

Town of Leeds

Agenda Town of Leeds Town Council Wednesday, May 27, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Leeds Town Council will hold an electronic **PUBLIC MEETING** on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM. This is will be an electronic Town Council meeting

Wayne Peterson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Leeds Town Council Meeting
Time: May 27, 2020 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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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 May 13, 2020
5. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
6. Announcements
7. Public Hearing:
 - a. 2020-2021 Leeds Tentative Budget, General & Capital Improvement Funds
8. Action Items:
 - a. Washington County Joint Proclamation No. 2020-11 – A Proclamation Congratulating the Class Of 2020
9. Discussion Items

10. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
11. Staff Reports:
 - a. Report from Peter Mills on Southwest Mosquito Abatement
 - b. Parking
12. Closed Meeting- A Closed Meeting may be held for any item identified under Utah Code section 52-4-205.
13. Roll Call Vote to Close Electronic Meeting
14. Adjournment

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Certificate of Posting;

The undersigned Clerk/Recorder does hereby certify that the above notice was posted May 21, 2020 at these public places being at Leeds Town Hall, Leeds Post Office, the Utah Public Meeting Notice website <http://pmn.utah.gov>, and the Town of Leeds website www.leadstown.org.



Peggy Rosebush, Clerk/Recorder



Town of Leeds

Electronic Town Council Meeting for Wednesday, May 27, 2020

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Leeds Town Council at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. This was an electronic meeting.

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: Mayor Peterson

3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts: None

4. Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve tonight's agenda and meeting minutes of May 13, 2020. 2nd 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: WAYNE PETERSON	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____	_____	_____

5. Citizen Comments:

Alan Cohn said it is like the flood gates have broken for craziness around here. People are buzzing all over the place. Some guy was parked out in the middle of Silver Reef Road unloading his ATV. People are using it as an ATV park now. It seems to be out of control, and they make a lot of noise. Some of them are buzzing around pretty fast. They should not be flying by people's houses. I do not know if there is anything we can do.

Mayor Peterson said the Sheriff's Department is stretched very thin at times dealing with this type of situation. Hurricane is spending a couple thousand dollars for overtime on weekends in order to try to control the State parks that they have. The Mayor of Springdale indicated over the weekend they had to close admission to Zion one day at 6:30 AM. I think we are getting a lot of spill over. Unfortunately, it is

harder to close public roads, but if we are seeing stuff that is prolonged enough, we certainly can contact the Sherriff and ask them to come here and address the situation.

6. Announcements:

Mayor Peterson said dumpster days will May 29th to May 31st. They will be located on Cherry Lane.

7. Public Hearings:

a. 2020-2021 Leeds Tentative Budget, General & Capital Improvement Funds

Mayor Peterson said at our last meeting Town Council approved Leeds' Tentative Budget. At this meeting, we are holding a Public Hearing and then we will have a final vote on the budget at our first meeting in June. I will mention that there will be at least 2 numbers that will be changing. One of them is the amount of revenue from our property taxes. That number is provided by the County. It is generally quite accurate. We will put that number in our budget when we get it in early June. That will also impact the actual transfer from accumulated surplus to just balance things out as a result of that change. Could I have a motion from Council to open the Public Hearing?

Councilmember Roberts made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Leeds Town Budget 2020-2021. 2nd by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed in a Roll Call Vote.

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	_____	_____	_____

Mayor Peterson said the Public Hearing is now open on the 2020-2021 Town Budget. Does anyone from the public wish to comment or ask a question? There were none.

Mayor Peterson said is there a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Town of Leeds 2020-2021 Budget?

Councilmember Stirling made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Town of Leeds 2020-2021 Budget. 2nd by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed in a Roll Call Vote.

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	_____	_____	_____

Mayor Peterson said at this point our Public Hearing is closed.

8. Action Items:

a. Washington County Joint Proclamation No. 2020-11 – A Proclamation Congratulating the Class Of 2020

Mayor Peterson said there is a Proclamation being issued jointly across Washington County. This is being done as a result of the fact that it has been a very different year for the Class of 2020 with regard to what they have been able to do. They have done virtual graduation ceremonies for the different schools utilizing the video talents of Dixie State University. There is a joint Proclamation that has been circulated across Town Council. He read the Proclamation out loud. This will be available for signing by the Mayors tomorrow and that is the reason it is on our agenda as an Action Item. Do I have a motion to approve the Washington County Joint Proclamation 2020-11?

Councilmember Hunsaker made a motion to approve the Washington County Joint Proclamation 2020-11. 2nd by Council Wilson. Motion passed in a Roll Call Vote.

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: None

10. Citizen Comments:

Doris McNally said who should I contact regarding some updates on the website that I have seen and could offer some guidance on. There are some broken links and information that is wrong and some information that is old. I just wanted to get this to someone’s attention.

Mayor Peterson said if you would contact Peggy. We now have a contact at Infowest who is working to update those items. We had a bit of a lag there, but we now have someone who is going to be responsible for that so if you can get those items on a list for Peggy that would allow us to get them promptly brought up to date.

Doris McNally said not a problem. Also, one again, I am offering my assistance. I have talked to Lorrie about this. I manage 2 other websites, so I know a little bit about technology. If I can be of any assistance to the Town, I would love to.

Mayor Peterson said thank you very much. I am sure we will find many opportunities to make use of your talents. Thank you.

LoAnne Barnes said I think it would be nice for the Mayor to thank all of the residents in Leeds who contributed to the First Responders. I think that would be a nice comment to make in the newsletter.

Mayor Peterson said I will include it. I was going to mention it at the end of the meeting under Staff Reports, but thank you for mentioning it now. It was a response that was very appreciated by the Hurricane Valley Fire District. I will give you the total as we get to the end here.

Kohl Furley said we are at 1,436 calls for service. We had 2 fairly large fires. One at the Anderson Junction interchange off of I-15 and one in LaVerkin. Both were pretty good size fires within 2 days of each other. The first fire was believed to be started by trailer chains dragging down the road. The BLM investigators were able to make that determination. I do not have the total numbers on what that fire cost for the services that were provided by the State and BLM. The burn season is now closed. All burns will have to wait until the Fall. The burn season will re-open in September. On behalf of the Department, we want to thank everyone for their kindness and donations during the Covid-19 experience. We appreciate your kindness and support and we greatly thank you.

Alan Cohn said we have been having a lot of people just popping up in the desert. I recently came upon a fire that was still burning and I threw some soil on it. It is scary when people just do their own thing and do whatever they want.

Mayor Peterson said the one thing I would mention is I think it is important for everyone to have the non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Department. I would be more than happy to make the call. If for some reason I am not available, it would be beneficial for people to be able to go directly to the Sheriff's Department and make sure they are aware of it. There is a non-emergency dispatch number. It is 435-634-5730.

11. Staff Reports:

a. Report by Peter Mills on Mosquito Abatement

Mayor Peterson said Peter Mills is with us tonight along with Sean Amodt from the Southwest Mosquito Abatement District. Peter, we want to thank you for taking over for Darrell Nelson. He served for many years. We appreciate your willingness to serve on this particular board.

Peter Mills said Sean can do a good job explaining the history and status of the Mosquito Abatement Board. One thing Wayne and I will be doing, we have a tri-fold flyer that we will include with the next newsletter. This will help get some information to the community.

Sean Amodt said the District was created in 2002 for the purpose of combating West Nile Virus, but also mosquitoes are a pest and as the farmers know it can be a challenge to try to farm and beat off the mosquitoes at the same time. A lot of agricultural areas are very happy with what we have been doing over the last few years. One of our goals is to educate the public. Another goal is to protect the public from West Nile Virus and other viruses. Our Main focus is to survey the mosquitoes. In Leeds, there are over 2 dozen locations that we check on a continuous basis at least once a week. In fact, our crew will be in Leeds tomorrow. There are a few, what we call, hotspots in Leeds. We make sure we get to those first. We like to get to the mosquitoes before they develop their wings. We try not to use the adulticide or fogging. We like to use the larvicide which is a bacterial product. We have a limited number of products that we use. We are in the process of gathering data and by next year we will be able to tell you exactly how many treatments we have done and how much product was used in the area. We like to get calls from people to let us know about spots that we may not be checking.

Councilmember Stirling said do any of your chemicals have a re-entry interval that we need to be aware of as farmers?

Sean Amodt said the products we use for larvaciding do not have that because they are biological. We actually use a bacteria, a BTI. It is the same kind of stuff used on corn crops and things like that. The adulticide does have a re-entry of every 2 to 3 days. If we do use the adulticide, it is very targeted.

Councilmember Stirling said how do you post that so the general public knows you have spread?

Sean Amodt said the State just passed a law that says we do need to post it. We are not required to have that system set-up until January, 2021. We will post it on our website. If we did have a major outbreak in Leeds, we would let the public know. Most of the areas we are addressing are very low residential areas. There is nothing in the middle of Town that we are treating. Most areas are on the outskirts of Town.

Councilmember Stirling said do any of your chemicals effect bees?

Sean Amodt said the adulticide could affect bees. We spray only in the evenings after sunset so all of the bees are in their hives by then. We try to be aware of where the beehives are. We use low to mid-rate product that does not affect bees. It has been at least 6 years since we have done any adulticiding in Leeds.

Mayor Peterson said Sean, there are a couple of questions in chat box asking how many locations in Leeds are on public land versus private property, and where are those locations. And is there a map?

Sean Amodt said most of the properties that we deal with are on private properties. And I think there is some roadside stuff that may be public. We are looking at ways to incorporate our GIS map onto our website so the public can see what sites are being checked. We do not have it ready yet. You could call the office and get that information directly.

Mayor Peterson said there is also a parking issue. I have gotten some information from David Church, with the Utah League of Cities & Towns. A question was raised about whether or not one could address overnight parking on streets in the Town of Leeds. What I was able to find in looking to other areas of Utah was that it was generally limited for snow removal in the northern towns, but I could not find any others elsewhere. Lorrie Hunsaker has forwarded to me a copy of other ones outside of Utah. The answer back is that there is no prohibition in Utah law making it that people are not allowed to park overnight on streets. I wanted to ask Council whether this would be something that should be brought in as a discussion item at a future meeting where I could share some of the information and Lorrie could share what she has gotten together and we could make it a full discussion with respect to overnight parking prohibition in Leeds. As an informal poll of Town Council, not a vote, is this something that would be worthy of a discussion item at a future meeting?

Councilmember Stirling said I think we need to go one step further. I think we should possibly have a little bit of feedback from a citizen committee on responsible parking in Leeds. I know that Kanaraville had the same problem. They had hundreds of people there and parking was notorious. The Town of Kanaraville created its own little parking spot that they charge for. They have signs all along the road that say no parking allowed. Alan, I do not know if you would be interested in maybe having a little feedback from others that are upset with the parking in your area. Maybe creating some kind of citizen committee for more responsible parking in Leeds. I know it will get more frustrating for those who have

to deal with this day in and day out. I think it is better to be active on this type of problem instead of reactive. I have seen a lot of people in Leeds and the majority will always do what is spelled out for them. They do not want to come in and trash anything. They want to know the rules and most of them will abide. I think it is important to have some type of committee, outside of Town Council, so they can bring back ideas that maybe we are not seeing.

Ala Cohn said there are areas right along the main road where people pull off and park their rig. Why not put a bunch of boulders along there and then have a parking lot where we can charge for it?

Councilmember Stirling said Mayor, I do not know how you actually do a particular committee or if the Town can assign that type of thing. Feedback would be appreciated. Having a committee might be a very proactive way to affect the situation in a positive manner.

Mayor Peterson said I would be happy to include it in the newsletter asking people if they have thoughts and input. There are people who park in the most ridiculous places possible and they are real hazards. I do not endorse putting boulders in the right-of-way. They become navigation hazards and liability to the Town. I get calls about where people are parked and, in many instances, they are parked completely off the road, on vacant land or in front of vacant land, but in the right-of-way off of the road. I think they did the best job they could parking somewhere responsibly. One thing Council did discuss, and we are putting money into the Capital Improvement Fund for this purpose, is to acquire land. Right now, the hurdle for saying charging for it is that we have very limited land that the Town owns. We own 3 cemeteries and a small triangular piece of land up by the fork between Oak Grove and Silver Reef Road. We also own a very small triangular piece down at the base of Majestic Mountain. You could not park anything on it. It is very small. We also have the CCC Camp which again would not be an appropriate place for parking. If we are able to get other land to utilize for that type of parking, I think we should look into it. Right now, we do not have land that would be available.

Doris McNally said with Zions being closed and with the extra traffic in this area there are a large number of trailers that are dropping off ATVs and parking in the area. The bigger concern I have aside from parking is that they are parking in areas that are dry, and you could start fires. The reason for looking into this is more than just a parking issue, it is a safety issue for the community. If there is a committee, I would like to raise my hand to participate.

Councilmember Stirling said I would also like to bring up that Harrisburg has done an incredible job in mitigating the parking. They were having large semi-trailers parking in front of their units, so they limited that by landscaping with decorative rock. Even if we did something without the big gigantic boulders, we could do something that looked like desert landscaping. Maybe we could add a little more money to add some kind of beautification along the sides. Make it something that is mitigating the problem, but also beautifying the area.

Councilmember Hunsaker said I do not see where the Town is going to have enough land unless we get private landowners to cough up some for a recreational parking area. They are going to come. Oak Grove is there. The forest is there. They are going to keep coming. Unless we have a private owner, who is willing to give up land for a parking area, I do not see anywhere they are going to be able to park. I think the committee would be great. Maybe they can find someone willing to give us some land.

Councilmember Stirling said LDWA, who we are all shareholders of, has a large parcel that is just northeast of Town. Maybe the citizens committee would be able to come to some type of agreement on that. That land has not been used in years. We are all shareholders of that land.

Councilmember Hunsaker said good point, Danielle.

Mayor Peterson said it sounds like I should put something in the July newsletter asking for input. I would rather not keep doing this piecemeal, but have a plan to try to put into place.

Mayor Peterson said there was an appeal made by some residents in Town who organized it for donations to the First Responders of Hurricane Valley Fire. A total of \$2,145 was donated to them encouraging them to have a meal on us. As it worked out, multiple meals, on the folks from Leeds who donated to that effort.

Mayor Peterson said we will be seeing at our next meeting that fireworks restrictions are in place in the State of Utah. As a result, they are permitted only the 2 days leading up to the day of and the day after the 4th of July and Pioneer Day holidays. There is also a brief period at New Year's where you are allowed to set them off. We will need to designate our 2020 location and that will be coming up at our next meeting. Historically, it has been the basketball court. If you hear fireworks that is something that can be reported to the Sheriff's Department and get them to investigate it. It is dangerous, particularly in these dry times, and with the wind it could get even worse.

12. Closed Meeting: None


13. Roll call vote to close electronic meeting

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	_____	_____	_____

13. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

APPROVED ON THIS 10th DAY OF June, 2020



Mayor, Wayne Peterson

ATTEST:



Peggy Rosebush, Clerk/Recorder