



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, February 20, 2017 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 Ryan Bell, Johnny Dutton, Linda Miller, Eric Turner and Kenneth Washington present.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: minutes of February 06, 2017 Public Hearing and Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL BOARDS:

a) Finance Chairperson, Linda Miller. No Report.

b) Public Safety Committee, Kenneth Washington. No Report.

c) Public Works and Parks & Recreation Committee, Ryan Bell. No Report.

d) Leeds Redevelopment Authority, Sam Pezillo. Mr. Pezillo announced that he was available for comments if needed.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) Administration, Mayor Miller. The Mayor announced the Roadside Cleanup scheduled for March 18, 2017 with all volunteers welcomed. Volunteers will meet at 8AM at the site of the old city hall site on First Avenue.

b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons. Chief Parsons informed Council concerning the white trailer in the parking lot at the fire station which is used for confined space training. This unit has been on-site during the past two weeks and will be used for another two weeks.

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

d) Library, Director Williams. Director Carden summarized the report which was supplied to Council. January event attendance showed a 134% increase of people attending public events at the Library. Upcoming events are: February 23 at 10 am - Intro to Genealogy; February 25 at 10 am Family Movie; Beginning in April Saturday Storytime; May 6 Public Shred Event; June 3 Summer Reading Program Kickoff; June 21 Safety Tips with Leeds Police Department; July 15 9am to 2pm Blood Drive with American Red Cross; August 31 Scholastic Book Fair.

e) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts. Magistrate Roberts reported the use of community service people to pickup trash on Shale Road. Description of items collected included seven 50-gallon bags of garbage, 17 tires, etc. Ms. Roberts also commented about community service individuals not appearing for their reporting date.

f) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson. Speaking as the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Mr. Watson commented of investigating certain areas of the

City with high trash dumping areas and Mr. Watson is expecting complaints from citations being issued.

g) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Keating. No Report.

h) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Keating. Mr. Keating informed Council of the Leeds High School Softball Tournament which was held at the Memorial Park Ball Fields.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2016-12-04 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1605 Gray Street. Planning and Zoning Administrator Watson indicated the property is in compliance.

b) Resolution 2016-12-11 Consider Revocation Of A Business License Pursuant To The City Code Of Ordinances at 1625 Ashville Road. City Attorneys requested a motion to allow an extension to continue to work with owners. Motion to table for 30 days by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2017-02-03 Consider Approval Of An Agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-02-03 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

b) Leeds Jane Culbreth Library Board Appointments. Motion to appoint Michael Woodall by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously. Motion to appoint Stephen Brent Reese by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed unanimously.

c) Leeds Water Works Board Appointment. The vote on the nomination of Roy Guy was 3 I's and 3 no's – nomination not successful. Vote on nomination of Cary Kennedy was 4 I's and 2 no's – Mr. Kennedy was appointed to Water Works Board.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS: No Council comments.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Virginia Valentini, 1176 Ashville Road, commented about a complaint filed January 14, 2017, with the City regarding the Pathway Baptist Church. Ms. Valentini spoke of safety concerns at the site. Planning & Zoning Administrator Watson reported the broken window frames have been repaired and are securely closed. Mayor Miller spoke of seeing the property owners are now and will take the appropriate action to bring the property into compliance.

Ms. Valentini also read to the Council an email she sent to the Mayor regarding damage to her property. Ms. Valentini is not satisfied with the efforts of the Police Department's resolution of issues experienced by Ms. Valentini which involved an accident which occurred on her yard from what appeared to be an intoxicated driver.

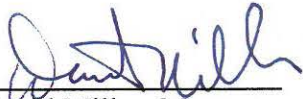
Jonathan Hayes, 7709 Michael Circle, spoke of receiving a letter regarding the Cemetery Guidelines and asked if Cemetery Guidelines would be addressed at this meeting. The mayor informed Mr. Hayes that Guidelines are being revised and will be presented soon.

Ms. Kathye Drake, 1008 Kings Forest Drive, asked about the progress of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. The Mayor informed Ms. Drake the budget is planned to be on the next Council Meeting agenda.

Roland Isbell, 177 Pine Avenue, asked about trucks driving through the center of Leeds. The Mayor informed Mr. Isbell that the truck route is on 7th street and if not, it is considered a violation. Chief Jackson informed Council that tickets are being issued.

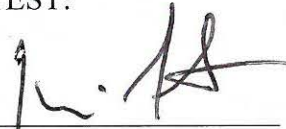
Mr. Florenco Hernandez, has requested a 30 day extension. Mr. Hernandez was not at this meeting but will attend the next due to the timing of the meetings. Mr. Hernandez was directed to meet at the March 6th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Turner to adjourn at 6:37PM.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Fouts, City Clerk