



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2017**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, July 17, 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 6:18 PM with Councilmembers Johnny Dutton, Linda Miller, Eric Turner and Kenneth Washington present. Councilmember Ryan Bell was absent.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

a) Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be An Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of The Code Of Ordinances at 8200 Second Avenue. The mayor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this matter. Owner Rahat Karim was recognized. Councilmember Turner commented that the City has requested that ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) remove the stump and fix the sidewalk and the damaged fence at the school. Inspections Department Supervisor Brad Watson reported that the City will not charge the owner for the clean-up process, which needs to be completed before school starts. The Resolution to be considered will authorize the City to perform the necessary actions if ALDOT fails. The matter was referred to Council.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: minutes from the July 20, 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 Dutton: the motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL BOARDS:

a) **Finance Chairperson, Linda Miller.** Ms. Miller asked all departments to prepare for the upcoming budget process.

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

c) **Public Works and Parks & Recreation Committee, Ryan Bell.**
Councilmember Bell was absent. Motion to excuse Mr. Bell by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) **Administration, Mayor Miller.** The Mayor announced completion of the paving on Ashville Road. The next paving project will be on Briarwood Lane.

b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons. No Report.

c) Police Department, Acting Chief Reaves. Report included in the Council's packet. Chief Reaves announced new officers will attend the Police Academy on August 21, 2017.

d) Library, Director Carden. Ms. Carden announced the Library's Food Drive and donation of school supplies to Leeds Outreach. Trivia Thursday, July 20, will focus on Superheroes.

e) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts. Ms. Roberts asked for clarification on the deadline for budget proposals to be submitted. The deadline is August 1, 2017.

f) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson. No Report.

g) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Warren. Mr. Watson reported that Supervisor Warren was absent due to necessity of supervising removal of trees blown down by the storm.

h) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Warren. Councilmember Washington asked when the City can cut the weeds; Mr. Watson responded weed removal is taking place as rapidly as possible.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2017-05-04 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be An Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of The Code Of Ordinances at 8979 Bush Avenue. Supervisor Watson recommended that property be declared a nuisance. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-05-04 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2017-07-29 Authorizing the Mayor to apply for Alabama Historical Commission 2017 Capital Enhancements Grant. Funds from the grant would be used to repair the Depot building. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-07-29 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed unanimously.

b) Resolution 2017-07-30 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be An Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of The Code Of Ordinances at 8200 Second Avenue. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-07-30 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmembers Turner and Washington; the motion passed unanimously.

c) **Resolution 2017-07-31 Approving the Waiver of City Fees for the Housing Authority.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-07-31 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** No comments from the Council.

10. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Connie Foster, 7538 Poplar Avenue, asked for an explanation for the failure of the sinkhole repair on Poplar Avenue. Mayor Miller responded that the reason appears to be the use of inferior material. Mr. Miller stated the City is using new material.

Jason McDaniel, 2727 Pardo Drive, stated the pothole repair failure on Pardo Drive, and the storm drain overflow and tearing his yard up. Mayor Miller asked the Inspections Department to investigate.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Danielle Filmore
Interim Acting City Clerk

