilmember Kenneth Washington was absent.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** The Invocation was led by Kathy Drake.

**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.

**Willow Street** items are to be stricken by notice of Inspections Superintendent.

**1935 Montevallo Road.** There was no one present to speak. Inspections Superintendent Watson suggested declaration as a public nuisance.

**1525 Anderson Street.** Kevin Franklin spoke about the property. The Inspections Superintendent described junk, debris and an inoperable vehicle. Mr. Franklin stated that most junk has been removed, leaving a trailer, trucks and cars. Franklin stated the cars are operable but it takes time to bring into compliance. The vehicles are for personal family use and not for commercial use.

b) Unsafe Structures.

**1828 Ross Street.** A letter was received at City Hall by the City Clerk this morning. Attorney Brunson spoke to this matter.

**1516 Cogbill Street.** There was no one present to speak about this matter. There was a recommendation by Inspections Superintendent to declare a public nuisance.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:14PM.

**REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES:** October 19, 2015 Public Hearing and City Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by 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 announced the recent ISO rating improvement from a 5 to a 3. Chief Parsons supplied additional information about the rating process. The new rating will become effective February 1, 2016 for individual property owners insurance companies to take advantage of this new rating.

**b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons:** No additional report.

**c) Police Department, Chief Jackson.** No Report.

**d) Library, Director Williams:** Ms. Williams reported that the Library was busy last week with the various Halloween celebration events. Williams estimated that

the library gave candy treats to about 1,400 children. Upcoming events were announced: TOT Time will be Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM and Adult Crafts will be November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12 at the Library Annex.

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

**f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating:** Mayor Miller spoke of meeting with ADECA seeking grant funds for Memorial Park for a public restroom facilities.

**g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating:** The new limb truck has been delivered. The vacuum truck will be in operation once the rain stops and dries up so the leaf vacuum can pickup the leaves.

**h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts:** No Report.

## 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 spoke of progress made, regardless of the current weather conditions. Financially, the project is on target and even ahead of schedule. Some delays have occurred due to weather, but the project is still on target for time. Mr. Watson presented invoices from GMC, Terracon and Blalock companies for a total of \$1,556,559.00 being recommended for payment. Motion to pay invoices by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

**a) Miss Leeds Presentation To City Council:** Leeds Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Sandra McGuire introduced Reana Kinsey as the reigning Ms. Leeds and will be competing in the Mis. Alabama this coming June. Ms. Kinsey addressed the meeting, describing her mission to defeat Diabetes. Her commitment is to raise awareness in the community along with fund-raising events and awareness. Ms. Kinsey also spoke of her commitment regarding the safe schools legislation and stated she was present with Governor Bentley when the legislation was signed into law.

**b) Resolution 2015-11-01 Reschedule December 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting.** Motion to approve by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2015-11-02 Consider Jefferson County Senior Services Center Contract.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-11-02 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**c) Resolution 2015-11-03 Consideration Of Memorandum of Understanding With Municipal Intercept Services.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-11-03 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**e) Resolution 2015-11-04 Consider 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.**  
**1935 Montevallo Road.** No one was present to speak about this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-11-04 with regard to this property by Councilmember

Ragland with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; motion passed with all present voting yes.

**1525 Anderson Street**, Mr. Franklin was present but not sure how to address this matter. The primary infraction on this property is the inoperable vehicles and Franklin is seeking time for him to assemble sufficient finances to bring the vehicles into compliance. There are 2 trucks, 3 cars and three trailers. Mr. Franklin stated that he collects cars as a hobby. Inspections Superintendent Watson responded that the Department is seeking a resolution to establish a solution to the non compliance. Motion to declare a public nuisance but hold enforcement for 30 days in order to get current registration for the vehicles by Councilmember Turner with second by Councilmember Ragland; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**f) Resolution 2015-11-05 Consider A Determination of Certain Structures Located At 1828 Ross Street Are Unsafe To The Extent Of Being Public Nuisance.** Motion to declare a nuisance on property at 1828 Ross Street with a 30 day hold on enforcement by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; motion passed with all present voting yes.

**g) Resolution 2015-11-06 Consider A Determination of Certain Structures located at 1516 Cogbill Street Are Unsafe To The Extent Of Being A Public Nuisance.** Motion to approve Resolution 2015-11-06 with a six (6) month hold on enforcement by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; motion passed with all present voting yes.

Request to add items to the agenda: Item h) St. Clair County Commission would like to pave Franklin Gap Road and Item i) Settlement of the Chappelle litigation. Motion to add item h and item i to agenda. Motion passed with all present voting yes.

h) Motion to enter into the agreement with St. Clair County regarding paving of Franklin Gap Road by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth. Motion passed with all present voting yes.

i) Motion to authorize payment and sign necessary documentation regarding the settlement of the Chappelle litigation by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

#### **9. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ms. Burt, 1820 Martin Luther King Drive**, registered her complain about dumping by the Cemetery, the trucks are hauling debris at a regular rate and the area is looking like a dump. Inspections Superintendent will investigate.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Turner moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.



David Miller, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Kevin Fouts, Clerk