



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2017**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, August 7, 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 led by

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

a) Consider For Determination The Recommendation From Planning and Zoning Commission In Regards To Rezoning Certain Parcels Of Property From R-1 To A-1. The Commission recommended approval of the rezoning. The property is located at 1329 Montevallo Road and was referred to Council for action.

b) Consider For Determination The Recommendation From Planning and Zoning Commission In Regards To Rezoning Certain Parcels Of Property From R-2 To A-1. Property under consideration is 8971 and 8979 Bush Avenue. The Commission recommended denial of the request and referred to Council.

The following properties were determined to be in Compliance and were not discussed:

- c) 1916 Lane Drive.
- d) 1936 Calmar Street.
- e) 1081 Montevallo Road.
- g) 228 Country Club Drive.
- h) 8220 Edwards Avenue.
- i) 8301 Bryant Avenue.

f) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 2262 Clairmont Drive. The Inspections Department reported this property still in violation and this property was referred to Council for action.

j) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1919 Heritage Road. The Inspections Department reported this property still in violation and this property was referred to Council for action.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: minutes from the July 17, 2017 Public Hearing and Council meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve

minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL BOARDS:

a) Finance Chairperson, Linda Miller. Ms. Miller thanked the Department Chairpersons for timely submission of budget requests and stated she will meet with them.

b) Public Safety Committee, Kenneth Washington. No Report

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

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) Administration, Mayor Miller. Representatives from Girl Scout Troop 30234 Juniors of Leeds were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for earning the Bronze Award, the highest achievement available at the Junior level. Bailey Hughes, President, accepted the certificates.

b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons. Report included in Council packet.

c) Police Department, Chief Reaves. Chief Reaves reported Department roundup of known thieves and robbers tonight. The Chief also cautioned the public to wear protective glasses if trying to observe the solar eclipse on August 21.

d) Library, Director Carden. Report included in the Council packet.

e) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts. Absent.

f) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson. Mr. Watson reported audits done by ADEM (Alabama Department of Emergency Management) and Homeland Security.

g) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Warren. Mr. Warren reported that the bid process for the sidewalks near the high school are now closed; new sidewalks on Whitmire Street are almost finished.

h) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Warren. Mr. Warren announced purchase of a better product purchased from Dunn to repair potholes. Councilmember Washington opened discussion concerning grass cutting across the city and called attention to lots of school traffic. Mr. Warren responded that the Department is trying to catch up.

7. OLD BUSINESS: there was no Old Business to come before the Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Resolution 2017-08-01 Consider Rescheduling First Meeting In September 2017 Due To The Labor Day Holiday.** Motion to reschedule the meeting to September 11, 2017 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Miller; Resolution 2017-08-01 passed unanimously.

Motion for unanimous consent to consider Ordinances 2017-08-01 and 2017-08-02 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Turner; motion passed unanimously.

b) **Ordinance 2017-08-01 Consider For Determination The Recommendation From Planning and Zoning Commission In Regard To Rezoning Certain Parcels Of Property From R-1 To A-1.** This property is located at 1329 Montevallo Road. Motion to open discussion by Councilmember Washington, with a second by Councilmember Turner; motion to discuss passed with all voting yes. Mr. Watson, Administrator for P & Z (Planning and Zoning Commission), reported the owner's statement to the Commission that all use of the property would be for agriculture and that no swine would be housed there. On that basis, the P & Z recommended the rezoning. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-08-01 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the vote passed with Councilmember Bell voting nay and Councilmember Washington abstaining.

c) **Ordinance 2017-08-02 Consider For Determination The Recommendation From Planning and Zoning Commission In Regard To Rezoning Certain Parcels Of Property From R-2 To A-1.** Motion to deny request for rezoning in Ordinance 2017-08-01 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Turner; adoption of Ordinance 2017-08-02 failed.

d) **Resolution 2017-08-02 Consider Renewal of The Jefferson County Debris Memorandum of Understanding.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-02 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

e) **Resolution 2017-08-03 Consider Approval of the city fees waiver with Bell Company.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-03 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Bell; motion passed unanimously.

f) **Resolution 2017-08-04 Consider Proposal with Leeds Water Works Board regarding easement maintenance issues.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-04 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Turner; motion passed unanimously.

g) Resolution 2017-08-05 Vote By Council Authorizing RDA to apply for Alabama Bicentennial Commission Grant. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-03 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; motion passed unanimously.

k) Resolution 2017-08-09 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 2262 Clairmont Drive. The Inspections Department advised abatement. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-09 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

o) Resolution 2017-08-13 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1919 Heritage Road. Inspections Department recommended abatement. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-13 by Councilmember Miller with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** there were no additional comments from Council.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Essie Bridges, Ashville, represents the John Carroll Foundation. Ms. Bridges addressed the Council to described goals and activities of the Foundation, which has opened an office at Moton. The group wants to help disabled veterans. Ms. Bridges requested assistance in repairing the building and improving the grounds.

Betty Burke, Martin Luther King Drive, voiced the need to have a downed tree removed and high grass to be cut. Mayor Miller asked Supervisor Warren to investigate.

Lee Davis, 1624 Oliver Road, reported owners at 1628 Oliver Road possibly running a business from that location. Mayor Miller asked that the Inspections Department investigate. Mr. Watson suggested that a civil suite might possibly be the best route.

Jonathan Hayes, 7709 Michael Circle, praised the paving of Ashville Road, but pointed out need to cut grass in cemetery.

Jimmy Hayes, 7705 Michael Circle, commented on need to pick up trash on road side, and the condition of the ditch on Oklahoma Street where people pile limbs.

ADJOURNMENT: motion to adjourn by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM.