

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2016**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, August 15, 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 6:20PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Devoris Roscha Ragland-Pierce, and Craig Wadsworth present. Councilmembers Eric Turner and Kenneth Washington were absent.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** the invocation was given by Councilmember Dutton.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes from the August 01, 2016 Public Hearing and City Council Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Miller introduced Ms. Emma Brooks and Regina Wingard, Manager at Kentucky Fried Chicken, to present Certificates of Appreciation to the public safety first responder departments for the City of Leeds and the City of Moody. Ms. Brooks described her experiences and urged unity in addressing violence in our culture. She expressed her gratitude as a believer for the blessing of God on our community. She thanked the Mayors and citizens of both cities for being present at tonight's meeting. Certificates of Appreciation for First Responders to the City of Leeds and City of Moody were presented by Ms. Brooks from the following businesses: Arby's Moody AL, Blue Grass Bar-B-Que, Captain D's Leeds AL, Day Light Doughnuts, Domino's Pizza, El-Cazador Mexican Grill, Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, Jack's Moody AL, Kentucky Fried Chicken Leeds, Little Bit R&R Leeds, Logan's Moody AL, Milo's Hamburgers Moody AL, Papa John's Pizza Leeds AL, Publix, Ruby Tuesday, Sneaky Pete's Moody AL, Sonic Leeds AL, Taco Bell Leeds AL, Waffle House Leeds and Moody AL, for any uniformed first responders to receive a discount at their locations. Serene Grove Elderly Community also presented a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the residents. There were also cards of appreciation presented to the first responders from Leeds Welfare. Ms. Brooks thanked the staff at Leeds Jane Culbreth Library and Smith Printing for the help in creating the certificates. Leeds and Moody first responders who were present at the meeting were introduced. Mayor Miller, Councilmembers Dutton, Wadsworth and Ragland-Pierce introduced themselves followed by introductions of Leeds City Attorneys Brunson, Sherer and Barnett, Leeds City Clerk, Magistrate, Inspections Superintendent and Public Works Superintendents. Pastor Skip Alexander of Wellspring Baptist Church gave a closing prayer for the first responders and for the food being served after the close of the council meeting.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:** there was no old business to come before the Council.
5. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**
  - a) **Administration, Mayor Miller.** The Mayor spoke of the Primary School dedication event on Sunday, August 14th. The Mayor also commented on the successful dedication of the Homer Smiles Football Field on Saturday.
  - b) **Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** Report included in Council's packet.
  - c) **Police Department, Chief Jackson.** Report included in Council's packet.
  - d) **Library, Director Williams.** Ms. Williams reported regular programs to resume including TOT Time, Adult Coloring, Kids Craft Time, the Science Fiction Book Club, the Library Book Club. The Family Movie on Saturday, August 27 at 10 AM will feature "Zootopia".

**e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson.** June and July reports included in packet. Mr. Watson spoke of receiving delivery of a new software program which will allow more accurate monthly reports and will also interface with the City website to allow the public to obtain permits and check on the status of requested permits.

**f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating.** Mr. Keating announced that the Splash Pad is open on weekends.

**g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.** The Department is cutting grass made heavier since the recent rain.

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

Motion to excuse Councilmember Washington and Councilmember Turner by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

## 6. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**a) Finance Chairperson, Eric Turner.** Absent. No Report

**b) Public Safety Committee, Devoris Roscha Ragland-Pierce.** No Report

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

**d) Primary School Construction Review Committee, Mr. Ben Watson, P.E.** No Report.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

**a) Resolution 2016-08-09 Consider Travel Request From Police Department.** Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-09 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce; the motion passed unanimously.

**b) Resolution 2016-08-10 Consider Travel Request From Municipal Court.** Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-10 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce; the motion passed unanimously.

**c) Resolution 2016-08-11 Consider September 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Date Change Due to Holiday.** Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-11 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously. The September meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

**d) Resolution 2016-08-12 Consider Juvenile Detention Services Contract.** Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-12 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce; the motion passed unanimously.

**e) Resolution 2016-08-13 Consider Ambulance Service Agreement.** Chief Parsons informed council of this subject. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-08-13 by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Hobart Thomas, 8536 Dover Drive,** asked about the date change of the September council meeting date change to September 12, 2016. Mr. Thomas also asked about businesses and residences with high grass at intersections causing a line of sight issue. Mayor indicated the City has recently purchased new equipment to alleviate this matter. Thomas asked why the For Sale sign is still at the former Leeds Hospital where the Jack's Restaurant will be locating.

**John Dawson, candidate for Mayor**, voiced interest about the open ethics commission cases and the affect of the City's government if there were to be convictions. The Mayor responded that the Ethics Commission is investigating the matter and if there were to be convictions, the Ethics Commission would decide the consequences. Dawson also asked about the audit not reflecting the financial transactions concerning the library building funds. Mr. Dawson stated that he has not been able to find information on line concerning this.

**Ms. Rose, Kings Forest Drive**, expressed her concern about parking on the hill on Kings Forest Drive causing a traffic hazard.

**Devita Hill**, representing Community Outreach Department for Jefferson State Community College, offered the Institution's support in appropriate needs and projects.

**Mayor David Miller** reminded everyone of the Political Forum scheduled Tuesday, August 16, at the First United Methodist Family Life Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**



David Miller, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk