

Town of Leeds

Agenda Town of Leeds Town Council Wednesday, July 14, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Leeds Town Council will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Leeds Town Hall, 218 N. Main Street, Leeds, UT 84746.

If you are interested in participating remotely via Zoom, please contact Town Hall at 879-2447 or email Clerk@LeedsTown.org for the Zoom details.

Regular Meeting 7:00pm.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Tonight's Agenda
 - b. Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021
5. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
6. Announcements: None
7. Public Hearing: None
8. Action Items:
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action on CARES and ARPA Funds
9. Discussion Items:
 - a. Main Street Storm Water Update
10. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
11. Staff Reports
12. Closed Meeting: A Closed Meeting may be held for any item identified under Utah Code section 52-4-205.
13. Adjournment

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Aseneth Steed, Town Clerk/Recorder

Town of Leeds

Town Council Meeting for Wednesday, July 14, 2021

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Mayor Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Leeds Town Council at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2021. He Noted that Councilman Hunsaker was attending via Zoom

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	x	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	x	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	x	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	x	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Wilson leading
3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts: None
4. Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve tonight's agenda and meeting minutes of April 28, 2021. 2nd by Councilmember Roberts. Motion passed in a Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____	_____	_____

5. Citizen Comments:

Battalion Chief Kohl Furley: Good evening, everybody. It has been a little bit since I've seen you all, but just coming to give you an update as I usually do. At this point, we are 2306 calls for service for the fire district. Due to our fire ban, we saw a very significant reduction in our fire-related or fireworks-related calls on the 3rd and 4th of July. It's usually two days before and two days after we're pretty busy. So that was really good. And I personally would like to thank everybody for being careful with fireworks and open fires and grinding outside. It's been nice to see people cared and take that effort.

I'm not sure if everyone's aware, but one of the board members for the Hurricane Valley Fire District, Dean Cox, passed away. This Saturday, we'll be helping with that funeral procession that will

go from the Cox auditorium up to Kolob, where will be his final resting place. We'll start there, we'll go down I-15 to Exit 2, it will follow SR 7, all the way into the Hurricane properties, through Purgatory. We'll get on SR 9 and then follow that all the way up to Kolob. There'll be plenty of displays by other Fire and Emergency crews. They would be there to pay their respects. If you'd like to join or be a part of that, give me a call. Can give you more details regarding that.

As far as news for the district, I think we're still working on our ladder truck proposal with Washington City. It's tied up with paperwork. We're waiting to kind of finalize that and get the ball rolling. We have a spot in line with the manufacturing company so that they can actually start that process. We're just waiting for them to call us and say, hey, we have a spot on the assembly line; we'd like you to come out and start picking out. It's usually 14 to 16 months based on a place by price. Other than that, I think everything is status quo, and we're happy to serve you. Any questions for me, I'd be glad to answer them.

Mayor Peterson: Thank you very much. Does anyone else from the public wish to comment during this time period? Okay, seeing none, we'll move on to announcements.

6. Announcements:

Mayor Peterson: As was mentioned by Battalion Chief Furley, it was also Commissioner Cox, and Board member Cox. He has many past positions as well. He was the County Administrator for about 10 years and was involved with emergency services countywide. He's certainly contributed a lot in his regrettably short 66 years. I do plan on attending the services on Saturday morning. There will also be a viewing going on Dixie State University campus at the Dixie center on Friday afternoon/evening. Are there any other announcements from Town Council this evening? Okay, there is no public hearing that gets us to our one action item for the evening.

7. Public Hearing:
None

8. Action Items:

a. Discussion and Possible Action on CARES and ARPA Funds

Mayor Peterson: June 30, which happened after our last meeting, was the deadline to spend CARES funds, which had been extended from December 31, 2020. And it is being extended again. I was just asked to verify that we would, under some scenario, be able to utilize those funds. The sense I get is that with the additional monies that are coming into the State from the Federal government, they're more than happy to have local communities figuring out how to spend those funds, as they have quite a bit to figure out themselves. That also brings up the ARPA funds. And that American Relief Program allows more latitude in the spending with regard to those funds. There would be a two-year period to spend them. And the Town of Leeds has been allocated about \$103,000 over those two years. Two areas that can be utilized I would highlight. One is to improve broadband service in a community. And that is something that other smaller communities in Washington County are looking into as well. I would suggest to Council that it would make sense to see if something could develop there where economies of scale might exist to do something in conjunction with others if that's what we decided to do. Another area is you are allowed to make Park improvements, with the idea that safe outdoor activity is a good thing to have available. And that's another area that we could look into as a Town to do that. The one thing that needs to be done between now and July 21 is the State wants an answer. Because of the size of our community, the State is getting funds for all the smaller communities from

the Federal government. And the State is turning around and releasing them to the individual towns to look to spend. It doesn't obligate us to spend them. But by July 21, they need an answer on that. And that's why I have it listed as an action item. I would need to complete a three-page online application. It's about three pages. There's probably some fine print after it. But it would just indicate that we would be willing to accept the funds, and if we had qualifying purchases, we would make them with those funds. And if we ended up, for some reason, not having that by the end of the time period, we could return them to the State with no kind of penalty for having had them during those two years. Are there any questions from Council regarding these funds?

Councilmember Roberts: When they say, Park improvements? How broad is that definition?

Mayor Peterson: They mentioned the idea of adding activities to the park. People have mentioned things like splash pads, which as I read it, it would qualify for. Interestingly to me was that splash pads have actually been identified as a fairly good use of water in terms of its minimal amount of water and provide, compared to some of the other alternatives, the opportunity for cooling off and for having fun for little children without utilizing more water than the other activities would.

Councilmember Stirling: Can you purchase other lands for a park?

Mayor Peterson: I'd have to check on that, whether expanding the park would work. The guidelines are fairly broad, and I can ask that question just to see.

Councilmember Wilson: I think it's worth looking into, for sure.

Mayor Peterson: Okay. I would ask for a motion that authorizes me to submit the necessary paperwork to qualify us for ARPA funds. We would then have the opportunity to utilize them in the next two years.

Councilmember Stirling Moved Councilmember Wilson Second

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____	_____	_____

9. Discussion Items:

a. Main Street Storm Water Update

Mayor Peterson attempted to contact Karl Rasmussen during the interim confirmed to Councilmember Sterling that the Fireworks ban extended thru the 24th of July.

Mayor Peterson: It does. There's a 30-day period on that. So, it does extend into the 21st through 25th. That would be the window where they are normally permitted.

While waiting Mayor Peterson asked for Staff Reports. All Councilmembers replied none.

Staff Reports:

Mayor Peterson: The only thing I can share is about what you may or may not have heard on the news. I had a Tuesday meeting with the other mayors and some of the medical officials. Washington County has returned to a high level of transmission with regard to COVID-19. The hospital has an increased population, but it's not under as much of a strain as it had been. You may have been surprised when watching the National evening news on ABC News towards the end of last week, Dr. Bryce Ferguson, who is the head of the ICU at the hospital here, was actually on. He mentioned that he had not, since the vaccine was made available, had to intubate anybody who had received the vaccine, but that the same obviously was not the case with regard to those who had been unvaccinated. So, there's a real difference with respect to people's situations relative to having or not had that vaccine.

Karl Rasmussen: We are making progress. How is everybody?

Jared and I were talking about the drought in 2007. Comparing this year to it. I was visiting people like the Freys and Worleys, Lance. I didn't quite get down to the Hayeses. They have questions. Within the next week, we're going to have all these property owners contacted. We're about 50% while we're more than 50% complete, but I tell the residents we're 50% complete because UDOT still must do their review. We are going to finish up next week with all the comments from property owners. The week after, I'm going to try to schedule a meeting with UDOT and Tracy Munson. It's not only him that has to review it. He's got a team to work through the review. We can review all the plans and specs for your final approval at the August meeting.

Mayor Peterson: It's the second Wednesday, which would be August 11.

Karl Rasmussen: I'm going to try to get you documents a week early so you guys can begin to read over what's required. Also, a set of contract documents with language in there that protects the city. It will also protect the work that is being done. Every contractor is going to be required to have a bond. I will be sharing with you all those stipulations in those contracts. Then, I'm not going to set the date, because we need to get UDOT's approval. We need to give them time to provide us with some feedback, but then we can set dates for bid opening and get a contractor in here to go to work. I want to get all of it done. I think this Fall will be perfect because I don't want him to do it like now or in August. Wait till the monsoon comes. It seems like next week it's forecasting half a week's rain. Any questions?

Mayor Peterson: Could you just explain the detail sheet that is provided?

Karl Rasmussen: Yes, and I will leave extras here. I will leave five or six in case people come with questions. They can call Karl. I will leave plan sets too. I'm going to keep visiting on down the street. This is the new sidewalk we want to raise above the existing curb. As you can tell, I kind of extrapolated this so people can see it in some places we don't need this. UDOT is wanting us to do all kinds of details. We're going to copy this. There is one detail, I always like to have at least six inches to a foot of material on the backside of the walk. And then no more than... some we can get by with a 3 to 1 slope going down and tying into somebody's property that's only got six inches to a foot below this.

Councilmember Roberts: Is the project going to be responsible for that slope material that is in there also?

Karl Rasmussen: Yes, we're going to have to do that. I don't know what UDOT is going to say. If they say, well, we were told over on someone's property we might have to just get a construction easement from those people, I don't know. I have not had that discussion with them. They might say that. They might just say, let's get one from everyone, so it protects the city. You never know if somebody goes over and starts removing stuff that we kind of got verbal permission on, and there's nothing signed for it. I think we ought to have something signed.

Councilmember Roberts: I agree to that.

Karl Rasmussen: It protects you going forward. We got our work cut out to get that kind of stuff done. But that can be done. While we're getting our bids and everything, Hurry and get all this done with the property owners. That would be during August. We are trying to get it done in October or the middle of November before Thanksgiving hits.

Mayor Peterson asked, would it be significantly more expensive for that metal fence that you indicate to be another six to 12 inches higher? My concern is you're saying that there will be some situations where it's a 64-inch drop on the other side. And 36 inches for somebody of my height is kind of not exactly above my center of gravity.

Karl Rasmussen: So, you're afraid like, like, I'm using this as an example. You're afraid that if you were leaning over and somebody's manages to slip, they would go over. We can add at least three to four inches. That would help.

Mayor Peterson: I think a little can go a long way there. Where I went to university, there was about a 200-foot drop on the other side of that. I always walked really close to traffic and didn't hang out by their little rail there.

Karl Rasmussen: Good point. Do others agree that a little extra height with that kind of a drop on the other side would be good?

Councilmember Roberts: Commercial code would require a 42,

Karl Rasmussen: which is 36 with adding 6 would be perfect at 42. Thanks, Alan. Okay, anything else?

Mayor Peterson: Any other questions from Council?

Councilmember Roberts: UDOT was fine with these units?

Karl Rasmussen: Well. Yes. When we were first talking, it was the diamond block. Try to put a fence on that, and when you do it, it has no stability. In the future, somebody is going to knock on one of those blocks, and the fence is damaged.

Councilmember Roberts: I'm supportive of this, it's less intrusive on private property and to try and maintain.

Karl Rasmussen: And if we just did some sealant like is used on basements, it would be perfect.

Councilmember Roberts: Yeah, draw that in there, will you? We will make a note that we do want it.

Karl Rasmussen: What do you call it?

Councilmember Roberts: Well, there are different materials, and whether you use a 5/8 roll-on or a...

Mayor Peterson: Is that a moisture barrier.

Councilmember Roberts: It is. Yes.

Karl Rasmussen: Some people spray it, and they could put a board that hangs down from there and just spray the whole thing. I wonder if that guy in Angel Springs still sprays it. He sprayed my basement four years ago. He worked for Interstate Rock. It would be so much easier just to spray rather than roll it on. I thought it would rather be sprayed because you have better coverage, and it's going to protect them. If you don't do that and they bring in some material or backfill with some alkaline, and it gets wet, it will decompose, and then it will get white on the other side. But I'm just telling property owners it's up to them, or it's just going to be plain block. If they want to upgrade, go ahead. If they're going to paint it. We are just telling them we don't care what you do. It's up to you, but during the project you can't do anything.

Mayor Peterson: We will look forward to seeing the documents by August 4. At our August 11 meeting, we will have some action items.

Citizen Comments: None

Councilmember Roberts: I throw one thing in? It is a question specifically for you. You recall, we had a discussion about some improvements on this building here. And we were looking to see if they fall underneath guidelines for the historical property. What kind of findings did you come up with?

Mayor Peterson: They have not come back. I will ask one final time, but I think we're reaching a point where we can't just rely on it not raining for the roof and things like that. So, I will follow up. That's a good point there. Okay, anything further from Council? All right. With that, it is 7:31pm, and we are adjourned. Thank you, everybody, for coming this evening, and have a good July into August.

Closed Meeting: None

Roll Call to close meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE:

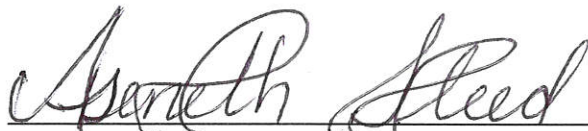
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MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	x	_____	_____	_____
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COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED ON THIS 11th DAY OF August, 2021



Mayor, Wayne Peterson

ATTEST:



Aseneth Steed, Clerk/Recorder