



CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Leeds Municipal Annex - 1412 9th Street; Leeds, Alabama 35094

May 03, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance and an Unsafe Building at 7580 Cahaba Avenue

Mr. Wesley Sims, 500 Karey Drive - Birmingham, stated that last summer he purchased tax certificate on this property. He first started working with Mr. Ray Filmore regarding permitting but then Ray left for overseas active duty. Mr. Sims then dealt with Mr. Brad Watson and Mr. Glen Williams. City personnel explained the previous nuisances and property maintenance issues at this location. Mr. Sims was informed he would need a structural engineer to bring it up to current residential code. Mr. Watson and Mr. Williams addressed the Council and presented pictures of the property. Mr. Watson stated that the house was on a previous condemnation list for the area. However, the City ran out of funding before this address was reached. There is termite damage to the seal plate, deterioration of fascia, and the electrical wiring has been ripped out by homeless vagrants. The City boarded up the windows and doors some time ago because of the vagrants. This would be a Level III alteration and would require replacement or repair of over 50% of the structure. Mr. Dutton inquired if Mr. Sims had a construction loan for the needed repairs. Mr. Sims replied that he had available funding without a construction loan. There was no other comment made. The matter is referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 pm.

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

2. Minutes from April 19, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from April 19, 2021 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, and Council member Ragland-Pierce.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

3. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

No Report

4. Police Department: Chief Atkinson

No Report

5. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

Chief Parsons gave an update on the burn trailer from last week. He and other Fire personnel are traveling to Ohio next week for a pre-construction meeting with Sutphen.

6. Library: Library Director Carden

Director Carden reported that the summer reading program sign-up starts on Monday, May 17, 2021.

7. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

No Report

8. Development Services Department: City Administrator Watson

No Report

9. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

Absent

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Resolution 2021-05-01: Consider Declaring Certain Conditions to be a Public Nuisance and an Unsafe Building at 7580 Cahaba Avenue

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-05-01 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, and Council member Ragland-Pierce.

11. Resolution 2021-05-02: Consider Municipal Court Appointments

Motion to table Resolution 2021-05-02 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, and Council

member Ragland-Pierce.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bobby Howard, 7725 Pine Avenue, questioned Council about the re-zoning case he had received notice for but was not on tonight's agenda. Mr. Watson explained that the applicant failed to notify the City he had properly noticed the neighborhood. The case will need to re-noticed.

Mr. Roger Bailey, 1291 Katherine Street, asked for patrol of all the stop signs in Cahaba Hills and has a complaint about his neighbor's septic tank. Mr. Watson explained that the Jefferson County Health Department is responsible for septic tank maintenance.

Willow Street neighbors, asking for paving up to their driveway. Mr. Watson explained that the City engineer has visited the site and determined the City is unable to pave.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Washington, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Latta, and Council member Ragland-Pierce.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

David Miller, Mayor

Attest:

Toushi Artbitelle, City Clerk