

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2016**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:00PM in 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 6:06PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland-Pierce was absent.
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** the invocation was given by Councilmember Eric Turner.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes from June 06, 2016 Public Hearing and City Council Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; 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 commented that he had taken his grandchildren to the Drive In theater Saturday evening and it was packed. Mayor indicated that he sent an email to the CEO which indicated that they had 2,200 paid individuals that evening. Mayor reported a meeting with ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) tomorrow to discuss the Intersection at HWY 78 and Park Drive. This will help with traffic control with the anticipated Primary School traffic.

Councilmember Ragland-Pierce arrived at 6:08PM.

**b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** Chief reported having the Alabama Fire College training trailer the past week for training of the City's fire personnel. This training counts towards the City's ISO (International Organization for Standardization) Rating.

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

**d) Library, Director Williams.** Ms. Williams reported the summer reading program is in full swing and noted the theme for the Summer is "Exercise for the Mind". Williams reported the library is showing movies and folks should call the library for the movie being shown. Williams reported a number of fitness programs and this week's program is jump rope. An adult class to provide information on nutrition for children will be held on Thursday. Next Wednesday at 10:00AM there will be a Hula Hoop Event at the Park next to the library.

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

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

**g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.** Mr. Keating gave an update report of the Sidearm Tractor repair. Keating reported that the machine is slated for delivery to the City on Wednesday of this week.

**h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Roberts reported that no appointments are scheduled this week due to the chaotic activity caused by the fire in the next building.

## 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 reported that the Primary School will be occupied by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Project is on track and on budget to date. Watson requested payment of invoices totaling \$866,754.51. Motion to approve the invoices for payment by Councilmember Dutton and second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Resolution 2016-06-06 Consider Vacating An Alley.** The Mayor informed Council of this matter. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-06-06 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

b) **Resolution 2016-06-07 Consider Emergency Repairs.** The mayor explained the need for the resolution to the Council. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-06-07 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

c) **Resolution 2016-06-08 Consider July 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Date Change.** Motion to approve Resolution 2016-06-08 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting will be on July 11, 2016.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Ms. Burt:** Mayor David Miller asked Ms. Burt when the community cleanup was scheduled. Ms. Burt indicated the event is scheduled for this coming Saturday, June 25. Everyone is slated to meet at the bottom of Martin Luther King Drive but Ms. Burt indicates she will know for sure by Thursday evening. The Mayor indicated the city will provide 10 trash grabbers, bags and gloves for the event.

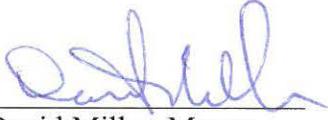
**Jerry Trott, 8532 Covington Way.** Mr. Trott discussed the rough road condition from Whitmire Street to HWY 78. Mayor indicated that this section of roadway is being sent to the City's engineers for development of a bid package. Trott indicates that there are earmarked funds in reserve and asked if Crest Road was paved with only 41 homes on that street. Mayor indicated that the road was coming apart and the cost was much more than \$500,000.00.

Mayor Miller indicated the City will be repairing River Road, the worst road in the City, with an agreement with Jefferson County to help with the project which will be tar and chip.

Mr. Trott also asked about animal control in the City, indicating that a citizen can call the Police Department to pickup an animal and it can be a 1 or 2 day wait. Chief Jackson reported, that for an emergency, the Humane Society can come out. Chief Jackson reported that animal control comes to the City 4 hours weekly. Trott asked if there is a trap available for a larger dog which roams the neighborhood at night and said there is a waiting list for such a trap. Mr. Trott asked if the City could purchase a trap and reserve a City staff person to clean the trap. Mayor Miller indicated the City would be concerned with liability issues using an untrained city employee to collect an animal. Chief Jackson stated that he would contact Animal Control to determine what the wait time is for the trap. The Mayor stated that even though the City could purchase a trap for animal control, the City could not use it due to liability issues. The Mayor stated that what Mr. Trott described is a totally private matter and does not involve the City. Mayor Miller indicated the first step for the process with

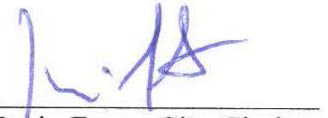
Animal Control is to file a complaint. Chief Jackson indicated the complaint has been filed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** the Meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk