



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2018**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, May 21, 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 6:01PM with Councilmembers Ryan Bell, Johnny Dutton, Linda Miller, Eric Turner present; Kenneth Washington was absent. Also present were City Attorneys Johnny Brunson and Scott Barnett. .

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: the invocation was led by Councilmember Councilmember 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 8331 Hill Loop Road. The property was declared in compliance and the resolution was withdrawn.

b) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions Of Subject Property Is Unsafe To The Extent That It Is A Public Nuisance 8321 Dunnivant Road. The property was declared in compliance and the resolution was withdrawn.

c) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1720 11th Court. 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 1130 Marie 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.

e) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8067 Hardy Avenue. The property was declared in compliance and the resolution was withdrawn.

f) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1619-1641 Ashville Road. 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.

g) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1615 Ashville Road. 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.

h) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8264 Farley Avenue. The property was declared in compliance and the resolution was withdrawn.

i) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8374 Farley 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.

j) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8439 1st 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.

k) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1038 Crest Road. The property was declared in compliance and the resolution was withdrawn.

l) Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8915 Weaver Avenue. The property was declared in compliance and the resolution was withdrawn

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:04PM.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: minutes of the May 7 2018 Public Hearing and Regular Council meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes 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. Absent, excused.

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

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a) Administration, Mayor Miller. The Mayor commended the Leeds Water Works Board for the 2018 Water Taste Test results and issued a proclamation to that effort. Mr. Miller also announced that the Creek Bank Festival was the biggest in the history of the Festival, made possible by the two stages, the number of vendors, and the car show.

b) Public Safety, Mr. Atkinson: No Report.

c) Fire Department, Chief Parsons. April report is included in the packed. Chief Parsons reported the participation of the Department in the large fire in Irondale, where one man was saved. Also, the Department was asked to assist in the recovery of a car over the bridge in Gadsden through use of air bags.

d) Police Department, Acting Chief Reaves. No report. Absence excused.

e) Library, Director Carden. Ms. Carden reported that over 100 children have signed up for the Summer Reading Program. The Library participated in the Creek Bank Festival by giving away books and movies. The Historical Society also sold books of Leeds history. The Library will be closed Monday, Memorial Day.

f) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts. Ms. Roberts reported attending a conference last month on Municipal Intercept, a program which allows taking fines and fees from income tax.

g) Inspection Department, Superintendent Watson. Mr. Watson reported for the IT (Information Technology) Committee, with regard to changing the phone system to Verizon, which will provide big saving and better service.

h) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Warren. Absent. Mayor Miller reported that he has received two phone calls commending Mr. Warren's work.

i) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Warren. No Report.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

The Mayor asked if anyone was present to speak for or against any of the properties. Leroy Glenn was recognized and asked to speak concerning 8915 Weaver Avenue. Brad Watson declared the property in compliance.

a) 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. This property was declared in Compliance.

b) 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. The Inspections Department recommended abatement. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-04-15 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor called attention to the properties declared in compliance during the Public Hearing and asked the Inspections Department for a recommendation on the following properties discussed in the Public Hearing. Brad Watson, Inspections Department, recommended abatement. The Mayor asked for a motion referencing the Resolutions below:

Item f, Resolution 2018-05-22, 1720 11th Court

Item g, Resolution 2018-05-23, 1130 Marie Drive

Item i, Resolution 2018-05-25, 1619-1641 Ashville Road

Item j, Resolution 2018-05-26, 1615 Ashville Road

Item k, Resolution 2018-05-27, 8264 Farley Avenue

Item l Resolution 2018-05-28 8374 Farley Avenue

Item m, Resolution 2018-05-29, 8439 1st Avenue

Motion to approve the Resolutions listed above by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously.

a) Resolution 2018-05-17 Consider Determination to Authorize and Approve State Collection of City Taxes. Mr. Pettus Strong was present to answer questions. The Mayor explained that the Council is looking into this possibility, and many surrounding

municipalities are participating. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-17 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Ball; the motion passed unanimously.

b) Resolution 2018-05-18 Consider Determination of Budget Amendment to Pay RSA Benefit. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-18 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

c) Resolution 2018-05-19 Consider Determination to Deannex Property. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-19 by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

d) Resolution 2018-05-20 Consider Determination to Terminate Website Hosting Agreement. The City has made arrangements with another hosting company. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-20 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

e) Resolution 2018-05-21 Consider Determination of Rescheduling Regular Council Meeting due to Fourth of July Holiday. The Resolution date will be changed to July 9, not July 8. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-21 by Councilmember Bell, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

h) Resolution 2018-05-24 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8067 Hardy Avenue. The property was declared in compliance.

n) Resolution 2018-05-30 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 1038 Crest Road. The property was declared in compliance.

o) Resolution 2018-05-31 Consider Determination Of Certain Conditions To Be An Annoyance And Public Nuisance In violation Of Chapter 32 Of The Code Of Ordinances at 8915 Weaver Avenue. The property was declared in compliance.

p) Resolution 2018-05-32 Consider Determination to Terminate Agreement of Network Maintenance Company. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-32 by Councilmember Bell, with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

q) Resolution 2018-05-33 Consider Determination for the Designation of Annual Whistle Stop Festival. The City has the opportunity to host the Whistle Stop Festival here. It would be a sponsored event, and licenses would be waived. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-33 by Councilmember Turner, with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

r) Resolution 2018-05-34 Consider Determination of Data Sharing Agreement with Jefferson County. The Mayor explained that the networks do not have visible sharing data. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-32 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Turner; the motion passed unanimously/

s) Resolution 2018-05-35 Consider Determination of Senior Citizen Catering Agreement. Mayor Miller explained that the renewal would be at the same price for one year. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-35 by Councilmember Miller, with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously. Attorney Barnett will prepare the agreement.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS: there were no Council comments.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Larry Tierce, 2033 Phillips Circle, called attention to the petition Mr. Lindsay presented requesting the paving of Cedar Grove Road. Now, after 260 days, only spot paving was done. Mr. Watson commented that the paving was done by St. Clair County sometime in May. Mayor Miller said the dates could be obtained from St. Clair County.

Jerry Trott, 8532 Covington Way, asked for an update on Windsor Avenue. Mr. Watson replied it would be available at least by June.

ADJOURNMENT: the meeting was adjourned at 6:41PM.

David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Danielle Filmore, Interim Acting City Clerk