



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2018**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, April 16, 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 6:05PM with Councilmembers Ryan Bell, Johnny Dutton, Linda Miller, Eric Turner and Kenneth Washington present. Also present were the City Attorneys Johnny Brunson, Scott Barnett 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 8815 Upton Road. This property was declared to be in compliance.
 - b) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8331 Hill Loop Road. The mayor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this matter. The owner has requested an extension until May 21, 2018. The matter was deferred to Council.
 - c) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions Of Subject Property Is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance 1712 Morgan Street. 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 Of Subject Property Is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance 8321 Dunnivant Road. The mayor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against this matter. The Inspections Department revealed a request for an extension to May 21, 2018. The matter was deferred to Council.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:08PM.

The Council recognized Marshall Jackson Hatcher, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, Place 8. Ms. Hatcher practices law in Jefferson County and asked for the support of those present.

- 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes from the April 2, 2018 Public Hearing and Council Meeting were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember 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. No Report

c) Public Works and Parks & Recreation Committee, Ryan Bell. Mr. Bell reported that a group is sponsoring a 5k run on Hwy 78 and requested Police Department assistance.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) Administration, Mayor Miller. Mayor announced a Hiring Fair on April 25, 2018. Public Works will conduct the event and applications can be obtained on the website or at the Civic Center.

b) Public Safety, Consultant Jim Atkinson: Mr. Atkinson stated that the Police and Fire Department are doing a great job.

c) Fire Department, Chief Parsons. Chief reported that the Department is checking all the fire hydrants during the month of May. Also, an Explorer group went to a competition of Fire Fighter Challenge in Trussville, and came in Third Place.

c) Police Department, Acting Chief Reaves. Chief reported one officer graduated from the Police Academy. Four new people have been hired and should attend the Academy in May. These additional officers will restore the Department to full strength by December 2018.

d) Library, Director Carden. Director Carden announced the Friends of the Library annual book sale April 26 to May 3. On May 4, a cooperative 40th Party called “May the Fourth Be With You” will be at the Homewood Library. On May 5, the library will offer a ShredIt Event. ShredIt boxes are available at the library.

e) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts. Ms. Roberts reported that the last court date for April will Friday, April 20, 2018 and will restart in May.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 2018-04-12 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8815 Upton Street. This property was declared in compliance and the Resolution was withdrawn.

b) Resolution 2018-04-13 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8331 Hill Loop Road. The Inspections Department recommended granting the requested extension until May 21. Motion to grant extensions to May 21, 2018 to properties in both Item b and Item d by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

c) Resolution 2018-04-14 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 1712 Morgan Street. The Inspections Department stated this is the site of the Morgan Street Mobile Home Park; there are two homes remaining, vacant and vandalized. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-04-14 by Councilmember Miller with a second by Councilmember Turner.; the motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Turner commented that this action will leave one occupied trailer.

d) Resolution 2018-04-15 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 8321 Dunnivant Road. See motion in Item B above granting an extension until May 21st

e) Resolution 2018-04-16 Consider School Supplies Sales Tax Holiday. The Holiday would be July 20-22 weekend. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-04-16 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

f) Ordinance 2018-04-02 Consider Amendment to Chapter 12 of the City Code of Ordinance The amendment would change the business license penalties from a percentage based amount to a flat fee penalty.

Motion for Unanimous Consent to consider Ordinance 2018-04-02 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion for Unanimous Consent passed with all voting yes..

Discussion: Attorney Brunson stated that delinquent license fees are currently calculated by percentage; this method is difficult for the City and the Business and a flat fee would be easier to handle. Mr. Watson stated that amount of the penalty is three-tiered, and the interest is a percentage, which cannot be changed. Attorney Brunson stated that the method is consistent with other municipalities.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-04-02 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

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

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Peggy Brawley, Cedar Rock, thanked the Council for the donation to the Leeds Arts Council.

A Citizen commented that President Street driveways need to be fixed. The Mayor responded that the City is working with ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation); Mr. Watson stated that the City is waiting for information from Keith Strickland.

Another comment was concern about the refuse in front of Valley View Baptist Church.

ADJOURNMENT: the meeting was adjourned at 6:33PM.

