



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, November 13, 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 6:02PM with Councilmembers Ryan Bell, Johnny Dutton, Linda Miller, Eric Turner present. Councilmember Kenneth Washington was absent.

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

- 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 7508 Poplar Avenue. The mayor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this matter. The Inspections Department reported that this property is in compliance.

 - b) Consider Determination Of Required Authorization To Jefferson County Legislative Delegation For A Board Of Education Ad Valorem Referendum. Mr. J. J. Moore, Superintendent of Leeds School System, recognized members of the Board of Education who were in attendance. Mr. Moore explained that an increase in the Ad Valorem tax would enable the completion of the athletic facility. If the citizens agree to an increase in the Ad Valorem tax it would be used to build a new stadium, and athletic facility. Mr. Moore appealed to the citizens to approve the referendum. Scott Sisk, Board of Education president, commented that great strides are being made in the system, and how important it is not to become stagnant. Coach Lee Gibson, Head Football Coach, stated that the system is a little behind with regard to the athletic facilities; there is a safety issue in requiring the students to travel from the school to the stadium. Mr. Gibson also commented that freeing the existing stadium at the Middle School would benefit the Youth Sports Program. Mayor Miller agreed that this decision would liberate the facilities at the Middle School for the Youth League. The Mayor also commented that the additional tax would allow the City to build a new City Hall, Library and Civic Center for which we could be proud.

 - c) Consider City Purchase of Property. The Mayor explained that the property under consideration belongs to U.S. Steel. Purchase of the property would reduce the interest paid by the City on the Outlet Mall bonds. Mayor Miller recommends consideration by the Council.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 PM.

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** Minutes of the November 6, 2017 Public Hearing and Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Ball; 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.** No Report.

 - b) **Fire Department, Josh McDaniel.** No Report.

 - c) **Police Department, Chief Reaves.** Report was included in the Council packet.

 - d) **Library, Director Carden.** Report was included in the Council packet. Ms. Carden also called attention to the the “Sounds of Leeds” concert Saturday, November 18, 2017.

 - e) **Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** No Report.

 - f) **Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson.** No Report.

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

 - h) **Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Warren.** No Report.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Resolution 2017-10-12 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 7580 Parkway Drive.** The property was declared in Compliance and the Resolution was withdrawn.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Resolution 2017-11-09 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 7508 Poplar Avenue.** The property was declared in Compliance and the Resolution was withdrawn.

 - b) **Resolution 2017-11-10 Consider The Preliminary Engineering Agreement, Right-of-Way Agreement and Construction Agreement With ALDOT.** Motion to

approve Resolution 2017-11-10 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

c) Resolution 2017-11-11 Consider Budget Amendment To Cover Train Depot Deck Repairs. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-11-11 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Dutton. Discussion: Councilmember Bell requested future discussion concerning the lease agreement, to which the Mayor responded yes. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

d) Resolution 2017-11-12 Consider For Determination Waiving Of Penalties For License account number 5353. Discussion: the Inspections Department recommended denying the request. Motion to deny Resolution 2017-11-12 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion to deny passed with all present voting yes.

e) Resolution 2017-11-13 Consider for Determination Waiving of Penalties for license for account number 7853. The Inspections Department recommended denying the request. Motion to deny Resolution 2017-11-13 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion to deny passed with all present voting yes.

f) Resolution 2017-11-14 Consider For Determination Required Authorization To Jefferson County Legislative Delegation For A Board Of Education Ad Valorem Referendum. Motion to approve Resolution 2017-11-14 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

g) Ordinance 2017-11-TBD Consider for Determination Financing Options and Land Purchase; Grand River Area. Attorney Brunson suggested that the Council go into Executive Session. Motion to retire to Executive Session by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Upon return to Council Chambers at 7:04PM, Attorney Brunson recommended that the Council table consideration of the Ordinance until the next Council Meeting. Motion to table Ordinance 2017-11-01 to next meeting by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion to table passed with all present voting yes.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS: there were no Council comments.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Victor Ingram, 7508 Poplar Avenue, commented on the difficulty he had in reading the letter he received concerning his property. Mayor Miller responded that the issue was resolved and removed from the agenda. Mr. Ingram also questioned the City Truck Route and why it was changed. Attorney Brunson responded that the State of Alabama regulates these changes. Mayor Miller commented that the road was not meant to support truck traffic and the Truck Route is now where the City has decided

it should be.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Dutton. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.

David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Danielle Filmore, Interim Acting City Clerk