

CITY OF LEEDS, ALABAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Leeds Civic Center Meeting Room -1000 Park Drive, Leeds, Alabama 35094
February 24, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

CALL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Mayor David Miller
Council member Eric Turner
Council member Johnny Dutton
Council member Linda Miller
Council member Ryan Bell
Council member Kenneth Washington

INVOCATION

Council member Eric Turner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Miller

PUBLIC HEARING

Anyone wishing to address the Council during the Public Comment section of the meeting must sign in with the City Clerk to provide their name and address.

1. Public input pursuant to State Constitutional Amendment 772 in regard to the proposed issuance of Series 2020 taxable Warrants

There was no Public Comment, and the matter was referred to Council.

Public Hearing closed at 6:10 pm.

APPROVE COUNCIL MINUTES

2. Minutes from February 3, 2020 meeting

Motion to approve February 03, 2020 minutes made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL BOARDS:

3. Finance Committee Report: Linda Miller
No Report.
4. Public Safety Committee Report: Kenneth Washington
No Report.
5. Public Works Committee Report: Ryan Bell
No Report.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

6. Mayor's Report: Mayor David Miller

No Report.

7. Police Department: Chief Atkinson

Absent

8. Fire Department: Chief Parsons

No Report.

9. Library: Library Director Carden

Library Report is in packet. Ms. Carden announced an employment workshop every Friday in March.

10. Municipal Court: Magistrate Roberts

No Report.

11. Development Services Department: Zoning Administrator Watson

Mr. Watson explained the State's WRAP program which is 3 pages of data that must be transmitted monthly for business license renewals or new applications.

12. Public Works Department: Public Works Director Warren

Mr. Warren announced a full-time opening in Public Works for a cleaning person.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Resolution 2020-02-04 Consider Use and Granting of Public Funds and Things of Value in Aid to a Private Entity Pursuant to Amendment 772 of the Alabama Constitution

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-02-04 made by Council member Miller, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington

14. Ordinance 2020-02-01 Consider Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Warrants

Motion for Unanimous Consent to consider Ordinance 2020-02-01 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Bell. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02-01 made by Council member Turner, Seconded by Council member Bell. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington.

15. Resolution 2020-02-05 Consider the 2020 City Paving Project and Associated Budget Amendment

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-02-05 made by Council member Bell, Seconded by Council member Turner. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington

16. Resolution 2020-02-06 Consider Establishing the Escrow of Funds with Blue Rose Capitol

Motion for Unanimous Consent to add an agenda item made by Council member Bell, Seconded by Council member Miller. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-02-06 made by Council member Miller, Seconded by Council member Dutton. Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Viree Sweatt, 1315 Rowan Springs Drive, addressed the Mayor and Council with flooding concerns at her business located at 1751 10th Court. The building has been located there for over 50 years. Ms. Sweatt has owned the property for the last 32 years, and it floods every year even prior to her ownership. She has retained an attorney and is asking the City to correct it. She believes that a collision center built near her is the reason for her flooding which is beginning to rot the bottom of her building. Her attorney has advised her to speak to Mayor and Council for a resolution. She maintains a

current business license and pays her property taxes every year. Mayor Miller advised her that since she has retained an attorney, she will need to have her attorney contact the City Attorney's office. Mr. Brunson advised that he is currently working on a case with Mr. John Sutterseth and will contact him regarding Ms. Sweatt's request.


Mr. Dennis Peoples, 1936 Lane Drive, addressed the Mayor and Council with flooding concerns. His new neighbor across the street has torn down a 30-year old City storm drain with a bulldozer. As a result, Mr. Peoples now has a flooded yard, a flooded garage and the pillars for his son's handicap ramp have washed out. Mr. Peoples presented photos to Mayor and Council. Mayor Miller and Mr. Washington both commented that they have looked at the property. Mr. Watson advised Mayor and Council that Mr. Peoples has sought the advice of an attorney. Mayor Miller advised him that since he has put the City on notice about retaining an attorney, he will need to have his attorney contact the City Attorney's office. Mr. Barnett requested the photos from Mr. Peoples.

Mr. Fred Britt, 1042 Goldenrod Street, addressed the Mayor and Council about having a sister city with the Chinese diplomats that visited the City recently.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Council member Washington, Seconded by Council member Miller.
Voting Yea: Mayor Miller, Council member Turner, Council member Dutton, Council member Miller, Council member Bell, Council member Washington.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.



David Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Toshi Arbitelle, City Clerk

