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# CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

**September 06, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

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### 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

### CUTOFF FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP

### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7720 Pine Street  
No one was present. There was no public comment. Item was referred to Council.
2. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1633 Moton Street  
Mr. Joshua Bivens, 3135 44th Avenue N, General Contractor for the property owner. He stated that he met with Inspector Glen Williams. Mr. Williams informed Mr. Bivens what was required to bring the property up to code. Mr. Bivens misunderstood the requirements. Mr. Williams has body camera video of their conversation. Mr. Watson explained that part of the structure's flooring and sub-flooring has collapsed into the crawlspace area. Also, there are deficiencies with plumbing & electrical. A design professional is needed due to the structural failures to the residence. Mr. Bivens asks for a 30-day extension to find a design professional.

Public Hearing closed at 6:16 pm.

### APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

3. Minutes from August 15, 2022

Motion to approve minutes from August 15, 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.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

4. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

Mayor Miller and Mr. Turner had an intense discussion regarding the wall constructed between the Leeds Water Works Board property and the City of Leeds. The Mayor explained that local news media misquoted him, and the Leeds Water Works press release was incorrect. LWVB General Manager Bill Morris was contacted by City Engineer Keith Hager prior to the wall construction.

5. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin stated there will be a D.A.R.E. graduation in November. National Night Out will be Tuesday, October 4th at Leeds Memorial Park from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. On Sunday, September 11th, Work Out Anytime will host a 9/11 memorial.

6. Fire Department: Assistant Chief Courington

Absent

7. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

Ms. Roberts handed Council members copies of her August 2022 report.

8. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson

No Report

9. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

No Report

10. Social Services Department: Director Bryan

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

11. Resolution 2022-08-05: Consider an Agreement with Regional Planning Commission to develop a Comprehensive Plan Update

Clarification was made that there is a difference between Leeds Main Street and RPCGB (Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham). Leeds Main is a private entity, and RPCGB is a quasi-governmental entity established by the Code of Alabama.

Motion to table Resolution 2022-08-05 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Nay: Council member Dutton

12. Resolution 2022-08-08: Consider Appointment of Trustee to the Leeds Library Board

Mayor Miller started reading names of those who applied for the vacant Trustee position to the Leeds Library Board.

Motion to approve Karen Cauble as Trustee to the Leeds Library Board made by Council member Dutton. There was no Second. Motion failed due to lack of a Second.

Motion to approve Todd Hower as Trustee to the Leeds Library Board made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller,

Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Nay: Council member Dutton

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

13. Resolution 22-001372: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7720 Pine Avenue  
Motion to approve Resolution 22-001372 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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
14. Resolution 22-001183: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be an Unsafe Building at 1633 Moton Street  
Motion to give 30-day extension to bring a plan back to City staff made by Council member Washington, 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
15. Resolution 2022-09-01: Consider Adoption and Ratification of Monthly (January 2022 - August 2022) City Expenditures/Payables  
Motion to table Resolution 2022-09-01 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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 2022-09-02: Consider Authorizing & Approving Conveyance of Utility Easement  
Motion to approve Resolution 2022-09-02 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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Caryl Hawkins, 286 Chimney Rock Road, withdraws request and will reschedule her comments for a later date.

Ms. Amber Vines, Leeds Main Street Executive Director, thanked the City Attorneys for their help with the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. Leeds Main Street will host Main Street Alabama Resource Team on September 20-22, 2022.

Ms. Amber Yeackle, 8028 4th Avenue, questioned the delay of the monthly expenditures and the wall needing Council approval. There was another discussion concerning the wall with Mr. Turner, Mr. Watson and the Mayor. The Mayor's office has sensitive documents that are protected by law.

Ms. Laura Roberts, Leeds Band Booster President, gave an update of last year's appropriation.

Mr. Albert Daw, 8615 Swafford Avenue, is raising money for Christmas lights and garland.

Mr. Chad Anderson, 7015 Rowan Lane, had questions regarding the Downtown Entertainment District.

Ms. Mandy Trott, Leeds Arts Council President, gave an update of last year's appropriation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made 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 7:29 pm.

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David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

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