



# **CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

City Hall Annex - Meeting Room - 1412 9th St, Leeds, AL 35094

**October 03, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

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### **CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

### **ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor David Miller  
Council member Eric Turner  
Council member Johnny Dutton  
Council member Angie Latta  
Council member Devoris Ragland-Pierce

#### **ABSENT**

Council member Kenneth Washington

#### **INVOCATION**

Council member Eric Turner

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor David Miller

### **CUTOFF FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 2260 Saddle Trail  
Mr. Blaine Brakefield, Highway 280 area, states that a family member who owned the property just walked away from it. He wants to hire someone to fix it up. He already has a house-flipper interested in it. If that's not feasible, he will tear down the house. He's currently looking for contractors now. There was no other public comment. The item was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

### **APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES**

2. Minutes from September 06, 2022  
Motion to approve minutes from September 19, 2022 made by Council member Latta, Seconded by Council member Dutton with Council member Ragland-Pierce abstaining. Before a vote was taken, Council member Turner told Mayor Miller that amended Resolution 2022-09-06 was incorrect on the City's website. Mayor Miller stated that they would hold approving the minutes until that issue is resolved.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

3. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

Mayor Miller announced the Personnel Board of Jefferson County's approval of the contract with Main Street Leeds and directed the City Clerk to draw up the first payment due. According to the City's Engineer, the Leeds Train Depot is open for occupancy, and Mayor Miller presents a proposal for a no-cost lease to allow Main Street Leeds personnel to move to that location immediately. This facility has high visibility, is a newly renovated building with restrooms, office space, storage area, meeting room and is ADA compliant. Kudos to Brad Watson for getting the Main Street Leeds item to the Personnel Board of Jefferson County's agenda last week for consideration and approval.

4. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin reminded everyone about National Night Out tomorrow at Leeds Memorial Park from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

5. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons presented the Fire Prevention Queen and runner-up at last week's homecoming game. He reminded everyone that next week is Fire Prevention Week, and they will be at the schools for the next 2 weeks. Also, please call his office if you need help checking or installing smoke detectors.

6. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

Ms. Roberts handed out September 2022 court report and outstanding warrant report to Council.

7. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson

Mr. Watson introduced his new employee who replaces an employee who recently left: Code Enforcement officer - Jody Courson.

8. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

No report.

9. Social Services Department: Director Bryan

No report.

## OLD BUSINESS:

10. R2022-09-07: Leeds Water Works property and the City of Leeds

No comment was made.

## NEW BUSINESS:

11. Resolution 22-001655: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 2260 Saddle Trail

Motion to grant a 90-day extension on Resolution 22-001655 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

12. Resolution 2022-10-01: Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Budget

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-01 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton.

Council member Turner had several items for discussion: \$6,000 for Social Services Cell Phone, \$40,000 Redevelopment Authority Contract Services, \$15,000 for Redevelopment Authority Advertising and \$600 Lee Barnes rent and other parking lot monies. According to City Attorney Scott Barnett, Ms. Dona Bonnett is a contract employee of Leeds Redevelopment Authority and is not subject to Personnel Board of Jefferson County rules. Mr. Mike Cauble, Chairman - Redevelopment Authority, addressed the advertising budget concerns. Mr. Watson explained that there is an off-set on the budget for the parking lots because TA Services is sub-leasing the Railroad Avenue lot while they have on-going construction. Mayor replied that the empty building on Parkway is being investigated to be sold to The Office Lounge which is next door. Council member Turner questioned the breakdown of payment to the City Prosecutor. Mayor stated his will check and report back.

Motion fails for no vote.

Motion to table Resolution 2022-10-01 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

13. Resolution 2022-10-02: Consider Lease Renewal of meeting space at the Civic Center

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-02 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Amber Vines, Main Street Leeds Executive Director, thankful for those who participated in the Main Street Alabama sessions a few weeks ago.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

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David Miller, Mayor

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