



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

December 04, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 November 06, 2023

Motion to approve Minutes from November 06, 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 Ragland-Pierce. Voting Abstaining: Council member Latta

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor David Miller
No Report given
3. City Administrator Watson
Absent
4. City Clerk Arbitelle
No Report given
5. Police Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin recapped a few recent arrests and did an officer swearing-in for Officer Michael Green and Officer Greg Howell.

6. Fire Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons stated we are still under a no-burn ban and will continue to issue citations.

7. Court Magistrate Roberts

Written reports for October 2023 and November 2023 were supplied to the Council.

8. Superintendent Williams

No Report given

9. Public Works Director Warren

Mr. Warren reminded everyone of the Leeds Christmas Parade on Friday, December 08, 2023, starting at 7:00 pm.

10. Social Services Director Bryan

Ms. Bryan reported the Seniors will walk in the Christmas Parade.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Amendment 772 Hearing - Jackson Hospitality Services

Mr. Neal Jackson and Mr. Cory Jackson (Jackson Hospitality) explained their desire to build a SpringHill Suites adjacent to Hampton Inn on Rex Lake Road. They are requesting half of the lodging tax for 48 months or \$540,000 whichever occurs first for relief of some topography issues. There was no other public comment made. Item was referred to Council.

12. ALC23-000001 - A request for an Off-Premise Beer and Off-Premise Wine License to Leeds Mart Inc, Applicant, /dba/ Raceway 726 at 1825 Ashville Road; Leeds AL 35094 (TPID 2602100004005600, St. Clair Co. Zoned B-2, General Business District)

Mayor Miller stated this was a license transfer. Chief Irwin approves of the transfer. There was no other public comment made. Item was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:24 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Executive Session

Item was moved to the end of the agenda.

City Attorney Scott Barnett stated the Executive Session is a proper request under Section 36-25-7(a)(3) for potential litigation. The motion to adjourn into Executive Session was 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. The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:39 pm and returned at 7:21 pm.

14. Resolution 2023-12-01: Consider Use and Grant Public Funds and Things of Value in Aid to a Private Entity Pursuant to Amendment 772 of the Alabama Constitution - Jackson Hospitality Services Inc

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12-01 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

15. Resolution 2023-12-02: Consider Approval of Issuance of Retail Beer License (off-premise) and Retail Table Wine License (off-premise) to Leeds Mart Inc. /dba/ Raceway 726; 1825 Ashville Road; Leeds AL 35094

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12-02 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

16. Resolution 2023-12-03: Consider Adoption and Ratification of October 2023 City Expenditures/Payables

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12-03 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

17. Ordinance 2023-12-01: Authorize Truck Route Exemption for Local Deliveries

Motion for Unanimous Consent to consider Ordinance 2023-12-01 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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12-01 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Marty Rodda, 4800 Whiskers Trail - Pell City, made complaints about the number of times the Police Department has stopped him.

Mr. Albert Daw, 8615 Swafford Avenue - Leeds, inquired about the zoning change for his tiny home development.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 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

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk