



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

September 05, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:06 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

Council member Eric Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Miller

CUTOFF FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Minutes from August 21, 2023

Motion to approve Minutes from August 21, 2023 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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

No Report

3. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin reported on: National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at Leeds Memorial Park from 5:00pm-8:00pm; they recently celebrated Captain Reaves' 25 years of service and body cameras and car cameras will be installed on new SRO vehicle.

4. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

No Report

5. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts
Ms. Roberts reported that the Court office will be closed the week of September 18, 2023 in order to pack/move to the Civic Center.
6. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson
No Report
7. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren
Mr. Warren reported on the tonnage removed from the recent abatements at Cahaba Crossing (5.67 tons) and Clairmont (16.55 tons).
8. Social Services Department: Director Bryan
No Report

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7489 Parkway Drive
Mr. Glen Williams, Development Services Department, gave a report of the overgrowth at the old Leeds Pet Clinic since the owner has passed away. There was no other public comment. Item was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:15 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Miller asked for an Executive Session to be added to the end of the agenda. Motion for Unanimous Consent to add an Executive Session to the agenda made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

10. Resolution 23-000693: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7489 Parkway Drive

Motion to approve R23-000693 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
11. Resolution 2023-09-01: Consider Taxpayer refund request for a taxpayer not in Leeds city limits

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09-01 made by Council member Latta, 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
12. Resolution 2023-09-02: Consider Authorizing Purchase of Bay Doors for Fire Department #1

Chief Parsons stated that St. Clair County EMS funds will be used for payment. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09-02 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

13. Resolution 2023-09-03: Authorizing the Budget Amendment and the Purchase of Safety Equipment for Police Department

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09-03 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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

14. Resolution 2023-09-04: Authorize an Athletic Capital Improvement Appropriation to the City Board of Education

Mr. John Moore, Superintendent of Education, gave details of their proposed improvements.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09-04 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Council member Turner, Council member Dutton. Voting Nay: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Abstaining: Council member Latta. Resolution 2023-09-04 does not pass.

Mr. Scott Barnett asked for a vote to adjourn into Executive Session under Section 36-25-7(a)(3) and stated there will likely be an item for action as a result. Motion to adjourn into Executive Session 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. The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:40 pm and returned at 7:40 pm. City Attorneys recommended the settlement for litigation be added to the agenda.

Motion to add Resolution 2023-09-05 to the agenda 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.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09-05 (Approving and Authorizing Settlement of Municipal Litigation) 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. Voting Nay: Council member Turner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rev. Ernest Mitchell, 1480 Dakota Street, has concerns of profiling by the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk