



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

October 17, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03 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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. RA22-000003: A request for the rezoning at Cahaba Mobile Home Park (103 Madison Drive: Trussville, AL 35173) from B-2 (General Business District) to RMHP (Residential Mobile Home Park District) to allow for contiguous zoning designations for all parcels of the Cahaba Mobile Home Park.

Mr. Daniel Webber, attorney for Cahaba Mobile Home Park, explained that the request is make the entire park the same zoning. This is not for any new mobile homes. There was no other public comment. The item was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:06 pm.

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

2. Minutes from September 19, 2022
Motion to approve minutes from September 19, 2022 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
3. Minutes from October 03, 2022
Motion to approve minutes from October 03, 2022 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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

An executive session was requested by Council member Washington to discuss good name and character and will not result in an agenda item addition. City Attorney Scott Barnett stated this is a proper request under Sections 36-25-7(a)(1). Motion to adjourn into Executive Session made by Council member Washington, 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 6:08 pm and returned at 6:58 pm.

4. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

5. Police Department: Chief Irwin
No report
6. Fire Department: Chief Parsons
Chief Parsons reported that Fire Prevention Week was extended to this week since all the schools were closed for 3 days last week.
7. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts
No Report
8. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson
No Report
9. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren
No Report.
Council member Washington complained about garbage on side of roads and wants to clean up the City.
Council member Ragland-Pierce reported illegal dumping on Clayton Drive and Walnut Street.
10. Social Services Department: Director Bryan

OLD BUSINESS:

11. Resolution 22-001183: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1633 Moton Street
Motion to move to November 07, 2022 meeting due to lack of information 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
12. Resolution 2022-10-01: Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Budget
Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-01 with 01-5012 excluded from the budget and addressed at a later date 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

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Ordinance 2022-10-01: Consider Rezoning at Cahaba Mobile Home Park - 103 Madison Drive, Trussville
Motion for Unanimous Consent to Consider Ordinance 2022-10-01 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.
Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10-01 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.
14. Resolution 2022-10-03: Consider Authorizing Repurchase of Cemetery Lot at Cedar Grove Cemetery
Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-03 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
15. Resolution 2022-10-04: Consider Ratifying Resolution 2022-09-06 and Authorizing Release of Funds
Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-04 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

16. Resolution 2022-10-05: Consider Adoption and Ratification of September 2022 City Expenditures/Payables

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-05 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 Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

17. Resolution 2022-10-06: Consider Authorizing Lease of Historic Train Depot to Main Street Leeds

Motion made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce for discussion. Council member Washington does not want to waste the City's time. Council member Ragland-Pierce has many questions regarding utilities or other rentals available. City Attorney Scott Barnett stated that is what the Council needs to decide in tonight's resolution. Mayor stated that they would have the old Chamber office. It would be a no-cost lease to Main Street Leeds. Council member Washington withdraws his motion so that Main Street Leeds can be contacted.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-06 as an offer to Main Street Leeds with 24/7 access to the old Chamber office as a no-cost lease made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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

Council member Ragland-Pierce wants to return to live-streaming the Council meetings.

Motion for Unanimous Consent to add Resolution 2022-10-07 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.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10-07 to live stream Council meetings made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, Seconded by Council member Latta. City Administrator Brad Watson asked for a budget to purchase needed equipment.

Motion to amend Resolution 2022-10-07 to include up to \$5000 budget to purchase needed equipment made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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.

Ms. Susan Carswell, 2120 Montevallo Road, Chairman of Leeds Historical Society and wanted clarification regarding the lease to Main Street Leeds.

Ms. Amber Vines, Main Street Leeds Director, asked if their quarterly payment was reflected in Resolution 2022-10-01 approval as was discussed at the last Finance meeting. Council member Dutton added that Mr. Ryan Miller, Main Street Leeds CFO, will be his only contact and will report quarterly as well. Ms. Vines will report to her Board regarding the approval of Resolution 2022-10-06.

Ms. Amber Yeackle, 8028 4th Avenue, commented on the poor sound quality in the meeting room.

Mr. Randy Beard, 1650 Millie Street, asked if Millie Street was private street or not. He stated the City maintained it years ago, and he wants the street to be paved. Mr. Watson stated he will get the City Engineer to prepare a report.

Mr. James Carroll, 9041 Bush Avenue. Council members Turner and Ragland-Pierce stated that they have both spoken to Mr. Carroll outside of Council and requested that he have more than 2 minutes to speak. Mr. Carroll stated he turned in the requested paperwork earlier today. Mr. Watson stated in April 2022 Mr. Carroll was sent a plans review transmittal letter instructing him that because of the project's value a State licensed General Contractor was required. It is a Class C felony for the City to issue a permit to a contractor that is not properly licensed. The contractor did not have a General Contractor license. Secondarily, architectural plans are required as by State law because of assembly occupancy regardless of size. Plans for the entire project must be submitted at once as per the Alabama Board of Architects. Chief Parsons stated that the plans had been approved but there are some ADA compliance issues in the bathrooms. Mr. Carroll does not have plans showing the corrected bathroom issues.

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 7:54 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk