



# **CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**October 21, 2024 @ 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 Johnny Dutton  
Council member Angie Latta  
Council member Devoris Ragland-Pierce

#### **ABSENT**

Council member Eric Turner

#### **INVOCATION**

Council member Johnny Dutton

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor David Miller

### **CUTOFF FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP**

### **APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES**

1. Minutes from October 07, 2024

Motion to approve Minutes from October 07, 2024, made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

2. Mayor David Miller

Mayor Miller gave a progress report on the replacement playground. Mayor Miller stated that the work on Highway 25 is a Jefferson County sewer project, and we have no input.

3. City Administrator Watson  
Absent
4. Police Chief Irwin (Sergeant at Arms)  
No Report

Motion for Unanimous Consent to add Item 5a (R2024-10-08) to the Public Hearing section made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5a. Consider an Appeal of Occupational Tax Delinquency Determination  
Karen Chappelle, Orbis Machinery, addressed the Council concerning their request for relief.
5. Consider the Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7092 Mountain View Lane  
Mayor Miller stated he had driven by, and the property was a real mess. No one else addressed the Council, so the matter was referred to the Council.  
Public Hearing closed at 6:10 pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

6. Executive Session  
City Attorney Scott Barnett stated the Executive Session is a proper request under Section 36-25-7(a)(1)(3). Motion to adjourn into Executive Session made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce. The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:11 pm and returned at 6:34 pm.
7. Resolution R21-002232: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance at 7092 Mountain View Lane  
Motion to approve Resolution R21-002232 made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
8. Resolution 2024-10-06: Consider Purchase Approval for Liquid Spring Suspension System for City Ambulance

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-10-06 made by Council member Ragland-Pierce, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

9. Resolution 2024-10-07: Consider Charity Bingo Application for Vann's at 1615 Ashville Road  
City Attorney Johnny Brunson addressed the Council regarding the bingo application. His office has been working with Van for quite a while, and Van has the necessary variance from the Leeds Board of Zoning Adjustments. Our bingo ordinance is seldom used; it tracts some of the State requirements, and some are overreaching. His office has reviewed it, and they have the necessary information from Van. Mr. Brunson's office feels like it's sufficient and compliant. They ask for the Council's approval and waive the other conditions (non-profit financials, which are more State-level than City-level). Mr. Burnson's office believes Van is substantially compliant and has provided the necessary documentation. Again, they ask for approval contingent on payment of necessary permitting fees. This operation will not compete with the Knights of Columbus charity bingo. The bingo applicant has to be a non-profit with a nexus to the City. Love Hope and Paws has provided animal rescue within the City sufficient enough, in the city attorney's opinion, to warrant a valid non-profit status to conduct the bingo. The non-profit will assign representatives, Van and Zabrina, to operate/conduct the bingo with a certain amount going to the non-profit.

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-10-07 made by Council member Latta, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

10. Resolution 2024-10-08: Consider an Appeal of Occupational Tax Delinquency Determination  
Motion to approve Resolution 2024-10-08 made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
11. Resolution 2024-10-09: Consider Approval of 2025 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday  
Motion to approve Resolution 2024-10-09 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Latta. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce
12. Resolution 2024-10-10: Consider Authorization and Approval of St Clair Ambulance Agreement  
Motion to approve Resolution 2024-10-10 made by Council member Dutton, Seconded by Council member Ragland-Pierce. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, Council member Ragland-Pierce

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed up to address the Council.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Washington made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

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David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

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