



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00PM in the Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room, 1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:13PM.

Present: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Linda Miller
Eric Turner
Kenneth Washington
David Miller, Mayor

Also present were City Attorneys Scott Barnett and Jeff Sherrer.

The Mayor recognized Mrs. Joyce Courson and asked her to come forward. The Mayor read a proclamation recognizing the achievements of the late Former Mayor Jack Courson.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: the invocation was led by Councilmember Turner.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: Minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting held December 17, 2018 were reviewed by the Council. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Turner. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Linda Miller
Eric Turner
Kenneth Washington
David Miller, Mayor

4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL BOARDS:

- a) **Finance Chairperson, Linda Miller.** No Report
- b) **Public Safety Committee, Kenneth Washington.** No Report
- c) **Public Works and Parks & Recreation Committee, Ryan Bell.** No Report

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- a) **Administration, Mayor Miller.** No Report.
- b) **Public Safety, Mr. Atkinson:** No Report.
- c) **Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** Monthly report was included in the Council Packet. The new fire truck has arrived and the department is conducting driving drills at the Grand River location. The truck will be in use by January 18th or 19th, and the Dedication will be in February.
- d) **Library, Director Carden.** Report was included in the packet. The Library will present its first Bicentennial Program in January.
- f) **Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Report was included in the packet.
- g) **Development Services Department: Zoning Administrator, Brad Watson.** Absent.
- h) **Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Warren.** No Report.
- i) **Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Warren.** No Report.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** There was no Old Business to come before the Council.

7 **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 2019-01-01 Consider Adoption and Ratification of Monthly Payables and Expenditures.** Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-01 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Linda Miller
Eric Turner
Kenneth Washington
David Miller, Mayor

b) **Resolution 2019-01-02 Consider Budget Amendments.** Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-02 by Councilmember Miller with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Linda Miller
Eric Turner
Kenneth Washington
David Miller, Mayor

c) **Resolution 2019-01-03 Consider Reappointments to the Leeds Planning and Zoning Commission.** Mayor announced the item to be in error and removed the Resolution from the Agenda.

d) **Resolution 2019-01-04 Consider Re-Appointments to the Leeds Zoning Board of Adjustments.** Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-04 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton; The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Eric Turner
Kenneth Washington
David Miller, Mayor
Abstain: Linda Miller

e) **Resolution 2019-01-05 Consider Mutual Aid Agreement.** The agreement would be with Cahaba Valley. Attorney Scott Barnett stated that the agreement would be forthcoming. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-05 by Councilmember Miller with a second by Councilmember Bell; the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Linda Miller
Eric Turner
Kenneth Washington
David Miller, Mayor

f) **Resolution 2019-01-06 Consider Approving the Waiver of City Fees and Costs.** The Resolution would waive the permit fee for the second time. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-06 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Miller; the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Linda Miller
Eric Turner
Kenneth Washington
David Miller, Mayor

g) Resolution 2019-01-07 Consider Acknowledging the Will of the Voters to Implement Ad Valorem Increase. The Resolution lists municipal improvements from the referendum, including a Senior Facility and Gym. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01-07 by Councilmember Bell with a second by Councilmember Miller. Discussion: Councilmember Washington asked about the cost of the municipal facility. Mayor Miller responded that the cost of the building is not known, only how much will be received from additional collected taxes and that the funds for the building will not come out of the general fund. Councilmember Washington stated his preference that additional moneys go to the employees and better roads. On vote the motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ryan Bell
Johnny Dutton
Linda Miller
Eric Turner
David Miller, Mayor
Nay: Kenneth Washington

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS: There were no Council comments.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jessica Graves, 345 Castleman Lane, spoke in favor of the increase in ad valorem taxes. Ms. Graves would like a new library with bigger spaces for meeting rooms and home school groups.

Rev. Ernest Mitchell, 1480 Dakota Street, stated that the vote is a scam. Police Chief Atkinson asked Rev. Mitchell to leave the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Miller with a second by Councilmember Washington. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.


David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:


Toushi Arbitelle, Acting City Clerk