



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2017**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, August 21, 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 6:09PM with Councilmembers Ryan Bell, Johnny Dutton, Linda Miller, and Eric Turner present. Councilmember Kenneth Washington was absent.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** the invocation was led by Councilmember Turner.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Miller referred Council to the agenda and asked that items a, b, c, f, h, and l be declared In Compliance and withdrawn from consideration.

- a) 1079 Kings Forest Drive
- b) 8141 Jackson Avenue
- c) 7339 Miami Avenue
- f) 8445 Thomas Avenue
- h) 8300 Bryant Avenue
- l) 1821 California Street

Mayor Miller continued the Public Hearing on the following properties:

d) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8608 Bryson Lane. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for this property. No one was present, and the matter was referred to Council for action.

e) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1704 Linden Street..The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for this property. Owner Jeff Leffelman stated that the property cleanup was 90% done and requested an extension in order to complete the job. Inspections Department Supervisor Brad Watson recommended that the Council grant an extension to September 11, 2017. The matter was referred to Council for action.

g) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8662 Dover Drive. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for this property. No one was present, and the matter was referred to Council for action.

i) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8740 Sunset Drive. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for this property. No one was present, and the matter 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 7111 Elliott Lane. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for this property. No one was present, and the matter was referred to Council for action.

k) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1741 Linden Street. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for this property. No one was present, and the matter was referred to Council for action.

m) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8449 Thomas Avenue. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for this property. No one was present, and the matter was referred to Council for action.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and opened Regular Council Meeting at 6:16PM.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes of the August 7, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Eric Turner, with a second by Councilmember Ryan Bell; 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.** Absent.

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

**6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**a) Administration, Mayor Miller.** The sidewalk project at the Leeds Middle School is almost completed and looks good. Additional sidewalk project near the High School has been approved.

**b) Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** No Report

**c) Police Department, Acting Chief Reaves.** No additional Report

**d) Library, Director Carden.** Ms. Carden reported that the repairs to the sidewalk at the library are complete.

e) **Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Report included in the Council's packet.

f) **Inspection Department, Planning and Zoning Administrator Watson.** Mr. Watson reported the audit by ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) has been completed. Mr. Watson also called attention to the signage put in place on the drive to the Civic Center, paid for by a grant from Alabama Power and the Scenic Byways Commission.

g) **Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Warren.** No Report.

h) **Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Warren.** No Report. Mayor Miller stated that the City's 3 limb trucks are operable and it is hoped that the Department will be up to schedule within the week.

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

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2017-08-14 Agreement to Authorize ALDOT to make improvements to I-20.** Mayor Miller explained that the improvements will include guard rails. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-14 by Councilmember Bell, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

b) **Resolution 2017-08-15 Proclaiming September to be Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.** Sonya Wells, cancer survivor, spoke to the matter of the Resolution. Mayor read the Resolution to the Council and to the Public. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-15 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion to approve passed unanimously.

c) **Resolution 2017-08-16 Declaring and Deeming Certain Municipal Personal Property Surplus and Not Needed For Public Purposes and Authorizing and Approving the Disposal Thereof.** Mayor Miller explained that the items under consideration were miscellaneous items of no further use. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-16 by Councilmember Bell, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor reminded those present that properties listed under the agenda as Items, d, e, f, i, and l were considered in the Public Hearing and determined to be in compliance and withdrawn from the Council agenda.

g) **Resolution 2017-08-20 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8606 Bryson Lane.** Mr. Watson, Inspections Department Supervisor, stated that the property is in violation and requests abatement of the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-20 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

**h) Resolution 2017-08-21 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1704 Linden Street.** The owner's request for an extension came before the Council. Motion to grant an extension on the Resolution until September 11, 2017 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**j) Resolution 2017-08-23 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8662 Dover Drive.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-23 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

**k) Resolution 2017-08-24 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1741 Linden Street.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-24 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

**m) Resolution 2017-08-26 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8740 Sunset Drive.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-26 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

**n) Resolution 2017-08-27 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 7111 Elliott Lane.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-27 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed unanimously.

**p) Resolution 2017-08-29 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8449 Thomas Avenue.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-27 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Miller requested that Council add to the agenda an Item Q to approve the low bid for improvements needed at Cedar Grove and Shiloh Cemeteries. Motion to suspend the rules to add Item Q to the agenda by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

**q) Resolution 2017-08-30 Consider awarding of bid for improvements to Cedar Grove and Shiloh Cemeteries.** Motion to approve Resolution 2017-08-30 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously. RAM Landscaping will take over maintenance of the cemeteries.

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

**10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Hershel Lindsey, 7170 Rowan Road,** presented a petition of over 100 names requesting work to be done on Phillips Drive. Mayor Miller stated that Phillips Drive is on the list for repair, but must be handled through the bid process which will take 70-90 days.

**Martha Abercrombie, 7512 Cahaba Avenue,** reported pot holes in the streets from Franklin Street to Poplar Street and asked when the repair would be done. Mayor Miller stated it could be addressed in the next council meeting.

**Presley Curtsey, 1916 State Street,** presented his complaint about the alley near his house. Mr. Watson responded that the alley is unopened, the property owner has been notified, and the issue will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

**Jerry Trout, 8532 Covington Way,** asked if the vehicles being declared surplus would be open for bid. It was stated that the vehicles would be posted on the website for govdeals.

**Johnny Warren, Street/Sanitation Supervisor,** stated that Department is still on the schedule for bulk pick-up on Wednesdays. Mr. Watson indicated that this issue will be considered by Council in September.

**Larry Tearsome,** stated that Cedar Grove Road should be completed in 70-90 days. He also reported that Phillips Drive is on the approved list and should be repaired in under three months.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Turner moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM.

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David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Danielle Filmore, Interim Acting City Clerk