



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 at the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:04PM. Present were Councilmembers Dutton, Miller, and Turner. Councilmember Bell was absent due to illness and Councilmember Washington notified the Council that his absence was due to traffic delay.

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

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

a) Consider Determination of Certain Conditions of Subject Property Are Unsafe to the Extent That it is a Public Nuisance at 8409 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The Mayor announced that this property is in compliance and has been withdrawn from the agenda.

b) Consider Determination of Certain Conditions of Subject Property Are Unsafe to the Extent That it is a Public Nuisance at 8147 Lyle Avenue. The Mayor announced that this property is in compliance and has been withdrawn from the agenda.

c) Consider Determination of Certain Conditions of Subject Property Are Unsafe to the Extent That it is a Public Nuisance at 8434 Lewis Avenue. The Mayor announced that this property is in compliance and has been withdrawn from the agenda.

d) Consider Determination of Certain Conditions of Subject Property Are Unsafe to the Extent That it is a Public Nuisance at 7409 Grace Avenue. The Mayor announced that this property is in compliance and has been withdrawn from the agenda.

e) Consider Determination of Certain Conditions of Subject Property Are Unsafe to the Extent That it is a Public Nuisance at 8602 Dunnivant Road. The Mayor asked if there was anyone

present to speak for or against the property. No one came forward to speak and the matter was referred to Council.

f) Consider Determination of Certain Conditions of Subject Property Are Unsafe to the Extent That it is a Public Nuisance at 1620 Montague Street. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the property. Representative for the property came forward and requested an extension to allow owners to come into compliance. The Inspections Department recommended granting the extension. The matter was referred to Council.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES;** Minutes of the January 8, 2018 and the January 22, 2018 Public Hearing and Council Meeting. Motion to approve both sets of 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 Committee Report, Linda Miller. No Report.

b) Public Safety Committee Report, Kenneth Washington. Mr. Washington was absent due to traffic delay.

c) Public Works and Parks & Recreation, Ryan Bell. Mr. Bell was absent due to illness.

**6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**a) Administration, Mayor David Miller:** Mayor Miller commended Fire Department Chief Chuck Parsons.

**b) Fire Department, Chief Chuck Parsons.** Chief Parsons reported recent promotions in the Fire Department. They are as follows: Assistant Chief Josh McDaniel, Captain Adam Courington, Lieutenant Josh Davis, Lieutenant David Kearns, Apparatus Operator LaFredrick Blount, and Apparatus Operator Christian Hannah.

**c) Police Department, Chief Ron Reaves.** Chief Reaves announced that two new police vehicles are ready and will be picked up this week.

**d) Library; Director Melanie Carden.** Ms. Carden announced the hiring of two new employees and the promotions of one staff member and one volunteer staff member.  
Letter?

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

**f) Inspections Department: Planning & Zoning Administrator Brad Watson.** Mr. Watson reported the issue of street cut permits to Spire (formerly Alabama Gas Corporation) to the Jefferson County Sewer Department. Lines will be placed outside of the street.

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

**h) Street and Sanitation Department: Supervisor Johnny Warren.** No Report.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2017-10-17 Consider Whether Or Not a Certain Structure is Unsafe to the Extent That It is a Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances in Relation to 1620 Montague Street. A sixty-day extension has been requested. The Inspections Department recommended the granting of the sixty-day extension. Motion to grant the sixty-day extension by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Resolution 2018-02-01 Consider Whether Or Not a Certain Structure is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 10 Of The Code or Ordinances In Relation to 8409 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.** Resolution withdrawn, property declared in compliance.

**b) Resolution 2018-02-02 Consider Whether Or Not a Certain Structure is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 10 Of The Code or Ordinances In Relation to 8147 Lyle Avenue.** Resolution withdrawn, property declared in compliance.

**c) Resolution 2018-02-03 Consider Whether Or Not a Certain Structure is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 10 Of The Code or Ordinances In Relation to 8434 Lewis Avenue.** Resolution withdrawn, property declared in compliance.

**d) Resolution 2018-02-04 Consider Whether Or Not a Certain Structure is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 10 Of The Code or Ordinances In Relation to 7409 Grace Avenue.** Resolution withdrawn, property declared in compliance.

**e) Resolution 2018-02-05 Consider Whether Or Not a Certain Structure is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 10 Of The Code or Ordinances In Relation to 8602 Dunnivant Road.** The Inspections Department recommends that the Council take action. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-02-05 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**f) Resolution 2018-02-06 Consider Budget Amendment To Cover Retain-age Invoice For The Park Drive Project.** The Council was informed that the project is complete. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-02-06 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

**g) Resolution 2018-02-07 Regarding Public Safety.** It was explained that this would be a temporary position with the salary to be negotiated. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-02-07 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed with all present voting yes.

h) Attorney Scott Burnett requested an Executive Session by the Council for the following reasons: 1) potential litigation, 2) value of the property for purchase and 3) reputation of employee. The Council went to Executive Session at 6:24PM and returned to the Meeting Room at 7:45PM. No action was announced.

**9. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** No council comments.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Rhonda Bullion** requested clarification on the Public Safety Resolution passed. Mayor Miller responded that the person in this position is to assist the Fire Chief. Rhonda commented that she has heard rumors of possible termination of dispatchers and moving them to St. Clair County Dispatch. Mayor Miller responded that no decision has been made. Ms. Bullion asked the reason for the action, to which the Mayor answered it would be to save money. Ms. Bullion commented that her concern is not just about her livelihood, but also about the question of response time. Ms. Bullion commented it would be devastating to have only one person to handle three departments and her concern is the service we provide to the citizens. Ms. Bullion states that based on the rumors, she thinks her job is on the line.

**Zak Kirk, Leeds**, has been a policeman for 7 years. Mr. Kirk stated that he has spoken to his contacts in St. Clair County and that money was discussed. Mr. Kirk implored the Council to look elsewhere to cut funds, or find a grant or something besides out-sourcing Dispatch. Mr. Kirk states that St. Clair handles the whole county, but Leeds Dispatch knows our citizens.

**ADJOURNMENT:** the meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.

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David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Danielle Filmore, Acting Interim City Clerk

