



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

January 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 December 19, 2022

Motion to approve Minutes from December 19, 2022 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Abstaining: Council member Washington, Council member Latta

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

No Report

3. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin gave updates of the department and expressed his gratitude for his officers. The following officers were recognized as Officer of the Quarter: 2022-1st Quarter Officer Jacob Turnbloom; 2022-2nd Quarter Officer Harley Hamer; 2022-3rd Quarter Officer Clayton Cato; and 2022-4th Quarter Officer Brian Parsons.

4. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons went over his submitted reports. There was a 4% increase over last year. Also, the department helped Irondale with flag display at a military homecoming at Church of Highlands.

5. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

Monthly reports for November and December were handed out. 2022 DUI numbers are up compared to 2021.

6. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson

No Report

7. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

No Report.

Council Member Washington is upset with the dumping throughout the City and wants to increase the fines for dumping.

8. Social Services Department: Director Bryan

No Report

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item# 16 was moved up.

City Attorney Scott Barnett stated the Executive Session is a proper request under Sections 36-25-7(a)(1) and 36-25-7(a)(3). Motion 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. The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:21 pm and returned at 7:47 pm.

9. Resolution 22-001655 (Carried over from the canceled meeting - January 03, 2023): Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 2260 Saddle Trail

Motion to approve Resolution 22-001655 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

10. Resolution 21-002232: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7092 Mountain View Lane

Motion to approve Resolution 21-002232 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 Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

11. Resolution 2022-12-07: Consider Approving the Report of City Attorneys to be Discussed with Media

Motion to table Resolution 2022-12-07 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 Latta, Council member Ragland-

Pierce

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Resolution 2023-01-01 (Carried over from the cancelled meeting - January 03, 2023):
Consider Adoption and Ratification of November 2022 City Expenditures/Payables

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01-01 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 Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

13. Resolution 2023-01-02 (Carried over from the cancelled meeting - January 03, 2023):
Consider Purchase of Police Equipment Using Confiscated Funds

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01-02 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

14. Resolution 2023-01-03: Consider Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Police Communication Equipment with Seized Funds

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01-03 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

15. Resolution 2023-01-04: Consider Ratification of Emergency Repairs and Authorization of Roof Replacement for Police Station

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-01-04 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

16. Executive Session

Item 16 was discussed earlier in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Austin Creel, 8316 Parkway Drive, presented a PowerPoint handout to Council and spoke about his alcohol case from December 19, 2022 meeting. When asked, Chief Irwin stated he was still against the approval.

Mr. Albert Daw, 8615 Swafford Avenue, wants a warming/cooling station for the residents.

Ms. Becky King - Main Street Leeds Secretary, 573 Woodruff Parkway, gave a report of their activities and handed out copies to Council.

Mr. Jason King, 8156 Lawley Avenue, against rezoning case yet to be decided by Planning & Zoning Commission at 8163 Lawley Avenue.

Mr. Jerry Trott, 8532 Covington Way, asked about road surfaces on Highway 411, wanted more information on a potential Aldi store and asked about Leeds water quality due to the Moody fire.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Upon adjournment, City Attorney Scott Barnett delivered to the City Clerk sealed documents to be placed in City Hall's vault. Sealed documents were placed in vault upon City Clerk's return to City Hall.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk