



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, September 10, 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 and Jeff Sherrer.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** the invocation was led by Councilmember Dutton.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

a) Consider Tax Abatement Agreement with M & B Metal Products Company Inc. John Thomas and Jeff Trawick addressed the Council to request tax abatement for the expansion of the company. Councilmember Dutton asked how many new jobs would be created. Mr. Thomas replied there would be two (2) positions with three (3) shifts each. The request was referred to Council.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:07PM.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes for the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting of August 20, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Dutton, with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed unanimously.

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

- a) **Finance Chairperson, Linda Miller.** Ms. Miller reported the budget development is still in progress and the Committee will meet the week of September 23, 2018. Mayor Miller reported that each Councilmember has submitted paving requests for the districts, which will be scheduled by need.
- 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 that Wintzell's Restaurant preparation is in progress and a projected opening date will be in 45-60 days.

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

**c) Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** Chief Parsons announced the First Responder Picnic provided by Valley View Baptist Church. Mr. Parsons also announced the National Night Out at Memorial Park to be held on October 2, 2018. In addition, the new truck is now 60% complete and should be here in October for mounting of the equipment; ready for service at the end of October.

**d) Library, Director Carden.** The Library report was included the Council's packet of information. Ms. Carden announced that 20,000 items, digital and physical, have been checked out.

**e) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Ms. Roberts provided the library report for June – August in the Council packet. Ms. Roberts also announced that she will be out of the office attending a conference September 12-16, 2018.

**f) Planning and Zoning Administrator, Brad 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 2018-09-01 Consider Sales Tax Refund Request.** The request stems from overpayment of sales tax. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-09-01 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

**b) Resolution 2018-09-02 Consider Approval and Authorization of Renewal of the St. Clair County Juvenile Inmate Housing Agreement.** The agreement is the same as last year but with an increase in costs. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-09-02 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Johnny Brunson requested that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss Item c. The Session was permissible according to State Code Section 36-25A-7, A1, A6, and A7. There has been a competitive offer; it involves the potential sale of real property; there is legal and pending litigation; and it involves the good character of the person involved.

City Attorney Johnny Brunson suggested that the Council consider Item d before entering Executive Session, in order to expedite the close of the Council meeting.

**d) Resolution 2018-09-04 Consider Tax Abatement Agreement with M & B Metal Products Company Inc.** Motion to approve Resolution 2018-09-04 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Washington; the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to move into Executive Session by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Dutton; the motion passed unanimously. The Council went into at 6:24PM. The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:07PM.

**c) Resolution 2018-09-03 Consider Determination to Approve Business License Application at 7545 Parkway Drive.** Attorney Brunson recommended that the Resolution be Tabled until the next Council meeting. Motion to Table Resolution 2018-09-03 by Councilmember Washington with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion to Table passed unanimously.

**e) Ordinance 2018-09-01 Consider Amending the City's Lodging Tax.** The Ordinance will raise Lodging Tax for the City from 6 to 8 pennies. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-09-01 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion to adopt the Ordinance passed unanimously.

Mayor Miller asked for Unanimous Consent to consider change to exclusive developer of the City's Grand River Property as Item F. Motion for Unanimous Consent by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Dutton: the motion passed unanimously.

**f) Consider Resolution 2018-09-05 which would amend Resolution 2018-05-35** that granted exclusive development rights to Jim Wilson and Associates of the City's Grand River Property by removing said exclusivity rights granted to Jim Wilson and Associates. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-09-05 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion to amend passed unanimously.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

10. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Bob Butler, 501 Forest Drive,** requested that City consider installing a turn-around at the end of Forest Drive. Mr. Butler stated that no one pays attention to the sign indicating that the street is a Dead End. Mayor Miller commented that notification was sent to Tom Tom, but the system has not been updated.

**ADJOURNMENT:** motion to adjourn by Councilmember Washington. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM.

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David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Toushi Arbitelle, Acting City Clerk