



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

April 18, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 Devoris Ragland-Pierce

ABSENT

Council member Angie Latta

INVOCATION

Council member Eric Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Miller

PRESENTATION

Cawaco RC&D Council representatives Jack Williams and Patti Pennington along with Senator Dan Roberts & Representative Dickie Drake presented a \$25,000 grant to the City for culvert repairs on Dennis Street. Senator Dan Roberts presented a \$10,000 grant to the Leeds Jane Culbreth Library Board.

CUTOFF FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Minutes for April 04, 2022

Motion to approve minutes from April 04, 2022 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 Ragland-Pierce

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller
No Report

3. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin reported that his department has been busy: served 155 outstanding warrants, arrested 4 persons for catalytic converter thefts and arrested a bank robber from Mississippi.

4. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons stated that his monthly report is in the Council packet. Chief Parsons played a video of a new program that they are implementing: Community Connect. It is a free, secure and easy to use platform that allows you to share critical information about your household that will aid first responders and emergency response personnel when responding to your residence.

5. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Roberts gave the Council members a copy of her March 2022 report.

6. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson

No Report

7. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

No Report

8. Social Services Department: Director Bryan

Absent

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Resolution 2022-04-05: Consider Approval of 2022 "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-05 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Washington. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Ragland-Pierce

10. Resolution 2022-04-06: Consider Awarding City Cemetery Grounds Maintenance Bid

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-06 made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Ragland-Pierce

11. Resolution 2022-04-07: Consider Budget Amendment for City Train Depot Repair/Remediation

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-07 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 Ragland-Pierce

12. Resolution 2022-04-08: Consider Budget Amendment for Willow Street Extension

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-08 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, Seconded by Council member Washington. City Attorney Johnny Brunson proposes to table this item and bring back as Old Business. City Attorney Scott Barnett stated the City needed

time to consult with City Engineer again and work out a deal with the property owner. Ms. Ragland-Pierce amended her motion.

Motion to table Resolution 2022-04-08 for further discussion 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 Ragland-Pierce

13. Resolution 2022-04-09: Consider contract with Avenu Insights and Analytics for collection of taxes, business license and recovery

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-09 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 Ragland-Pierce

14. Resolution 2022-04-10: Consider Budget Amendment for Library Board

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-10 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 Ragland-Pierce

15. Resolution 2022-04-11: Consider Budget Amendment for City Park Public Fitness Equipment

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-11 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Ragland-Pierce.
Voting Abstaining: Council member Washington

16. Resolution 2022-04-13: Consider Budget Adjustment for the Police Department to use Confiscated Funds

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-13 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Ragland-Pierce

17. Resolution 2022-04-14: Consider Budget Amendment to reimburse the Fire Department's Training/Education Fund

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-04-14 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 Ragland-Pierce

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Lindsay Bolcar, 1275 Katherine Street, spoke in favor of the City library receiving additional budget funds for operating.

Mr. Ernest Mitchell, 1480 Dakota Street, requested trash bags for neighborhood cleanup and accused the City of being anti-Semitic.

Ms. Felicia Rucker-Sumerlin, candidate for Jefferson County Sheriff.

Ms. Victoria McDonald, 1064 Crest Road, asked several questions regarding: the Library, fitness center resolution, Main Street meeting and the Depot.

Mr. Stanley Siegrist, 7040 Briarwood Lane, asked about a review of the culverts near his home.

Ms. Tammy Thurman, 100 Willow Street, admitted that they are trying to sell the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 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 Ragland-Pierce

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk