



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

April 15, 2024 @ 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

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Minutes from April 01, 2024

Motion to approve Minutes from April 01, 2024, made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta. Voting Abstaining: Council member Ragland-Pierce

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor David Miller
No report
3. City Administrator Watson
Mr. Watson stated the overtime report is in the Council packet.
4. City Clerk Arbitelle
No report
5. Police Chief Irwin

- No report
6. Fire Chief Parsons
In recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, Chief Parsons will deliver food to Blount County 911.
 7. Court Magistrate Roberts
Absent
 8. Superintendent Williams
Mr. Williams reminded everyone of the city-wide cleanup on Saturday, April 20, 2024, starting at the lot across from Windstream.
 9. Public Works Director Warren
No report
 10. Social Services Director Bryan
No report

PUBLIC HEARING

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Ordinance 2024-04-01: Amend city fee schedule to reduce city building and construction fees for permitting new construction, additions, alterations, and repairs.

Motion for Unanimous Consent to consider Ordinance 2024-04-01 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04-01 as presented 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
12. Resolution 2024-04-03: Consider 2024 Animal Control and Pound Services Contract

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-03 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
13. Resolution 2024-04-04: Consider Business License Waiver of Penalty

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-04 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

14. Resolution 2024-04-05: Consider Approval of Budget Amendment to Purchase Solid Waste Equipment

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-05 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

15. Resolution 2024-04-06: Consider Dispatch Service Agreement

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-06 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. Resolution 2024-04-07: Consider Re-appointment to the City of Leeds Board of Education

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-07 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 Abstaining: Council member Washington

17. Resolution 2024-04-08: Consider Services Contract for Senior Services Center

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04-08 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council member Turner had questions for the Council regarding his email about the development off of Norman Drive. He used to work with the developer, Steve French. He wants to go on the record and negotiate with Mr. French to change the development from apartments to residential homes.

Campaign manager for Ms. Yashiba Blanchard - candidate for Jefferson County Probate Court-Place 1, to address those present.

Mr. Joe White, 7129 Elliott Lane, addressed the Council regarding the varying amounts of his building permit fees. Mr. White stated that the calculations provided to him by the Mayor illustrating comparative permitting costs that were compiled by Mr. Watson were incorrect. Mr. White further stated that the staff of the Alabama Homebuilders Association provided him with a set of different comparative data. Based on tonight's ordinance approval, Mr. Scott Barnett, City Attorney, responded that building and trade permit fees are now 9/10 of 1% of material, labor, and equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk