



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Leeds Municipal Annex - 1412 9th Street; Leeds, Alabama 35094

June 07, 2021 @ 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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Amendment 772 Hearing

There was no public comment. The matter was referred to Council.

2. RA20-000006: A request for the Rezoning of a Certain Property at 8417 Dunnivant Road from R-2 (Single Family District) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial District)

Several stood and spoke in opposition to the request: Mr. Roland Isbell, 7717 Pine Avenue; Mr. Bobby Howard, 7725 Pine Avenue; Ms. Ada Smith, 8420 Dunnivant Road and Ms. Barbara Howard, 7725 Pine Avenue. There was no other comment. The matter was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:19 pm.

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

3. Minutes from May 17, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from May 17, 2021 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

4. Minutes from May 26, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from May 26, 2021 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta. Voting Abstaining: Council member Washington, Council member Ragland-Pierce

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

5. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

Mayor Miller announced the City is accepting applications for Leeds Water Works Board. Interested persons need to apply within two weeks. Applications are available on the City's website or at City Hall.

City Attorney Scott Barnett informed the Mayor and Council about notification received from Waste Management. They are requesting for the City to immediately renew the solid waste contract for one year or they will cancel the existing contract on August 01, 2021. Mr. Barnett added that the City has the option to bid out it too.

Mayor Miller passed on other Department reports except for Mr. Watson's update on Rockhampton Subdivision.

6. Police Department: Chief Atkinson

7. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

8. Library: Library Director Carden

9. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

10. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson

A Notice of Violation has been issued by ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management), and the City will step down from enforcement action until their report is complete. However, there are water quantity issues that the City can still address.

The previous pay period overtime is due to shortages in the Police Department.

11. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Resolution 2021-06-01: Consider Use and Granting of Public Funds and Things of Value in Aid to a Private Entity Pursuant to Amendment 772 of the Alabama Constitution
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06-01 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
13. Resolution 2021-06-02: Consider Approval of 2022 Council Meeting Calendar
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06-02 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 2021-06-03: Consider Adoption and Ratification of May 2021 City Expenditures/Payables
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06-03 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 2021-06-04: Consider Authorizing a Budget Amendment for the Acting City Judge
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06-04 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
16. Resolution 2021-06-05: Consider Authorizing Streetlight Replacement Project
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06-05 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, Council member Ragland-Pierce
17. Resolution 2021-06-06: City Council Objection to Rezoning of certain property within unincorporated Jefferson County
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06-06 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
18. Ordinance 2021-05-01: Consider Determination of Assenting to the Rezoning at 8417 Dunnivant Road

Since the applicant did not properly send notification, the matter will be carried over. Motion to table 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Roger Bailey, 1291 Katherine Street - spoke about his neighbor's septic tank leaking onto his property.

Mr. Joe Thomas, 1522 Cogbill Street - spoke about the Fire Department taking his property. Chief Parsons advised that the City did not take his property. Ms. Roberts added that Mr. Thomas needs approval from the State Director of Public Safety for the siren.

Mr. Trygve Arnesen, 1809 Clarke Circle - had questions about the seal coat in his subdivision.

Ms. Shirley Hunter, 8101 Jackson Avenue - asked for assistance with Hubble's security lighting that is shining into her windows. Also, the business across the street parks their trailers where they block the view of the nearby RR crossing. She also asked about a sprinkler inspection for her church's permit.

Mr. Bobby Howard, 7725 Pine Avenue - asked for addresses for zoning cases.

Mr. Randy Ray, 6287 Zeigler Road - expressed his gratitude for the City's disapproval of Jefferson County's rezoning case.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk