

**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
SCHEDULED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 03, 2016**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, October 03, 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, 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 the September 19, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; 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 reported concerning the proposed traffic light at HWY 78 and Park Drive and informed everyone present that traffic flow appears to be moving along well and will include the signalization when the intersection is improved by ALDOT which is currently in design. Mayor Miller announced the District 5 Council District runoff election on October 4th, 7AM to 7PM. The Mayor also announced the October 7th Blues Festival and welcomed everyone to attend.

b) **Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** Chief Parsons reminded those present that the week of October 10th is Fire Prevention Week with the theme of "Don't Wait, Check the Date" - referencing smoke detectors. "The National Night Out" event is October 4th at the Shops at Grand River and everyone is welcome to come. Chief Parsons also reported his participation in the St. Clair Leadership Conference. There were questions concerning pursuit of a grant program for Smoke Detectors and Chief Parsons reported FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) had such a grant program about 10 years ago. The Chief will look into grant opportunities.

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

d) **Library, Director Williams.** Ms. Williams reported the Library will be closed October 10th in observance of Columbus Day. Ms. Williams announced the following library activities: 1) Tuesday, October 11th there will be a Kids Craft activity and 2) a second information session on the "ABC&D's of Medicare" will be presented October 18th at 3 and 5 PM.

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.** No Report.

Motion to include Resolution 2016-10-6 as Item 8G on the agenda by Councilmember Wadsworth, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

6. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:** there were no reports to come before the council.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Ordinance 2016-10-01 Consider Amending Certain Provisions Chapter 12 Of The City Code Of Ordinances.

Mayor Miller briefly described the Ordinance being considered which is a new regulation imposed by the State Legislature for commercial construction permits being issued by the City. Attorney Barnett advised the Council to amend the ordinance to refer to Chapter 10 instead of Chapter 12. The Mayor asked for a motion for unanimous consent to consider the ordinance.

Motion for unanimous consent of the Council to consider Ordinance 2016-10-01 as presented by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Dutton; The motion for unanimous consent passed with all present voting yes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-10-01 as amended by Councilmember Wadsworth with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed unanimously.

b) Resolution 2016-10-01 Consider Rescheduling First Meeting In January 2017 Due to New Years Day Holiday. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-10-01 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

c) Resolution 2016-10-02 Consider Rescheduling Second Meeting In January 2017 Due to Martin Luther King Holiday. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-10-02 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

d) Resolution 2016-10-03 Consider Severe Weather Sales Tax Holiday. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-10-03 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

e) Resolution 2016-10-04 Consider Replacement Of Fire Department Rescue Truck. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-10-04 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

f) Resolution 2016-10-05 Set A Special Meeting For The Purposes Of Canvassing And Certification Of Election Returns – District Five Runoff. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-10-05 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

g) Resolution 2016-10-06 Consider Purchase of ARCGIS Software Application and Related Services: Motion to approve Resolution 2016-10-06 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Wadsworth; the motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Emma Carter Brooks, 1335 Pamela Street, addressed council to discuss the problem on Pamela Street regarding garbage pickup. Ms. Brooks indicating uncollected garbage runs the entire length of the street. Ms. Brooks requested all the help she can get to help with the situation. Mayor David Miller directed the City's Street Department Supervisor to look into this matter. Ms. Brooks also requested help with cutting the weeds as she has assembled a work crew which will be meeting at Serene Grove Saturday to come and pickup the garbage. Ms. Brooks also proposed recruiting people from each of the districts to help keep all of Leeds clean.

Jim Huggins, 8144 Third Avenue, addressed the Council about use of the sound system in the meeting room. Mr. Huggins requested speakers to please use the microphone.

Library Director Mondretta Williams indicated the Library's telephone number is not in the Leeds Phone directory and citizens can call City Hall to obtain the number.

City Attorney Brunson spoke of the need for household items for the fire department with a collection being available at the function Friday evening.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Turner to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk