



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

November 15, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Washington called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Washington
Council member Eric Turner
Council member Johnny Dutton
Council member Angie Latta
Council member Devoris Ragland-Pierce

ABSENT

Mayor David Miller

INVOCATION

Council member Eric Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Washington

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Minutes from October 18, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2021 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

2. Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro Tempore Washington
No Report
3. Police Department: Chief Atkinson
No Report
4. Fire Department: Chief Parsons
Report is in Council packet. There will be a training trailer at Station 1 this week.
5. Library: Library Director Carden
Report is in Council packet.

6. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts
No Report
7. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson
No Report
8. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren
No Report
9. Social Services Department: Director Bryan
No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Resolution 2021-10-03: Consider requested support from Moton Education Foundation for Veterans project

Mayor Pro Tem Washington opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Betty Middlebrooks, who owns property near the Moton Center, had questions regarding the Articles of Incorporation. Mr. Scott Barnett, City Attorney, addressed Ms. Middlebrooks and stated that there were no changes to the Articles of Incorporation according to the Alabama Secretary of State. Dr. Gloria Haynes, Moton Center CEO, spoke of a change to the Moton Foundation membership but the Judge of Probate has not recorded the changes yet.

Therefore, Leeds City Council will reserve its support to the Moton Center Foundation Board of Directors until such time as (1) the Board has been properly constituted and established as a Board made up of citizen members from the City of Leeds as originally intended, (2) the Board's compliance with all applicable property use restrictions, as set forth by the Board of Education at the time of dedication in clear compliance with the intent and written requirements contained within the applicable conveyance deed for the property, and (3) City staff and the City attorneys have deemed the Board to have fully complied with all applicable City ordinances, regulations and/or permits.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-10-03 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

11. Resolution 2021-11-01: Consider fire suppression system donation proposal from Rock Hampton LLC

Mayor Pro Tem Washington removed Resolution 2021-11-01 from the agenda.

12. Resolution 2021-11-02: Consider the donation of surplus truck to Dunnavant Vol Fire Department

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-11-02 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

13. Resolution 2021-11-03: Consider Approval of Grant Consulting Services for City Fire Department

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-11-03 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Council member Turner,

Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

14. A request for an Executive Session - Johnny Dutton

An Executive Session for the Council under Section 36-25A-7 (a)(1) was requested by Council member Dutton. The item for discussion will not require a vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Susan Carswell, 2120 Montevallo Road, and Mr. Scott Chambers, 315 Foster Road, both received an anonymous letter regarding City business. City Attorneys will send a copy to all Council members.

Reverend Ernest Mitchell, 1480 Dakota Street, addressed Council regarding poor street conditions and questions the validity of the Moton Foundation Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting into Executive Session made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Kenneth Washington, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk