

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
RE-SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, September 12, 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, Eric Turner, Craig Wadsworth and Kenneth Washington.
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** the invocation was given by Councilmember Turner.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes of the (a) August 15, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting, (b) the August 25, 2016 Emergency Called City Council Meeting and (c) the August 30, 2016 Called Council Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve all minutes as presented by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce. These minutes were approved 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 opening of a new business, "HWY 25 Hamburgers", in the space of the former Radio Shack at the new Walmart location.
 - b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** Chief announced new member in the Department – a trained three-year-old Belgium Malinois canine donated to the City from FSI (Forensic & Scientific Investigations). This dog will be part of the City's Canine unit trained for arson work.
 - c) Police Department, Chief Jackson.** No Report.
 - d) Library, Director Williams.** Ms. Williams announced upcoming free Medicare workshops at the Library on Sept 26th at 3PM and 5:30PM. These two sessions will provide information concerning the A, B,C, and D portions of Medicare.
 - e) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson.** No Report.
 - f) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating.** No Report.
 - g) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating.** No Report.
 - h) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** June, July and August reports supplied.
- 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.
 - d) Primary School Construction Review Committee, Mr. Ben Watson, P.E.** Mr. Watson reports the school opened on time. Punch list items are being completed and the facility is functioning as planned. Watson reports of the funding situation of the contract for more than funds borrowed and the BOE (Board of Education) would be responsible for the difference. Watson recounted the professional fees to be deducted and the release of the remainder to the outstanding invoices. There is approximately \$453,000.00 in funds remaining. Motion to reimburse the City of

professional fees related to the Primary School Construction and release the remainder funds to the vendors seeking payment by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Washington; after some clarification discussion of the construction size of facility and funds borrowed, the motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution 2016-09-03 Consider Payment For The Main Street Marketing Consultant. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-09-03 as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

b) Resolution 2016-09-04 Consider Designation Of The Annual Vintage Concert As A Special Event. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-09-04 as presented by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Ragland-Pierce. Councilmember Turner supplied information on the event and indicated that he is part of the band entertainment not being paid and will be abstaining from voting on this matter; the motion passed with Councilmember Turner abstaining from the vote.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Staci Tawbush, 1725 Dorrough Avenue, announced the help from Leeds Youth Football to publicize the Bluegrass event. Ms. Tawbush questioned the order of abatement given notice of a hearing at City Council meeting but not shown on the meeting agenda. Ms. Tawbush was informed that a letter of compliance was placed in today's mail.

Hugh "Scottie" Blakely, 8764 Sunset Drive, expressed his concern about the abatement matter received by Ms. Tawbush and indicated the notice Ms. Tawbush received was politically motivated. Mr. Blakely commented on junk cars and non-working street lighting in District 5 which he noticed while driving in the City and District 5.

Kathye Drake, 1008 Forest Drive, asked when the city will be working on the fiscal budget. The Mayor indicated the budget work would be during September. Ms. Drake requests the City should consider giving the city employees a COLA (a cost of living increase), the first since 2012.

Melva Garner, 7601 Georgia Avenue. Ms. Garner requested pot hole repairs on Alabama Avenue and Florida Avenue. She stated that emergency vehicles could not maneuver on those streets.

ADJOURNMENT: motion to adjourn by Councilmember Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk