

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 01, 2016**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, August 01, 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 6:05PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Devoris Roscha Ragland-Pierce was absent but arrived at 6:09PM.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: the invocation was given by

PUBLIC HEARING

a) Regarding Potential Business License Violation at 6605 Little Cahaba CV. No one was present to speak about this matter. The Mayor referred to the Council for action.

b) 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.

7329 Parkway Drive: No one was present to speak.

8304 Hall Avenue: No one was present to speak.

338 Poole Drive: No one was present to speak.

Mayor Miller closed the Public Hearing at 6:08PM.

REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: July 18, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

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 Open House at the new Primary School on August 14, 2016. Mayor also announced the ribbon cutting and dedication at 6:00PM on August 13, 2016 for the Homer Smiles Football Field. Mayor Miller reported the candidates of elected office with no opposition for the minutes.

Councilmember Ragland-Pierce arrived at 6:09PM.

b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons. No Report.

c) Police Department, Chief Jackson. No Report.

d) Library, Director Williams. The Summer Reading Program is now officially over and there was excellent participation. In June there were 28 programs with 391 participants; in July there were 28 programs with 369 participants. The younger children read 2,372 books; the teenagers read 279 books; the adults read 3634 books for a grand total of 6,285 books read in the 2016 Program.

e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson. No Report, other than items addressed in the Public Hearing.

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

g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating. Absent, No Report.

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-Pierce. No Report.

c) Parks & Recreation Committee, Craig Wadsworth. No Report.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2016-08-01 Declaring Named Person Duly Elected To The Office Of City Council District One Without Opposition & Shall Be Issued A Certificate Of Election. Motion to approve Resolutions 2016-08-01 through 2016-08-04 (Agenda items a-d respectively) by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

e) Resolution 2016-08-05 Confirming Report Of Costs And Creating Weed Lien On Properties. Motion to approve resolution 2016-08-05 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Washington. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

f) Resolution 2016-08-06 Consider Moratorium In Regards To Business and Development Activity In The Southern Trace Subdivision. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-06 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously. There was discussion between the Councilmembers, the Inspections Superintendent and City Attorneys about the promises made to the city by the developer which have not been followed through. With everyone in agreement, the city has been acting in good faith but with no action by the developer to make the necessary corrections.

g) Resolution 2016-08-07 Consider Business License Enforcement Pursuant To Section 12 Of The City Code Of Ordinances. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-07 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce; the motion passed unanimously.

h) Resolution 2016-08-08 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. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-08 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Watkins, 632 Southern Trace Parkway, requested help to clean up Martin Luther King Street. Ms. Watkins asked to have the street limbs and brush cut back.

Jerry Trott, 8532 Covington Way, asked about the Ashville Road paving matter. Mayor Miller indicated it is a top priority. Trott also reported the blue bows on mailboxes are in support of the City's Police. Trott asked if there is a report available for Fire and Police Calls. Chief Jackson responded that such a report may be provided in the Leeds Tribune which would be published weekly. Mayor Miller directed the City Clerk to post the reports on the City's website.

John England, Jr., 1333 Moton Street, stated that Public Works in District One is not cutting vegetation growth around street signs when the department mows the

ditches. Traffic cannot see the street signs. Mr. Miller asked the Street Department to check and correct this problem.

Ms. Fannie Bert, 6721 Martin Luther King Drive, stated that the signs in question by Mr. England are on Martin Luther King Drive. Ms. Bert comments of the city clean-up day which was conducted and had a significant amount of debris picked up.

John Dawson, 1305 Vivian Street, asked about the rumor of City funds used to send an employee of the Board Of Education to obtain an education using city funds. Mayor and Council report this is a BOE (Board Of Education) matter.

Arthur Phillips, Leeds Tribune, asked to invite Tom Ward, Publisher of Leeds Tribune to attend the Council Meetings

Police Chief Jackson announced plans for the National Night Out city event in October. The event is being coordinated by Sandra McGuire, from the Leeds Area Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:46PM with motion from Councilmember Turner.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk