



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Leeds Municipal Annex - 1412 9th Street; Leeds, Alabama 35094

December 06, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:07 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

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Minutes from November 15, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from November 15, 2021 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

Mayor Miller gave an update on the amount of asphalt purchased for pothole repair for this year. Mayor Miller reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade set for Friday, December 10th at 7:00 pm.

3. Police Department: Chief Atkinson

Chief Atkinson addressed the Mayor, Council and the audience and announced his retirement effective January 01, 2022.

4. Fire Department: Chief Parsons
No Report
5. Library: Library Director Carden
No Report
6. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts
No Report
7. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson
Absent
8. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren
No Report
9. Social Services Department: Director Bryan
December's schedules are in packet and on City's website.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Resolution 2021-12-01: Consider Approval of 2022 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-01 made by Council member Latta, 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.
11. Resolution 2021-12-02: Consider Certain Professional Services Relating to Employee Benefits for City Employees

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-02 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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 2021-12-03: Consider Adoption and Ratification of Monthly (August 2021 - November 2021) City Expenditures/Payables

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-03 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.
13. Resolution 2021-12-04: Consider approval of Inmate Housing agreement with the City of Trussville

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-04 made by Council member Dutton, 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

14. Resolution 2021-12-05: Consider approval of Engineering Services related to a TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Project for Downtown Leeds

Mr. Keith Strickland, Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) - engineering firm of record, spoke regarding the TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) grant.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-05 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

15. Resolution 2021-12-06: Consider Budget Amendment and Annual Funding Appropriation to Leeds Arts Council

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-06 made by Council member Latta, 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

16. Resolution 2021-12-07: Consider Budget Amendment to Replace Play Tower at Memorial Park and Authorize its engineering to comply with ADA requirements

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-07 made by Council member Latta, 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

17. Resolution 2021-12-08: Consider One-time Premium Pay Allocation to All City Employees

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-08 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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

18. Council member Washington - Discussion

Council member Washington stated he would like to have the Moton Center returned back to the City. Mr. Scott Barnett, City Attorney, addressed Mayor and Council and gave his recommendation to appoint new board members.

Therefore, Leeds City Council agrees to (1) a vote of no confidence in the "group" that currently refers to itself as the board of directors of the Moton Foundation, (2) declare the actions of this "group" without authority in the eyes of the Council, (3) request this "group" to immediately cease and desist any and all actions with regard to the Moton Foundation and (4) call for nominations for those citizens willing to serve as members of the subject Board and who are willing to work to re-establish the Board and to adhere to its original purpose.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12-09 made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner

member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jerry Thomas, 7686 Georgia Avenue, following up on "No Soliciting" sign request from July 06, 2021 meeting. Also, he has streetlight request for Georgia/Albany intersection.

Mr. Trygve Arnesen, 1809 Clarke Circle, had questions about the seal coat in his subdivision and states that the final plat for his subdivision is incorrect.

Mr. Jerry Trott, 8532 Covington Way, had questions regarding the Rowan Springs pump and "the letter".

Mr. Farest Hartsfield, 7024 Mountain View Lane, inquired about a phone/power pole replacement on Eastern Valley Road. Also, he inquired about the permit status at 2133 Montevallo Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 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 Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk