

Town of Leeds

Agenda Town of Leeds Town Council Wednesday, September 22, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Leeds Town Council will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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 September 8, 2021
5. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
6. Announcements:
 - a. Meet the Candidates Night, Wednesday September 29 at 7pm, Leeds Town Hall (and Zoom)
 - b. Information Available from Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Preventing Fraud
7. Public Hearing: None
8. Action Items: None
9. Discussion Items:
 - a. Main Street Curb and Gutter Plan Review
 - b. General Plan/Master Transportation Plan 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, Clerk/Recorder

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Town Council Meeting for Wednesday, September 22, 2021

1. Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Mayor Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Leeds Town Council at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Stirling leading

3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts: None

4. Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Hunsaker moved to approve tonight's agenda and meeting minutes of September 8, 2021. Second by Councilmember Stirling. 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	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. Citizen Comments:

Battalion Chief Kohl Furley: Good evening, Council. This morning, we had a little bit of excitement in the Town of Leeds. The Mayor texted me a picture of a suspicious item sitting on a bench. I like to err on the side of caution and play it safe. In that type of situation, we encourage people to report that stuff, obviously, their curiosity might get the best. Maybe open it up and take a look inside, but in the training that I went through there, you would be surprised on how many creative ways people can make a device out of something that's small, and the damage that small thing will do. In this situation we block off the area, some of you

may have seen Main Street was closed off. We blocked off the street as well and we tried to evacuate the people. I did see some people that were left in their houses. We have to work with the County on that and try to communicate better. The bomb squad, we will get our bomb suit on because safety first. We bring a portable X-ray machine and X-ray the package. We take the film back to the trailer to get it into the dark area. We develop that film. We have a really high tech, sophisticated computer system that was used by veterinarians. We have since updated and have a lot nicer one, but we can take that image and do some contrast stuff with it. We can see if there's electronics in there. I can see the wires, I can bring out the darks versus the lights, it is really quite technical. The training teaches you how to do that. Through our training, we are able to see what kind of device it is, whether it has black powder in it, or it is a liquid form. If it has a battery or a cell phone and wires going to it, obviously that starts to build concern. This one this morning did not. This was, what I would consider to be, a fairly routine type of call where you see a suspicious package. We get called, and then we find out after we x-rayed that it is just a normal toiletries bag, in this case, a shave kit. So that is always a good thing. Who knows, it could have been left on the back of a car, someone was jogging up the street, and they put it on the side so someone would see it. The moral of the story is, it is always good to be cautious and give us a call. Again, if I can throw in a pitch on that. You can always call 911 if it is something like that. You can also call the non-emergency number, which is 627-4949, if you are not quite sure that it's a 911 worthy call. That will get you the same dispatch agency, but they will not say 911 what's your emergency. Then you can explain your situation and they will determine what they want to do and how they will escalate. On that same phone number, I was going to bring up the burn season's open from September 15 to November 15. There are a couple of ways you can go about that. If you have something that you would like to burn. You can apply online. The best way that I can explain to do it is just Google Washington County, Utah, or permit. What you will get within the first two or three things Googled, or whatever search engine you use, you can click on that. And it will allow you to print and put in your information to obtain a burn permit, or it will not. If it will not, that will mean that the weather index is not quite right, it is not happy about having burns, we do not want the smoke to settle down in the valleys and in the low areas and aggravate people with lung issues. If it allows you to get a burn permit, great. Just understand that there is some fine print in there. I should not say fine print, but there's some rules. There are certain times you can burn. Usually it is eight to five, any later than five o'clock starts to get some winds. Those ashes or coals can burn across or blow across the road on to other peoples' property and start on fire. We want to be careful with that kind of stuff. Also, we want to avoid burning trash. Things like construction materials, a lot of people think, well hey, burn season's open. I can finally get rid of the stuff from our new addition on the house. We want to avoid that kind of stuff. If you see that going on, feel free to call that non-emergency number, and we will come out. Any questions?

All right, so a couple other things. We are at 32,012 calls for service as of right now. This month alone, we have had seven EMS calls in Leeds and two fire and other. This morning's call will count for one of those. That is average. Lastly, I wanted to update the Council and the Town that as I mentioned before in previous meetings, I mentioned station forty-six is our closest full time responding station. We are excited to announce that we started the build

process of a ladder truck for that station. It is the newest technology that Pierce offers. It has a 107-foot reach. It is not the nicest, or the most expensive, but it is the most practical. We have one currently in use in Hurricane now. In that truck can do a lot of things that the bigger ones cannot. We really liked that platform, or that style truck. It is currently underway.

Unfortunately, with the economy being good, and everybody is trying to get back on their feet and get back to having those numbers of vehicles that they used to have in their fire departments, it takes about 16 months to build a truck like that, whereas in the past, it was usually nine to twelve. We are seeing some extended build times as well as the price of metal increase. Our Chief was able to secure a spot in the assembly line. If you can imagine, he was able to project, okay, we are going to need this ladder truck at this time. So, he was able to secure that spot, while the prices were lower than they currently are now, which I thought was cool. So, you know, he put the interest card in and said, hey, we want that spot. You have to give them a down payment or give them a written notice saying that you're agreeing to buy a ladder truck, and then they give you that discount that they're currently having. So, I think metal has gone up, the price of a truck has gone up almost 20% since then. So, it was quite a saving. That is pretty cool to announce. Another year we will see that truck in Leeds down the road. It will be a huge help for us on structure fires. So, any questions before I conclude?

Councilmember Wilson: Is that something that reverse 911 is supposed to send something out? I am curious because I never signed in and I did not know if it got sent out or not?

Chief Furley: The reverse 911 system can be activated, but we must make that call. I did not feel like this scene warranted that. Now if we had a car that has some suspicious stuff in it, like a car bomb or something, we are able to confirm that, hey, this doesn't look good, then absolutely. That is something we would do through the Sheriff's office, they contact dispatch, and then we would have to give him certain parameters as to how far and wide the area of concern was. Typically, we like to do about a block radius and then make sure no one's walking by or running or driving by and then we take care of it.

Mayor Peterson expressed appreciation to Battalion Chief Furley and his colleagues on the bomb squad for responding the way that they did and for the additional information provided.

6. Announcements:

6a. Meet the Candidates Night, at 7pm, Leeds Town Hall (and Zoom)

Mayor Peterson: Candidates Night will be one week from this evening here at Leeds Town Hall. It will be at 7pm, to 9pm. There will be a Zoom option as well for that.

6b. Information Available from Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Preventing Fraud

Mayor Peterson: There is information from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau here; it is on preventing fraud. It focuses on online and over the telephone types of scams. There is a specific

focus on some of the material towards seniors. We will have it available. There is quite a supply. Anybody interested, please do not feel like you are taking it from someone else. And after this evening, I am going to make it available, if the post office is okay with it, at the counter in the post office, so that we can get that distributed to as many people as possible.

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Action Items: None

9. Discussion Items:

9a. Main Street Curb and Gutter Plan Review:

Mayor Peterson: We did have a meeting with Karl Rasmussen of Pro Value Engineering, me and two of Ned Sullivan's sons. This was something that we were asked to follow up with and the takeaway from it was that they would like a little time to discuss it. They said they thought they might be amenable to water being released at the end of any kind of storm drainage system onto one of the Southernmost fields that they have towards the end of town. They are going to talk about that with their father and with other family members and get back to us. But I did want to let people know that was moving forward. Karl asked if they could get back within a month and they said they did not think that would be a problem. So next month, we hope to have some additional information and thoughts from Karl basis what they have come up with in the interim. Okay, any further questions about the curb and gutter plan this evening? I think it will do as well to discuss it more as it takes shape. We will be doing that going forward.

9b. General Plan/Master Transportation Plan Update:

Mayor Peterson: On the other discussion item, General Plan Master Transportation plan update, again, this may be brief. At the previous meeting, Sunrise had had a change in personnel take place, and they had asked for another week. During that time, they did identify another candidate with more experience than the individual who had left them. This individual, Bruce Parker works in planning and has done so for his entire career. He teaches at the University of Utah classes in small town planning and special event type planning. He also does a lot of work with a variety of municipalities with respect to this. I would say that they are equal or beyond what was available with the previous individual that they had indicated who was going to lead the project. They are ready to get going. They are ready to maintain the timetable and would hope to be able to wrap things up by March 31. So that will be moving forward at this point and expect a very quick start from Bruce as he takes over this particular project. Any questions or comments from Council regarding this? We have until May 31 with the two \$35,000 grants we have for that. This timetable should work well with that.

Citizen Comments; None

Mayor Peterson observed this could be the shortest meeting in eight years.

10. Staff Reports:

Mayor Peterson: I had a meeting with the Washington County Water Conservancy administrative advisory committee, which includes all the mayors in Washington County. The current levels in the reservoirs are Sand Hollow at 67%. Quail Creek is at 60%, and Kolob and Gunlock are at 50%. One thing they did mention that I would like everybody here to know, because we are the most likely ones to drive by it, is that Quail Creek is going to be dropping substantially from where it is right now, as they will be doing some liner repairs. So do not think that that's indicative of a huge, sudden consumption of water as you see Quail Creek over the next couple of months, dropped to lower levels. They are going to take advantage during the non-peak season to do some minor repairs on that reservoir.

The other thing is, they had some graphs that they provided earlier in the year. I mentioned this at a previous Council meeting, soil saturation had been at the worst ever recorded in terms of how much moisture was in the soil. There was concern about that, because if you had snowfall, even over the course of the next winter, it would not really run off, it would have just perked into the ground because of that low soil saturation. Well with some of the monsoonal rains that hit the areas that are very important, they have actually gone from being below the historic low up until 2021 to recently being above the historic high with regard to the soil saturation. They highlighted how very quickly things can change. Here in Leeds, we got a couple of brief periods of rain, but you probably heard about other areas that got substantially more than we did. Up by Springdale, in particular, they got a lot of rain. It has been very helpful to the overall soil condition as it's worked its way down from those upper elevations. After our last meeting, there were some conversations about making that presentation to other communities. They did highlight that the school district will be addressing their usage and the school district is actually a very large user of irrigation water. It is not irrigation water. It is culinary water that gets used by the school district for irrigation on their properties.

So, with that, there is no need for a closed meeting this evening. It is 7:21 pm and we are adjourned.

Thank you to everybody for coming this evening and we will see you, I hope, for Meet the Candidates Night in one week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

APPROVED ON THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2020



Mayor, Wayne Peterson

ATTEST:



Aseneth Steed, Clerk/Recorder