



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

February 22, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Council member Kenneth Washington

INVOCATION

Council member Eric Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Miller

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Minutes from February 07, 2022

Motion to approve minutes from February 07, 2022 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.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor Miller gave an update on the Moton Center Education Foundation's civil lawsuit against the City. Mayor Miller commended City departments (Police, Fire and Public Works) for their hard work after last week's storms.

Motion for Unanimous Consent to add item #12 (authorize City Attorneys regarding the Moton Center lawsuit) to the agenda 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.

3. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Motion for Unanimous Consent to add item #13 (Police Department budget adjustment to use confiscated funds) to the agenda made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

4. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons reminded us that this weekend is the Sever Weather Tax-free weekend. Also, he gave an update and showed pictures of the new fire truck.

5. Library: Director Carden

Ms. Carden reminded us that her budget amendment is under Old News.

6. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

Report was handed out to Mayor and Council members. Judge Stone has set an amnesty court date for Friday, March 25, 2022.

7. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson

Absent

8. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

Absent

9. Social Services Department: Director Bryan

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

10. Resolution 2022-02-02: Consider a Budget Amendment for the Leeds Jane Culbreth Public Library

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02-02 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce. There was no second for the motion. The resolution fails.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Resolution 2022-02-04: Consider Animal Control and Pound Services Contract Renewal

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02-04 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

12. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02-05 (to authorize City Attorneys to reply to the Moton litigation, to request the Court to declare the rights of all parties and rights/obligations of its citizens) made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

13. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02-06 (Police Department budget adjustment to use confiscated funds) 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jeremy Griffin, 479 Wolf Creek Road, Pell City, spoke against the City's requirement for surety bonds for food trucks.

Ms. Donnice Ritch, 100 Willow Street, spoke about the storm cleanup, her previous street paving request, a complaint regarding 115 Willow Street and reported that Dennis Street is caving in.

Ms. Connie Foster, 7538 Poplar Avenue, had complaints of businesses operating in her neighborhood: landscape business across from her and an auto repair at the end of her street.

Ms. Susan Carswell, 2120 Montevallo Road, had questions about budget line for Main Street Program and shamed the Council for not approving the Library's budget amendment.

Ms. Doris Jarvis, 1048 Diane Street, is thankful for the City's support of the Leeds Arts Council but is upset about the City's failure to support the library.

Ms. Gloria Haynes, Moton Center Director, doesn't want to fight with the City. It's not a lawsuit but an injunction. Mayor questioned if Moton had their 501(c)(3) status reinstated. Ms. Haynes stated yes it has been reinstated. Mr. Brunson reaffirmed that it is a lawsuit with an official proceeding before a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Mondretta Williams, former library director, disappointed that the Council did not approve the library's budget amendment. Ms. Carden interjected that the Library has stayed within budget in previous years. The City's invoice for their shortage is being looked into.

Ms. Ginny Edwards, 1556 Sims Street, upset that the Library's budget amendment was not passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk