

# Town of Leeds

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## Agenda Town of Leeds Town Council Wednesday, February 23, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Town of Leeds Town Council will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 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](mailto:Clerk@LeedsTown.org) for the Zoom details.

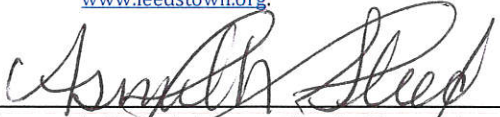
### Regular Meeting 7:00pm.

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 2/09/2022
5. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
6. Announcements:
  - a. Report of Public Work Meeting with Eastward Management Group
7. Public Hearing: None
8. Action Items:
  - a. Discussion and Possible Action on Codification Bid from Municode
9. Discussion Items:
  - a. 2021-2022 Second Quarter Budget
  - b. Discussion regarding Building permit process and adjustments, clarifications, and wording
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

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## Town Council Meeting for Wednesday, February 23, 2022

### Regular Meeting 7 PM

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Hoster called to order the regular meeting of the Leeds Town Council at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. This was an in-person meeting with an electronic option.

#### ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MAYOR: BILL HOSTER	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: RON CUNDICK	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	<u>      </u>	<u>  x  </u>

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance:

#### 3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts: None

#### 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

##### a. Tonight's Agenda

Councilmember Cundick moved to approve tonight's agenda of February 09, 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed in a Roll Call Vote.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MAYOR: Bill HOSTER	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: RON CUNDICK	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  x  </u>

##### b. Meeting Minutes of 2/09/2022

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve meeting minutes of February 09, 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Cundick. Motion passed in a Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MAYOR: Bill HOSTER	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: RON CUNDICK	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	_____	_____	_____	x

5. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
6. Announcements:
  - a. Report of Public Work Meeting with Eastward Management Group

Mayor Hoster: This is going to take a little bit of dialogue we did. We did have great joint work meeting with this organization today. For those unaware, Eastward Management Group is a management fund. It's an equity fund that is invested in property that is to the north of us and to the west side of I-15. The property does reside within what is believed to be Toquerville boundaries. And there is a portion of property that could be unincorporated that they're also looking at, which is another 200 acres. The development is in approval process with BLM. I believe that is a RPPA process that this organization is going through, they have not completed that some of the concerns that were surfaced today during this work meeting, were those of the Council, also the Planning Commission and those of the Town in attendance. I'm going to butcher the gentleman's last name, but his first name was Frank, he's the CEO of this organization. And was kind enough to answer in full many of those questions. However, there were a lot of unknown elements of this development and how it can affect Leeds. Our understanding has been this conversation has been an occurrence with the town of Toquerville for the last two years of which we didn't know anything about and found out through the Department of Transportation relevant to the infrastructure that they've announced that they intend to do. This is how it was brought to my attention. Sequentially, Frank was kind enough to come in and talk with us as neighbors with the understanding that it's a possibility some of this is going to impact Leeds negatively or positively. They want to participate in any open dialogue with our town. I set up a map that I was provided by the Department of

Transportation, the Dixie Transportation Association for further dialogue, if anyone would like that to be up when we are discussing this. I can pull that up. I will open this topic for any further comments from the Town Council.

Councilmember Wilson: I do not know much about it. I have been involved and I wasn't able to attend. Are there some notes?

Mayor Hoster: There are minutes that will be released for the meeting. It was public town hall work meeting so there will be Minutes.

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Action Items:

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Codification Bid from Municode

Mayor Hoster: Discussion and possible action on codification bid from a company called Muni code. We have had this out for weeks. This was a proactive bid and wherein we contacted the companies that were available to provide this service. This is an electronic service of scanning all of our current ordinances making them available online. Sequentially, allowing someone to search items that are Leeds code from online versus having to come into town hall. Also, anything that's new and updated, we would have the ability to immediately update that information online, either ourselves or using their attorneys. What we have received is one bid from Muni code. The other company that we've tried to reach out to, American Law has not been as responsive as I would like. We've been asking them for a bid for several months at this point. Our sales rep has failed to respond to us. I called him again today to see if they had any last thing, they wanted to throw in. And they said call back another day because they were on East Coast time and leaving shortly when I called. The bid that we have in front of us again, this is Muni code company that is it looks like located out of Tallahassee, Florida, and their software license database conversion, all of these have been line items out within the bid, this will not be a one-time charge. It will have an annual fee associated with it. The advantage is that they are housing all of the data. So, our website will hyperlink to their data, all of the data will be stored on their servers, not our servers. That is tied to the annual fee. The overall assessment is about \$2,600 for the initial fee, as well as the annual fee. They'll also have an annual upgrade of \$350. They also have another annual fee of \$295, which is a service fee. It's a search function from which they have within there. We do have a bid for about \$150 \$151 For any additional

services that we might need from them, which would include any consultation, training, or expert services or customer service. This is the latest bid that we received, we are looking at trying to electronically codify all of our Ordinances so that they are online. Sequentially, we are also working with trying to have our website updated so that all of this information is easily accessible. In other words, we're going to be moving from the platform that our current website is on onto another platform. That platform, we're hoping costs us zero. We're just leveraging resources to have that done through some connections. With that as an open discussion, item, are there any questions or comments about this discussion item?

Councilmember Stirling: I have one, there was another similar situation that I was a part of where they stored some information on a server and if we change companies, do they own the data or do we?

Mayor Hoster: That's a really good question. I haven't read that in contract. In most circumstances we would own the data, but I would definitely read that within their context to make sure that if we needed to move that data that we didn't receive any additional fines. That's a good question.

Councilmember Stirling: In this, I did not read anything as well as what was emailed, I didn't see anything that said that. We owned it.

Mayor Hoster: That would be a separate EULA contract that we'd have to review. And we'd have our attorneys certainly review it to insure was not our liability if anything were not accurate on there or if anyone were to hack it? Yes.

Councilmember Wilson: The annual fee here is \$1,200?

Mayor Hoster: All these total will be our annual fee. We are just over three grand about 3200.

Now, the challenge that we have is, is that we're not going to be changing our ordinances very often. They're supposed to be quoting us for the size of our town. We will try to do some pushback and squeezing on this, but this is their preliminary bid for us.

Councilmember Cundick: Are we aware of any other towns that are using this system.

Mayor Hoster: Yes. There are quite a few towns that are around us at this time they're using it Apple Valley was one that they tried to reference, which was not impressive when I when I looked at it, but there are about five or six towns that are right around us that are using it. I can show you the references that they provided.

Councilmember Cundick: I would be interested in knowing how they feel about doing business with them, and maybe what their costs have really ended up being each year.

Councilmember Wilson: What's our timeline on this?

Mayor Hoster: I don't think we have a deadline. Yeah. We're trying to get it right. Instead of right now. Good point.

Ron Cundick: Is this fee based on actual volume or expected volume? Let's say in two years from now, we have a lot more ordinances do our costs go up because of that.

Mayor Hoster: My dialogue with our rep has been that the cost is only based on the population in the town, which has taken off the census. And so, we can't fudge it, but that is how they're supposed to be quoting us is per population, not per volume of codes. This other company may have it different if they come back to us, but that's the status that we have so far.

9. Discussion Items:

a. 2021-2022 Second Quarter Budget

Mayor Hoster: Discussion item 2021- 2022 Second quarter budget, a copy of this budget has been provided to each member of Council, I've reviewed the budget have found a large discrepancy that I'd like to address, which is the year over year assessment field look on the last page. This is typically where those are immediately identified on the net or ordinary income, the very bottom-line item you'll see a significant difference in the year over year of \$213,632.81 for the year of 20, and then 2021 it is \$51,437.18. Reason for that is on page four, this will be about midway. This was a transaction that happened prior to 2022. This was a settlement with the State Retirement Fund

in an amount of \$146,471.89. That difference actually does give Jive to the number that we see in the net ordinary income with that difference.

Councilmember Cundick: URS what back about a decade on that.

Councilmember Wilson: That went way back. They nailed us.

Mayor Hoster: Yes, that is the only discrepancy that I was able to identify that needed some qualification for in the P&L for the town. I did work with prior Mayor Wayne Peterson on a couple of other questions with regard to grants and line-item allocations, which were clarified for me. So, does the town council have any questions? Or comments with regard to the review of the P&L budget?

Councilmember Sterling: I have a question about the engineering. In the past, we have actually taken the engineering expense when it comes to development, and we pass that on.

Mayor Hoster: I understand your question, when a developer has a question that involves legal or engineering, do we pass on that cost to the developer? Great question. My assessment is that I'm not aware of us passing that on to the, to the developer, but we have Wayne on Zoom. If he has done that in the past, I guess would be a question for him going forward? I don't have a conviction on that. Does he have any response? No. Okay, so what I'll have to do is I'll have to ask about that and get back to you.

Councilmember Cundick: I noticed the same problems with legal expenses, particularly a lot of recent expenses with Silver Eagle. It seems to me they have brought to us a number of issues that I think should have been solved themselves. They should investigate them done more due diligence and solve them. And now we're being billed by our attorney to have to review for work that they that I think they should have done.

Clerk: Zoom Response from former Mayor Peterson: Most land use application fees include two reviews by Town staff. If additional reviews are required, applicants are expected to cover the additional costs.

Mayor Hoster: Two reviews? I will get additional information if needed.

b. Discussion regarding Building permit process and adjustments, clarifications, and wording

This agenda item was added as a result of investigation from differing ordinance adherence from the county versus ordinance adherence from the town with regard to administering and issuing building permits and the process from which that can be facilitated best. This is going to require a Change in ordinance for which the Planning Commission can then assess the applicants overlays their Mylars, their descriptions, everything to make sure it is in compliance. When we get back from the county is still has to be approved by our Planning Commission to then come to Town Council. That process is not in sync with what the county is doing right now is my understanding. Discussion is before the Town Council, because we have recently discovered this issue with a building that had a septic tank approval yet violated the Hillside Ordinance. It was approved by the County; it did not meet code with our Hillside Ordinances. The project moves forward. It's a little too late, but we do want to proactively prevent those occurrences from happening in the future. We have to do it through having the ordinances prescriptive. Discussion is open to the Council at this time.

Mayor Hoster: The town does have the ability to override the county's approval in my understanding with regard to our specific ordinances. If the ordinances are not in violation of anyone's rights, which they wouldn't be, were if they were passed. Nonetheless, with regard to an ordinance that the town has with, with any kind of development, zoning or building, the county will not recognize our ordinances in their process for approval, we then should have the last approval before a building permit is issued to confirm that it does not violate any of our ordinances.

Mayor Hoster: If I'm understanding it correctly, just use your example. Like the hillside ordinance, somebody had a septic approve the county said, okay, but the county doesn't check to see that they were over 30% slope?

Mayor Hoster: Yes, it was discovery that the counties, it was discovered that the county's approval doesn't consider our ordinances. And so, they may give approval, and then that developer is issued a building permit and proceeds forward, even though town ordinances were not compared before they got the county approval.

Mayor Hoster: That's the target and discussion at this time to identify, do we modify and build a system of a check and balance before allowing a building permit to be issued? Right now, we don't have a process that does that. That says we're going to compare with what the county says before we issued the permit. And basically, pushing it back to Planning Commission and saying,



done, has what they've done, changed at all from what they initially did, to what the county approved and allowing us to then prove it.

Councilmember Wilson: The only concern I have with it in coming from more of the builders' side of it, are we creating another step? Another something that just makes it harder for someone to utilize their property or can it be combined with something, and I guess is my question there?

Mayor Hoster: That is a good question. My opinion on that is it's definitely creating another step. If there aren't any changes, if there aren't any conflicts with ordinance. It shouldn't be a problem. But if there are, then I think it's our duty and obligation to make sure those aren't violated.

Mayor Cundick: It seems to me that those ordinances are there to protect the Town of Leeds. If it means the builder has to go another step, so be it.

Councilmember Wilson: Yes, but if it can be done in conjunction. I mean, it's a headache to get building permit no matter where you're at whether it's Leeds or St. George or wherever.

Councilmember Stirling: It's only a headache if you're not prepared. That's all there is to it. If you're prepared me know what you're doing, it's not a headache. But if you don't know what you're doing, then it's a headache. And especially when it comes to any type of knowing where a septic tank goes, you know, you don't put a 30%. It's not rocket science. The Town has never done anything, just to make it harder for someone it's only to protect those that have done it incorrectly in the past, which is what we just had to deal with. I would like to take it back to the Planning Commission and have them look through that permit process and see what we've just experienced and let them do what land use authority does. Unless they would like more direction, from what the Town Council wants but, in the past, it appears that that's what the Planning Commission is supposed to do, and then give us their interpretation. And then we discuss it. Is that what the Planning Commission understands at your level?

Mayor Hoster: Let me open the floor if commissioner Roberts cares to comment on that.

Alan Roberts: It is in the best interest to address any changes in land use. This is not necessarily a land use ordinance, but you're looking at a process on the land use the thing that I would caution, the Town of Leeds is this; and

this would have happened up until around 2008. The Planning Commission reviewed every single building permit that came through the Town of Leeds, I would caution that that is not a good approach. And so, it goes along with what Councilmember Wilson said. We want a process that is reasonable. I'll use that word. A lot of municipalities like to use streamlined. Call it what you want. But let's call it reasonable. It is reasonable for both the individual doing the application and Town staff to be thorough in overseeing that the ordinances complied with. I think it would be best that the planning commission establishes the process that would be determined by the council to adopt as the process. But ultimately the process from my 30,000-foot level at this point would be to have proper adequate staff that reviews the applications. Here again, I am not in favor of every application coming before the Planning Commission. And part of that being is I don't think is reasonable to ask an applicant to wait. Oh, we had our Planning Commission Meeting last Wednesday, you're going to have to wait until next month when we have another Planning Commission before they will even hear it. I don't think that's reason. I'm talking about general building permit applications that that really do meet that checklist or whatever that checklists that are established. I'm not talking about applicants that come in for plan developments and that type of stuff. We let that go through that full process. But it's not reasonable to ask an applicant coming in for just a simple building permit to go through that whole process.

Councilmember Stirling: I agree. I believe that the Planning Commission needs to present an established process of a streamlined building permit that may not have been updated, like it needs to be in the past. So that's what I would recommend if we could pass that back to the land use development, which is planning commission.

Mayor Hoster: Would it be reasonable to assess that a checklist might be best developed with the planning commission for different processes for a remodel or a non-residential structure versus that of a residential structure versus that of a commercial structure, and that we have some sort of a checklist process that applicants facilitate on their own and then to confirm that nothing has been overlooked on county authorization versus that of the town's authorization, and making sure that whatever steps are put in place, occur before the building is done on different categories. If it's a remodel or a non-residential structure, it has this process. If it's a residential structure, it has this process where we're finding that maybe the ordinances don't overlap with the counties. That is what I'm wondering in our discussion how we can best make sure that doesn't occur in the future.

Alan Roberts: I would agree that one size does not fit all. But I wouldn't get really complicated on breaking it down into many different categories. But I found that there shouldn't be a selection of that makes sense between something that's significant as an entire residential unit as compared to some small alteration.

Alan Roberts: The county health department comes out and looks at that. Our building inspector has no jurisdiction on that, other than it is supposed to be located where it was placed on the plat map, at the application time for the building permit. In this particular incident that the mayor is talking about. That location was changed. A portion of that system was changed, I should say. The leach fields themselves were changed into a different location that placed them into that steeper grade that would have been non-compliant with our hillside ordinance.

Councilmember Stirling: And so, the county is the only inspector that comes out to inspect that, but our building inspector does not have to pass off before occupancy? He doesn't ever look to see.

Alan Roberts: He just gets the letter that the county health department says yeah, the system is what we are supposed to be here and it's good to go.

Councilmember Stirling: And the county doesn't have hillside ordinance when it comes to a septic tank.

Alan Roberts: The health department does not. The county does. But the health department does not get concerned on hillside ordinance.

As the mayor mentioned, the town ordinances trump everything on properties within the municipal boundaries of Leeds and the health department would comply with that? They don't know. But here again, when you place something on a plat map it has a location for certain things and utilities, wastewater that type of stuff. The reality of the area that we live in, running into a rock about as big as this building on some properties is real. How would you mitigate that? There is a lot of what-ifs we could play what-ifs all day. But if there is a change in that, it has to be a change that is approved by the town, and not just another entity, whether it's a utility service, whether it was, let's say, natural gas or power that was coming into that property or an easement that one of these utilities had, water gas power. The mayor mentioned, the town ordinances trump everything on properties within the municipal boundaries of Leeds and the health department would comply with that? They

don't know. But here again, when you place something on a plat map it has a location for certain things and utilities, wastewater that type of stuff. The reality of the area that we live in, running into a rock about as big as this building on some properties is real. How would you mitigate that? There is a lot of what-ifs we could play what-ifs all day. But if there is a change in that, it has to be a change that is approved by the town, and not just another entity, whether it's a utility service, whether it was, let's say, natural gas or power that was coming into that property or an easement that one of these utilities had, water gas power. Because of running into a rock as big as this building, you have a choice. Can we adjust where that sits on the footprint? Or do you force them to blast that and keep it where it is? Because it would encroach on an easement that's there. So, you have to look at these things they exist. I could give you another example. Real quick on an addition that was put on that encroached upon high power lines, here in Leeds, that when Rocky Mountain Power saw that, they said, you're going to change that we're not going to accept that being that close to our high-power lines, it should never have gotten to that point. It should have been caught through the application process.

Mayor Hoster: How do we get that stop gap in policy? If a change occurs or ordinance factors, there is a stop gap that must enable review of what that change, or ordinance is. That's what I think occurred in this situation over here was, it just kind of went through, and we want to in dialogue, identify a process or means for which we can identify the change, assess the change, and either approve or disapprove it.

Alan Roberts: That is going to come through your application process, and then how that's set up right here in town hall. A change should be caught through an inspection process.

Mayor Hoster: Is it may be appropriate to enable our inspector that ability to stop things, bring it back to the town,

Alan Roberts: Our inspector should be able to.

Mayor Hoster: Enabling that authorization might be the solution that we're looking for. Thank you for that information. That is very helpful.

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## 10. Citizen Comments:

Susan Savage: I don't want to just be a naysayer. But wonder when the

Department of Transportation alerted you to this project going on north of us? Did you feel like that they're knowing something about it, affirms that all the other people that Frank said know about it do? Because I'm looking at things that have happened over the years, a lot of things to the town, with our family, certainly, claims that have been made that, y sounded like they must be right; They actually hadn't done that. I'm wondering if, there's a way to check with people that what Frank said that they had been talking to in the last couple of years. An example that's happened in the last year or two is the project of Kolob where the developers claimed that they he had received approval from the fire district, and from the county and from various, from the water, district and so on. And it turned out that those people hadn't heard about it. We've had around our property; we've had a number of developers. We really haven't had any experience with people whose claims were right or true. They claimed permission from us and a couple of people, you know, when I was working full time and was gone during the day, and then was occupied with family at night, moved, move the fences around our property, and then sold the property that actually wasn't theirs. Some had claiming with the town that they had received approval from us for access. The town has had those expensive too. So, I guess something that raised a little question. My mind today was just the one gentleman who came to the microphone, said, I think you're going to have more than 5000 people. And so, developers, I mean, they do want it to be acceptable to the town to the neighbors, but that quickly jump to eight or 10,000, you know, the person that the microphone is saying sounds to me more like 20,000, you know? That is just some experiences the past. I wondered if there's a way to check and see, you know, because it sounds like what might be a done deal, but people didn't check. It may or might not be the case.

Mayor Hoster: I can address that, the current project, I do need to have a dialogue with Mayor Keene and identify what they do and don't know. And with regard to the Department of Transportation, they're the ones who alerted me to what they're doing. The difference, in fact, one of their employees was supposed to be at our meeting today to address, they call it a Taz transportation, some sort of zoning, transportation assessment zoning, I think. Nonetheless, it is areas that they intend to modify on the roads as a result of future developments. They were aware of this development happening, which is how it came to my attention. Now, with regard to the Water Conservancy, I want to have a dialogue with Zach on that with regard to how it's going to impact our water and access of the springs that we have. Addressing where they're going to be pulling that from, and there's a lot of moving parts here that do require validation. Certainly, a lot of communication. Thank you for bringing that up. It is definitely a duty we will do due diligence on.

Councilmember Stirling: I talked to Carl Rasmussen and he's currently working with landowners to facilitate the engineering of a water retention plan. And he'd like to be on the agenda for the next meeting for the Main Street project. He's talking about the retention plan for the engineering. He's still discussing with them, and he's supposed to be meeting with them next week.

Mayor Hoster: So, no draft has been created yet.

Councilmember Stirling: Not that he shared.  
We have Kole Furley from Hurricane Valley Special Service district and he usually give a report.

Kole Furley: Well, since this morning, that's the most current. We had a pretty eventful morning. I got off work at seven o'clock and 4:30 ish, we got called to the high-speed Chase and etc., that went on in Virgin. We were part of that. And we helped to take care of the suspects and make sure everyone was safe. So, it was pretty, crazy. Plus, the amount of snow that we had over the evening kept us busy on the freeway. So as far as news and current events, we are looking to send back our ladder truck that is a 2001. Pierce, and it's going to go back for some repairs. One was due from an accident and the other one, the other repairs that are needing to be made are from maintenance issues that occur over time. We try not to run the ladder trucks as much. So obviously, there's a structure fire the ladder truck goes, but we try not to let those go outside and just drive around for any particular cause reason, just because the amount of money it takes to run those vehicles. So, when they sit over a long period of time, you see things like hydraulic fluid leaks, electrical problems, and so that is why one of our vehicles will be going back for that. So, we have a company that's going to ship it back, it's more economical to haul it instead of driving it and the Pierce Manufacturing Company that built it originally will do the the refurbishment for it.

Mayor Hoster: Is this was off the insurance claim?

Kole Furley: Yes. So, you're aware of that. Also, we are two and a half weeks in on our recruit Academy. I think I spoke to you about that. A couple meetings ago, we have a great turnout, I think we're only down one individual right now, some of them that left it decided that it just wasn't for them. It is a good opportunity for them to figure that out at that point versus get on the floor and go through all that training. So, we have a great group of men and women who are dedicated to learn and experience what they need to experience to be great firefighters. We're excited to have them. So, they have two and a half more weeks of training in then they start the fire academy portion, which we're going to hold at station two. And that will involve a lot of hands on a lot of reading tests, quizzes, physical fitness tests. And when we graduate and do the badge pinning ceremony, they will be ready to hit the floor. And we're super pleased to announce that that will be happening. So that'll be full time covers that will help provide coverage for Leeds Toquerville everything all-encompassing in the district.

Mayor Hoster: When is this going to occur? We would be happy to attend and provide support for that.

Kole Furley: We'd love to have it. I think that's everything I have this evening.

Mayor Hoster: I understand we might have a new truck coming in.

Kole Furley: We do. Back when before you arrived as new mayor, I explained that to the Council. We went through a process with So for anybody that doesn't know, station 46. in Coral Canyon is a joint station. So, we recognize the need for a full-time station to help cover that industrial area as well. Washington said, hey, we've got Coral Canyon, we've got the freeway, we also get a lot of calls that go through. And so, we said we need to station. Rather than build a Hurricane station and then four or five blocks away, maybe Washington builds a station, we said we'll come together, we'll pull our money together, we'll build a building staff at. And so that's what we've done. We've got the building already built, it's been built, I think for five or six years. And we have full time staff in there 24/7 around the clock. And those are the full-time personnel that actually respond out here to our calls and they've lessened our response time significantly, versus having the volunteer staff nothing against them. But having full time staff just makes it quicker. So, at that point, then we decided well, we need to build a fleet and so Washington and again and Hurricane Valley Fire District came together, and they said Alright, what's going to be the best apparatus to serve this station and the commercial density that we have in that area plus our residential? And so, we are in the process right now it's under construction at the Pierce plant for a 107-foot Pierce Ascended, and we're really excited for that. Unfortunately, it's going to take a little bit because of the amount of vehicles that are being built and the time it takes to get parts, as I'm sure we've all experienced, and our own personal adventures. But yeah, so when that gets here, that'll be a huge help for us.

Councilmember Stirling: I just have one question. Preparing for spring and summer, is there anything you can provide us to put in our monthly newsletter or something that talks about fire mitigation, especially when there's foliage around homes, and maybe people don't understand what they can do? Especially I remember, the two or three years ago with the Oak Grove and all of the fires that are up there? Is there anything that you can provide for us or give us direction to help the citizens prepare for if it's going to be another drought fire season, which I anticipated?

Kole Furley: That's absolutely something we can do. I would love to work with whoever's in charge of that. And we can get together as well as our wildland team. Captain Steve Harris, who lives here in Leeds is a great resource that we can bring into the Council meetings that he can give an update on some of the things he recommends, because that is his area of expertise. He would love to way in and then also we have done this before for citizens is we can go to your house and say, hey, this seems to be a problem area, we would recommend you trim those trees back. And so, this actually is the right time of year to do that when we're not busy with wildland fires and things of that nature. And so yeah, there's a lot of ways we can help.

Councilmember Stirling: Is this something that you would want us to put into our monthly newsletter to help them call and sign up with you? Or is there a particular process that you do with the Hurricane Valley Special Service District?

Kole Furley: We don't have in my experience, there hasn't been a huge call for it. And so, I would just do it on a case-by-case basis. But if we did see an influx where our people were interested, we could probably get with Captain Harris and say, okay, do we pick a day of the week? Like, is it Thursdays, for example? Do we say Thursdays, you know, we're going to do this for whoever wants to do it until no one wants to do it anymore? Summer gets here, I think we're totally open to helping anybody with that just as long as those guys are still able to do their job. We can coordinate with our fire marshal, and we can send updates to the Town of Leeds for any advisories from the State Fire Marshal's office, as well as our local fire warning. So, if there's a wind, red flag advisory, or if burned seasons open or extended, it'd be nice to have you guys the ability to put that up on your website so that people are aware, because I think that's our number one violation or misunderstanding of sorts is that people will say, well, it looks beautiful. And I should probably like this pile up, but what they don't know is that at two o'clock in that afternoon, it's scheduled to have you know, when gusts up to 40 miles an hour, and that's where we get caught. So just good communication.

Mayor Hoster: Do you know if we would work with your purchasing power to have an AED available at Town hall?

Kole Furley: Yes, I can. If you'd like I can mention that. I have a chiefs meeting on Tuesday morning. And then I can ask our administrative staff, if that's a possibility, and get back with you on that. I know that we were always buying or sometimes we're getting rid of some of our others because we buy them in bulk quantity for the rigs. So, I can definitely check into that for you.

11. Staff Reports: None

12. Closed Meeting: None

13. Adjournment 7:56 PM



Approved this 9th Day of March, 2022.



Bill Hoster, Mayor

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