



**CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 04, 2019**

The Council of the City of Leeds, Alabama met for a Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, March 04, 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 6:12PM.

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

Absent: Ryan Bell

Also present were City Attorneys Scott Barnett, Johnny Brunson and Jeff Sherer.

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

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

a. Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at:

a) Shale Road. There was no one present to speak on behalf of the property. The case was referred to Council.

b) 1633 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Hoyt Ingram, owner, requested an extension due to the rainy weather. The Inspections Department voiced no objections and the case was referred to Council.

c) 8412 Thornton Avenue. Eugene Frampton, 8412 Thornton Avenue, reported to Council that the property is clean with the exception of one car which will be moved tonight. The Inspections Department recommended an extension and the case was referred to Council.

d) 8966 Clayton Drive. There was no one present to speak on behalf of the property. The case was referred to Council.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:16PM.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** minutes from the Council meeting on February 18, 2019 were reviewed by Council. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**5. 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.** Absent.

**6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

a) **Administration, Mayor Miller.** The Mayor announced plans for the Leeds Community Cleanup on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Moton Center from 9:30am until 12:00noon. The High School students will participate.

b) **Public Safety, Chief Atkinson:** Chief Atkinson reported that the Grand River Satellite Office will open soon. The Chief reminded that Daylight Savings will begin Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

c) **Fire Department, Chief Parsons.** Chief Parsons announced Department participation in the Chili Cook-Off Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, for the Quarterback Club. The Chief reported that

the Primary School raised money for Rex Allred, Leeds firefighter. Chief Parsons also informed the meeting that the cell phone tower in the St. Clair County portion is pinging to the wrong dispatch center.

**d) Library, Director Carden.** Ms. Carden reported First Choice is using the Library Meeting Room for the Job Fair. The Library has donated artwork for the Grand River Satellite Office of the Police Department. Ms. Carden also reported working on an application for an Adult Nonfiction grant.

**e) Municipal Court, Magistrate Roberts.** Report is included in the packet.

**f) Development Service Department: Zoning Administrator Brad Watson.** Mr. Watson stated that the new sign ordinance will be considered at the next Council meeting.

**g) Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Warren.** No Report.

**h) Streets and Sanitation Department, Supervisor Warren.** No Report.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Resolution 18-000324 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 8424 Dunnivant Road.** There was no one present to speak on behalf of the property. The Inspections Department recognized that the owner has made an effort, but is not yet in compliance. Mr. Watson requested a 14-day extension to March 18, 2019. Motion to grant a two-week extension to March 18, 2019 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Washington. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**b) Resolution 18-000325 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 8331 Dunnivant Road.** The property is not yet in compliance. Ms. Debra Willingham stated that the ground is too wet for her son to move in. Motion to grant a two-week extension to March 18, 2019 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Washington. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**c) Resolution 19-000280 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 115 Willow Street.** Danny Morgan, owner, requested an extension due to the weather. Mr. Watson suggested a 14-day extension to March 18, 2019. Motion to grant a two-week extension to March 18, 2019 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**d) Resolution 19-000282 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 8449 Dunnivant Road.** Joyce Neathery, owner, requested an extension due to the weather. Mr. Watson suggested a 14-day extension to March 18, 2019. Motion to grant a two-week extension to March 18, 2019 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

e) **Resolution 19-000300 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 1225 Bark Avenue.** Mr. Watson reported that the issues have been resolved at this location.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 19-000368 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at Shale Road.** The Inspections Department recommended finding the property in violation and ordering abatement. Complaints included 1) information from the Human Society that the property is being used as a “Puppy Mill” and 2) there are inoperable vehicles on the property. Motion to approve Resolution 19-000368 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

b) **Resolution 19-000405 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 1633 9<sup>th</sup> Street.** Mr. Watson suggested a 14-day extension to March 18, 2019. Motion to grant a two-week extension to March 18, 2019 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c) **Resolution 19-000416 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 8412 Thornton Avenue.** Mr. Watson suggested a 14-day extension to March 18, 2019. Motion to grant a two-week extension to March 18, 2019 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

d) **Resolution 19-000419 Consider Determination of Certain Conditions to be an Annoyance and Public Nuisance in Violation of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances at 8966 Clayton Drive.** The Inspections Department recommended finding the property in violation and ordering abatement. Motion to approve Resolution 19-000419 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

e) **Resolution 2019-03-01 Consider Budget Amendment to Purchase Certain Equipment for the City’s Police Department.** Motion to Table Resolution 2019-03-01 for further budget consideration in 2010 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion to Table passed by the following vote:

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

f) **Resolution 2019-03-02 Consider Budget Amendment and related Expenditures.** Motion to approve Resolution 2019-03-02 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Johnny Dutton

Linda Miller  
Eric Turner  
Kenneth Washington  
David Miller, Mayor

**g) Resolution 2019-03-03 Consider Authorizing to Execute Temporary License Agreement.** Motion to approve Resolution 2019-03-02 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**h) Resolution 2019-03-04 Consider Authorizing Enrollment into the State VSS System.** VSS is the Vendor Self Service for Alabama. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-03-04 by Councilmember Turner with a second by Councilmember Dutton. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**i) Ordinance 2019-03-01 Consider an Extension of Cable Franchise.**

Motion for Unanimous Consent to consider Ordinance 2019-03-01 by Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Miller. The Motion for Unanimous Consent passed by the following vote:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03-01 Councilmember Dutton with a second by Councilmember Miller. The Motion passed by the following vote:

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

**9. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Jane Calloway, 6050 Zeigler Road,** commended the Fire Department's Dive Team for the rescue operation last week.

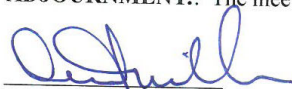
**Jerry Pennington, 1225 Bark Avenue,** expressed appreciation for the work of the dog catcher and for the City's repair of potholes on Bark Avenue.

**Judy Powell, 1106 Beech Street,** requested the City post "No 18-wheeler" signs on Beech Street (a dead-end residential street).

**Jerry Trott, 8532 Covington Circle,** requested an update on the Buc-ees company coming to Leeds near the Grand River property bridge under I20.

**Peggy Frawley 148 Cedar Rock Road,** announced upcoming Leeds Arts Council events.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM.

  
David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Toshi Arbitelle, City Clerk