



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Leeds Municipal Annex - 1412 9th St, Leeds, AL 35094
September 21, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Mayor David Miller
Council member Eric Turner
Council member Johnny Dutton
Council member Linda Miller
Council member Ryan Bell
Council member Kenneth Washington

INVOCATION

Council member Eric Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Miller

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolutions 20-001449, 20-001450, 20-001477, 20-001488, 20-001486 and 20-1489: To declare certain parcels to be a public nuisance and to order their abatement at 1521 Cogbill St, Jefferson County, Tax Parcel ID - 2500163011002000.

No one was present. There was no Public Comment. Zoning Administrator Watson recommends approval of the abatement as this location is a repeat offender. The matter was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:06 pm.

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

2. Minutes from September 14, 2020

Motion to approve minutes from September 14, 2020 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Bell. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

3. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller
No Report
4. Police Department: Chief Atkinson
Gave an update on two officers that have been activated by their National Guard unit.
5. Fire Department: Chief Parsons
Gave an update on the communication equipment purchase that was authorized last month. August 2020 report is in Council packet.
6. Library: Library Director Carden
Working on statistics for next report.
7. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts
No Report

8. Development Services Department: Zoning Administrator Watson
No Report
9. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren
Absent

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Resolution 2020-09-06: Consider Approval of Cost of Living Adjustment for Certain City employees
Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-06 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Miller. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington
11. Resolution 2020-09-07: Consider Approval of City Employee Health Insurance Benefits
Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-07 made by Council member Miller, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington
12. Resolution 2020-09-08: Consider Approval and Authorization of Professional Payroll Processing Services
Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-08 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington
13. Resolution 2020-09-09: Consider Approval and Authorization of Hiring Freeze for all City Departments
Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-09 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Bell. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington
14. Resolution 2020-09-10: Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City Budget
Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-10 made by Council member Miller, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller.
Voting Abstaining: Council member Bell, Council member Washington
15. R19-001424, R20-001590, R20-001424, R20-001488, R20-001487, R20-001486m R20-001479: To declare a public nuisance and to order the abatement of the same at 1521 Cogbill St.
Motion to approve Resolutions 20-001449, 20-001450, 20-001477, 20-001488, 20-001486 and 20-1489 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Miller. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington
16. Resolution 2020-09-11: Consider Appropriation of Funds to the Leeds Board of Education
Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-11 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Miller. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Bonnie Garrett, 7538 Poplar Avenue, expressed concerns about unleashed dogs in her neighborhood.

Ms. Ginny Edwards, 1556 Sims Street, asked about the Council packet being available for the public. City Attorney Scott Barnett explained that the City is compliant with State law which only requires a published agenda.

Ms. Julie Watters, 1540 Sims Street, wants the City to be more gratuitous.

Ms. Virginia Tillery, 7108 Rowan Road, supports the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council member Miller, Seconded by Council member Bell. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toushi Arbitelle, City Clerk