



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2018**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 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 6:00PM with Councilmembers Ryan Bell, Johnny Dutton, Linda Miller, Eric Turner and Kenneth Washington present. Also present were City Attorneys Johnny Brunson and Jeff Sherrer.

**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 8010 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The mayor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this matter. No one was present to speak; matter was deferred to Council.

b) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8953 Clayton Drive. The property was declared to be in compliance.

c) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8966 Clayton Drive. The mayor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this matter. No one was present to speak; matter was deferred to Council.

d) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8409 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The property was declared to be in compliance.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:07PM.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes from the January 8, 2018 Public Hearing and Council Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL BOARDS:**

a) **Finance Chairperson, Linda Miller.** Ms. Miller reported that the annual audit is near completion.

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.** The Mayor reported on the progress in constructing safe routes in the city, although there has been some delay due to inclement weather.

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

c) **Police Department, Acting Chief Reaves.** Report is included in the Council's packet.

d) **Library, Director Carden.** Report is included in the Council's packet. Ms. Carden announced that the Library will be closed when the school system is closed for inclement weather days. An app is available for downloading magazines through the library. The report also included pictures from an event the Library held to decorate valentines for the Children's Hospital.

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

f) **Inspection Department; Planning & Zoning Administrator Brad Watson.** Mr. Watson announced two recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Board: 1) the rezoning of property on Elliott Lane where quality homes are to be built and 2) to correct R-2 zoning on Parkway Drive to reflect Industrial use. These two items will come before the Council at the meeting on February 19, 2018. Also, Mr. Watson reported that paving projects throughout the City are progressing but have been hindered by weather.

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

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

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

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2018-01-13 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8010 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** The Inspections Department recommended abatement. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-01-13 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell: the motion passed unanimously.

b) **Resolution 2018-01-14 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8953 Clayton Drive.** The property was declared in compliance and the Resolution was withdrawn.

c) **Resolution 2018-01-15 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8966 Clayton Drive.** The Inspections Department recommended abatement. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-01-15 by Councilmember Bell, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

d) **Resolution 2018-01-16 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In Violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8409 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.** The property was declared in compliance and the Resolution was withdrawn.

e) **Resolution 2018-01-17 Authorizing A Budget Amendment To Purchase and Transfer Of Funds For Exchange Server.** Mr. Watson reported that the audit done by IT (Information Technology) resulted in the recommendation to move the email exchange from the server to an online server. The cost could be up to \$11,000, but it is hoped it can be accomplished for less than \$9,000. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-01-17 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton. Discussion: Councilmember Washington addressed his questions concerning equipment needed and transition costs to Mr. Watson. On vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**f) Resolution 2018-01-18 Authorizing A Budget Amendment To Replace Entry Doors And Store Front Of The Inspections Department.** Mr. Watson commented that the Resolution is designed to address the damage and failure of the door to the facility during the 1990s. The storefront is not tempered glass, but should be. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-01-18 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Bell; motion passed unanimously.

**g) Ordinance 2018-01-01 Updating the Employee Handbook To Authorize Extended Holidays and Weather Days.**

City Attorney Brunson requested that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss the nature and character of an individual; the request is based on State Code 36-25-A-7-1 and 36-25-A-7-3. Motion that the Council retire to Executive Session by Councilmember Bell, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously. The Council went to Executive Session as 6:20PM and returned to the Chamber at 6:48PM.

Councilmember Bell requested unanimous consent to consider the Ordinance 2018-01-01. Motion for unanimous consent by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed with all voting yes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-01-01 with additional language to exclude essential employees by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Peggy Bradley, 148 Cedar Rock,** requested the City establish a different entrance to the subdivision on Elliott Lane, because of so much traffic. Speeding cars and lots of motorcycles are using the lane and there have been three (3) accidents. Ms. Bradley also requested additional police patrols on Elliott Lane.

**Councilmember Dutton** commented that much of the traffic is from Shelby County traveling to the Interstate. **Mayor Miller** suggested more police patrols be assigned there.

**ADJOURNMENT:** motion to adjourn by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell. The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

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David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Danielle Filmore, Interim Acting City Clerk