



# **CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**August 07, 2023 @ 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**

### **APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES**

1. Minutes from July 17, 2023

Motion to approve Minutes from July 17, 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 Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

2. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

Mayor Miller reported on 1.) collaboration with ALDOT and Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for a downtown makeover with ADA compliant sidewalks, new lighting and signaling. Work will be completed in phases as to not disturb downtown businesses; 2.) mural at the Library and 3.) children's playground equipment installation coming soon.

3. Police Department: Chief Irwin

Chief Irwin gave a report of the Walmart arsonist's arrest and how the neighbors helped with the gambling machine bust on Elliott Lane.

4. Fire Department: Assistant Chief Courington  
No Report
5. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts  
No Report
6. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson  
Mr. Watson reminded Council that the over-time report is in their packet.
7. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren  
Mr. Warren reported on the bush-hog list in Council's packet and the July bulk waste tonnage.
8. Social Services Department: Director Bryan  
Ms. Bryan reported on how well the Seniors are enjoying the summer with a garden and a trip to the Leeds Arts Council to see *Something Rotten*.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

9. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 0 Clairmont Drive  
Mr. Jody Courson, Development Services Department, reported on the overgrowth of the detention pond for Clairmont Park. There was no other public comment. Item was referred to Council.  
Public Hearing closed at 6:10 pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

10. Ordinance RA23-000007: Consider a Modification to the Zoning Ordinance of the R-5, Garden Home District, and to Delete the R-6, Patio Home District  
Motion to approve Ordinance RA23-000007 made by Council member Turner. The motion fails for a lack of a second.  
Council member Turner questioned the Council as to their lack of interest. Mr. Washington stated that he has requested more information from the Leeds Planning Commission, and no one has responded. No one else replied to Mr. Turner's query.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

11. Resolution R23-000820: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 0 Clairmont Drive  
  
Motion to approve Resolution R23-000820 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, 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
12. Resolution 2023-08-01: Consider Approval of 2024 Council Meeting Calendar

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-08-01 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

13. Resolution 2023-08-02: Consider Replacement of Non-Compliant Curb Ramps on Highway 119

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-08-02 made by Council member Dutton, 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

14. Resolution 2023-08-03: Consider Approval of Invoices for Fire Department Equipment Purchases with Grant Proceeds

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-08-03 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

15. Resolution 2023-08-04: Consider Certain Right of Way Acceptance and Maintenance for Unali Lane

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-08-04 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

16. Resolution 2023-08-05: Consider Certain Right of Way Acceptance and Maintenance for Ashley Drive and Weaver Way

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-08-05 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

17. Resolution 2023-08-06: Consider Appointment to the City of Leeds Board of Education

Motion to appoint Carla "Crickett" Ford in Resolution 2023-08-04 made by Council member Dutton, 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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council member Washington addressed some negative public comments made about him and the Mayor.

Council member Turner questioned the recent lawsuits made against the City. City Attorney Barnett stated that they are a work in progress and will brief the Council at the next Executive Session.

Mr. Albert Daw, 8615 Swafford Avenue, wants the City to amend the zoning ordinance to allow tiny homes and/or manufactured homes in residential areas. He has several small lots which cannot be developed as a result. Also, he requested more affordable housing in Leeds.

**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 6:30 pm.

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David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

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