



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

November 07, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7092 Mountain View Lane

Mr. Roy Davis, property owner's son - lives in Talladega, has been working to clear the property and asks for an extension. Mr. Glen Williams, Development Services Department, is ok with the extension. There was no other comment. The item was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:06 pm.

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

2. Minutes from October 19, 2022

Motion to approve minutes from October 19, 2022 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:

3. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

Mayor Miller stated that at the next Council meeting the City will recognize the Leeds Youth Cheerleaders who competed at the Battle of the South Cheer Competition.

4. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin gave a reports regarding the kidnapper from Prattville who was taken into custody in Leeds, the lock-out at the schools, the Downtown Trick/Treat turnout, Fitness challenge at Memorial Park with the Fire Department, and DARE graduation will be November 10th at the Elementary School.

5. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons gave a report on 1st Responders Breakfast on October 28th, pumpkin drop from ladder truck, the Color run at Grand River on October 29, Downtown Trick/Treat and Fitness Challenge at Memorial Park with Police Department.

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

Ms. Bryan gave a report regarding the Downtown Trick/Treat turnout, and they had 60 seniors present today.

OLD BUSINESS:

An executive session was requested by Council member Turner to discuss good name and character and is discussion only. City Attorney Scott Barnett stated this is a proper request under Sections 36-25-7(a)(1). Motion to adjourn into Executive Session 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. The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:16 pm and returned at 6:24 pm.

10. Resolution 22-001183: Consider declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1633 Moton Street

Council member Washington requested a 30-day extension.

Ms. Lashunta Boler, attorney for the heirs, asks for an extension to get a better assessment of what's needed to get permits.

Motion to table Resolution 22-001183 for an additional 30 days made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Council member Washington, Council member Ragland-Pierce

Voting Nay: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta. Motion does not pass. City Attorney Scott Barnett states the motion on the floor was for an extension. A vote is still needed on the resolution as it is listed on the agenda.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-001183 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton and Council member Latta with Council members Washington and Ragland-Pierce abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Resolution 21-002232: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7092 Mountain View Lane

Motion to grant a 60-day extension on Resolution 22-2232 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council member Turner stated that it was brought to his attention this morning that Main Street had applied for the incorrect license through Avenu Insights & Analytics for their upcoming fundraiser. He's upset about the required special event permit and sales tax collection. He wants a vote to waive the special event permit and taxes. Mayor stated he needed unanimous consent to add the item to the agenda.

Motion for Unanimous Consent to add Resolution 2022-11-01 (One-Time Waiver for Main Street's Special Event Permit and Sales Tax Collection on November 12, 2022) to the agenda 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

Motion approve Resolution 2022-11-01 (One-Time Waiver for Main Street's Special Event Permit and Sales Tax Collection on November 12, 2022) 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.

Council member Turner announced that the Knights of Columbus are having a special ceremony at Memorial Park on November 11, 2022 at noon.

Ms. Ginny Edwards - 1556 Sims Street, current president of Leeds Historical Society. Received two grants for roof at the Bass House and to create videos for website. Christmas Open House at the Bass House and Rowan House will be December 4, 2022 from 2pm to 4pm.

Ms. Susan Carswell - 2120 Montevallo Road, she questioned why the agenda changed from the posting on Friday. Mr. Barnett explained that an item was pulled since the occupancy of the building will not change, and there's no reason to change the agreement.

Mr. Judd Moore - 7360 Mountain View Lane. Mr. Turned requested that he have more time to speak. Mr. Moore disclosed personal information about a City employee, problems with the City's Entertainment District and the wall construction. The Mayor asked if he was accusing Mr. Brad Watson of malfeasance. Mr. Moore stated he is accusing Mr. Watson of railroading every single item that comes through the City. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Moore obtain an attorney. The Mayor stated his time was up. Mr. Moore continued to yell into the microphone. The Mayor exited the dias at 7:02 pm, and the Police removed Mr. Moore from the podium.

Council member Kenneth Washington moved to the Mayor's seat and served as Mayor Pro Tem.

Ms. Amber Yeackle - 8028 4th Avenue, stated she would hold off on speaking and asked if she could give her time to Mr. Moore. Chief Irwin stated that Mr. Moore needed to leave the building.

Mr. Alber Daw - 8615 Swafford Avenue, asked for funding of Christmas lights.

Reverend Ernest Mitchell - 1480 Dakota Street, submitted a complaint letter regarding the incomplete paving and culvert work in the Russell Heights neighborhood.

Ms. Amber Vines - 1706 Self Street, Main Street Leeds Director, thanked the City for the waiver for their fundraiser. Mayor Miller returned at 7.09pm, and Council member Washington moved back to his council seat. Mr. Watson explained that she will still need to complete an application, but the fee will be waived. She reminded the Council and public about the Music Fest on November 12, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made 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 7:13 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk