



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

February 03, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

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

INVOCATION

Miss Leeds Area 2025 - Samantha Lavette

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Miller

CUTOFF FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Minutes from January 06, 2025

Motion to approve Minutes from January 06, 2025 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. Voting Abstaining: Council member Washington

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor David Miller

Samantha Lavette, Miss Area 2025, addressed the Council and spoke on her platform and her upcoming fundraiser titled "City of Valor's Got Talent." She is actively seeking sponsorships for it.

3. City Administrator Watson

4. Police Chief Irwin (Sergeant at Arms)

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 8220 Edwards Avenue

No one was present. The item was referred to the Council.

6. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1632 Huntsville Street

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

7. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1633 Moton Street

Ms. Deborah England Taylor, a family member, addressed the Council. The property has been in the family since 1955, and they have been trying to comply. They're unable to get permits approved. Mr. Glen Williams, the Building Superintendent, addressed the Council and explained the holdup on permits. Their application is missing: (1) septic tank approval from Jefferson County Health Department; (2) either alter plans to meet setback requirements or make an application for variance relief; and (3) City of Leeds Land Disturbance Permit. The above items were communicated to the applicant's contractor. City Attorneys have also met with their attorney and contractor. Council member Washington proposed a 90-day extension to secure the three missing items. Both family members, Mr. John England and Ms. Jacqueline England Sanders also addressed the Council. The item was referred to the Council.

8. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1724 11th Court

Ms. Nila Headley, the property owner, addressed the Council. She informed them that both she and her husband had been in the hospital and were unable to clean up or fix the issues. The contractors, Mr. Cory Terry and Mr. Alex Moore stated they are working on compliance. Mr. Glen Williams, the Building Superintendent, confirmed they have applied for a permit and a business license. Still, they have not responded to his request for a meeting regarding the multiple buildings on the property. Mayor Miller suggested giving them 30 days to meet with Mr. Williams. Council member Ragland is agreeable to the extension. Mr. Watson, the City Administrator, added that 90 days is needed for the variance application process. The item was referred to the Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:44 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Resolution 23-000372: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 8220 Edwards Avenue

Motion to approve Resolution 23-00372 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

10. Resolution 22-002007: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1632 Huntsville Street

Motion to approve Resolution 22-002007 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

11. Resolution 22-001183: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1633 Moton St
 Motion to grant a 90-day extension on Resolution 22-001183 made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Turner to obtain (1) septic tank approval from Jefferson County Health Department; (2) either alter plans to meet setback requirements or make an application for variance relief; and (3) City of Leeds Land Disturbance Permit. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
12. Resolution 22-000595: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1724 11th Court
 Motion to grant a 90-day extension on Resolution 23-00595 to make variance application by February 25, 2025, made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Washington. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
13. Ordinance 2025-02-01: Establishing the official pay rate for elected officials
 Motion for First Reading of Ordinance 2025-02-01 made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.
 A called meeting was scheduled on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6 pm for a vote on Ordinance 2025-02-01.
14. R2025-02-01: Accept the bid for the City Pickleball Court Construction
 Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-01 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Nay: Council member Washington
15. Resolution 2025-02-02: Consider the Renewal of Agreement for Payment Processing Services
 Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-02 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
16. Resolution 2025-02-03: Consider Authorization of Replacement HVAC Unit for City Hall Annex
 Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-03 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
17. Resolution 2025-02-04: Consider Authorization of Professional Engineering Services for Storm Water Calculations
 Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-04 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
18. Resolution 2025-02-05: Concurrence with the Redevelopment Authority's decision to install lighting in and around the City's vacant property

Mr. Michael Cauble, Redevelopment Authority Chairman, and Ms. Kristy Biddle, Main Street Leeds Executive Director, addressed the Council regarding lighting at the City's empty lot across street from Windstream.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-05 made by Council member Latta, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

19. Resolution 2025-02-06: Consider declaring surplus property & authorizing its sale for the Leeds Jane Culbreth Library

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-06 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hiliary Armstrong, Alabama State Bar, addressed the Council regarding their Free Wills for Seniors and Heroes (Public Safety employees): www.justice4al.com.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Turner made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk