



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

July 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 June 20, 2023

Motion to approve Minutes from June 20, 2023 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 announced the City is accepting appointment applications for Leeds Board of Education for the next 2 weeks and will vote at the August 7th meeting.

3. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin announced July 18 and July 19 as Kids & Cops at the Leeds Splash Pad. Chief Irwin recognized Officer Zach Harrison as 2023-2nd Quarter Officer of the Quarter.

4. Fire Department: Chief Parsons
No Report
5. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts
No Report
6. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson
Mr. Watson gave updates from the City Engineer on the 2023 paving project, playground equipment and Fire Department building.
7. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren
No Report
8. Social Services Department: Director Bryan
Absent

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 7285 Maine Avenue
Mr. Glen Williams, Development Services, gave a property report to Council. No one for the property was present. There was no other public comment made. Item was referred to Council.
10. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 7536 Alabama Avenue
Mr. Glen Williams, Development Services, gave a property report to Council. No one for the property was present. There was no other public comment made. Item was referred to Council.
11. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1731 Whitmire Street
Mr. Glen Williams, Development Services, gave a property report to Council. No one for the property was present. Mr. Dale Faulkner, contractor, has attempted contact with the property owner and requests a 30-day extension. There was no other public comment made. Item was referred to Council.
12. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 8374 Farley Avenue
No one for the property was present. There was no public comment. Item was referred to Council.
13. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 8349 Kent Avenue
Mr. Ralph Bowlin, attorney who represents the property owners, admits to the public nuisance and has made substantial progress. He requests 10-15 more days for complete compliance. There was no other public comment made. Item was referred to Council.
14. Ordinance assenting to the modification of the Zoning Ordinance to modify the R-5, Garden Home District and to delete the R-6, Patio Home District
Motion for Unanimous Consent to consider Ordinance RA23-000007 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. Voting Nay: Council member Washington. City Attorney Scott Barnett reminded the Mayor that we were still in the public hearing section of the meeting. Jacob Meyer, 1527 Parnell Drive, spoke in opposition of the changes. Ms. Susan Carswell, 2120 Montevallo Road, spoke in favor of the changes. There was no other public comment made. Item was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:21 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

15. Resolution 2023-06-03: Consider Accepting FY2022 City Audit

Council member Turner questioned the RDA budget. Council member Dutton questioned if it was a clean audit. Mr. Joe Chapman, representative for the auditing firm, stated it was a clean audit report for FY2022.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-06-03 made by Council member Dutton, 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

NEW BUSINESS:

16. Resolution 22-002161: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 7285 Maine Avenue

Motion to approve Resolution 22-002161 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

17. Resolution 22-002226: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 7536 Alabama Avenue

Motion to approve Resolution 22-002226 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

18. Resolution 22-000085: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1731 Whitmire Street

Motion to grant a 60-day extension on Resolution 22-000085 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

19. Resolution 22-002152: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 8374 Farley Avenue

Motion to approve Resolution 22-002152 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

20. Resolution 23-000769: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 8349 Kent Avenue

Motion to grant a 30-day extension on Resolution 23-000769 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

21. Ordinance RA23-000007: Consider a Modification to the Zoning Ordinance of the R-5, Garden Home District, and to Delete the R-6, Patio Home District

Motion for Unanimous Consent to consider Ordinance RA23-000007 made by Council member Turner. The motion fails for lack of a second.

22. Resolution 2023-07-01: Consider Adoption and Ratification of April 2023 City Expenditures/Payables

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-07-01 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

23. Resolution 2023-07-02: Consider Adoption and Ratification of May 2023 City Expenditures/Payables

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-07-02 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

24. Resolution 2023-07-03: Consider Renewal of LYAA Facilities Permit and Use Agreement

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-07-03 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Albert Daw, 8615 Swafford Avenue, wants a new recreation/civic complex and library.

Mr. Michael Cordts, 8250 2nd Avenue, reported that a house owned by the cement plant across the street from him is in disrepair.

Mr. George Hansen, 8243 2nd Avenue, confirmed Mr. Cordts' statement and reported that 8160 3rd Avenue has fire damage.

Ms. Susan Carswell, 2120 Montevallo Road, asked for stop signage on the road at the 3rd Avenue intersection near the Catholic church because you can't see the stop signs when cars are parked near them.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk