

Town of Leeds

Agenda Town of Leeds Town Council Wednesday, October 27, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Leeds Town Council will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** on Wednesday, October 27, 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.

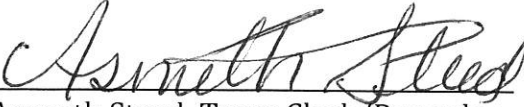
Regular Meeting 7:00pm.

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 October 13, 2021
5. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
6. Announcements:
 - a. Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 30 at 5pm along Babylon Mill Road
 - b. Leeds Chili Cookoff, Saturday, October 30, 4pm-6pm in the Peach Pit Pavilion
 - c. Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Leeds is Vote-By-Mail Only. Ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 1, 2021
 - d. Preservation Utah 2021 Heritage Award recipient, LoAnne Barnes
7. Public Hearing:
 - a. Ordinance 2021-05, Compensation of the Clerk/Recorder
8. Action Items:
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 2021-05, Compensation of the Clerk/Recorder
9. Discussion Items:
 - a. Speed Bumps that were privately installed on Roundy Mountain Road
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, October 27, 2021

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Leeds Town Council on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:04pm.

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 Stirling leading

3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts: None

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

- a. Tonight's Agenda
- b. Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2021

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve tonight's agenda and meeting minutes of October 13, 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	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____	_____	_____

5. Citizen Comments:

Doris McNally: This probably will be the last Council meeting for some people on this Council. I personally want to thank you for the dedication you have given to the Town and recognize you all for what you have done. So, thank you.

6. Announcements: Mayor Peterson: There is an added announcement. If you come up to the window, this week or next, it is requested that you come with the knowledge that there is a real rookie there and that is me. Unfortunately, Aseneth contracted COVID-19 and needs to be away from us for a couple of weeks. She is with us this evening on the Zoom call. But I will be kind of providing the coverage nine to two Monday through Thursday. So, we are going to try to keep business as usual as much as that can be done. And I appreciate through the magic of texting, that I can look smarter than I am at that window, when I can find out information while I am addressing somebody's question along the way.

a. Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 30 at 5pm along Babylon Mill Road

Mayor Peterson: Additional announcements, trunk or treat will be on Saturday, October 30 at 5pm along Babylon Mill Road. Surrounding that from four to six pm, centered in the Peach Pit Pavilion, will be the chili cook off. Do you want to add anything about the number of people who have signed up and their ability to be a little late and still sign up?

b. Leeds Chili Cookoff, Saturday, October 30, 4pm-6pm in the Peach Pit Pavilion

Councilmember Hunsaker: If somebody is still interested you can still go ahead and get your entries in. We have eight entries right now. I am not sure how many people are attending for the samples, but we will find out, since this is our first time doing it. So the more the merrier, come join up. And if nothing else, come taste the quality chili that Leeds has got to offer.

c. Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Leeds is Vote-By-Mail Only. Ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 1, 2021

Mayor Peterson: Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. If you have not received your ballot by now you should have, if you are a registered voter. You can contact the County election office, if you need the phone number you can ask me after the meeting and I will get it to you, but you should have received that ballot. If it is going to be mailed back, you need to put a stamp on it, and you need to have it postmarked by Monday, November 1. There are five drop boxes located throughout the County, four of them are at the library branches of St. George, Santa Clara, Hurricane, and Washington. The fifth one is on the Tabernacle side of the administration building for the County. Usually, it was on the other side of the building, but due to the construction going on, it has been moved to the Tabernacle side of the building. That is an opportunity, that you can drop off a ballot as late as 8pm on Tuesday, November 2. Also, if you have not yet registered to vote, you are allowed to cast a provisional ballot by going down to the County building and if you are duly qualified and just not registered yet, they will allow you to cast the ballot on a provisional basis. You will go through the process to make sure that indeed you would be entitled to vote, and then they would count that vote.

d. Preservation Utah 2021 Heritage Award recipient, LoAnne Barnes

Mayor Peterson: The other announcement here is something that took place on Friday, October 22. I asked LoAnne Barnes to be here. It was my honor to be able to provide a letter of support for her nomination to receive a Preservation Utah 2021 Heritage Award. This award is granted to people who have made an ongoing commitment to historical preservation. It is given out by an organization known as Preservation Utah. It works very closely with the State Historic Preservation Office. During her time here in Leeds LoAnne has been involved in a variety of historic projects, as on projects focused on history, and ones that may ultimately be viewed as historic themselves. There are signs throughout Town that highlight many of the significant things that took place. One of them being right out front of this building explaining its history as a schoolhouse in Silver Reef, as a schoolhouse here for the Town of Leeds, and most recently as the Town Hall.

The CCC Camp is something that LoAnne worked very hard to get a variety of grants for as it was in such serious disrepair, and they were able to get money, particularly with UDOT helping out, as well as Certified Local Government grants, in order to do the preservation and restoration work on the CCC Camp. The CCC Camp was featured in a documentary. It has the only still standing CCC Camp buildings in the State of Utah. We have five buildings there, and they remain standing partially as a result of the hard efforts that LoAnne has put forward.

The Silver Reef Museum got up and running again, and LoAnne was one of the founding board members as they reorganized that and brought a local focus to it. Previously, many of the people involved were not from Leeds. LoAnne got involved and got a group of people in Leeds enthused, along with others, in order to bring the museum back to functioning here in the Town of Leeds. Finally, for the Utah documentary, Doc Utah festival, a featured film was put together using a grant that was given to the Town. It was called A Town For All Seasons: The Story Of Leeds. The producer and coproducer of that, as it turned out in the end, were LoAnne and Susan Savage. They worked tirelessly to get 230 hours of interviews that were put together to form an hour and 15-minute documentary that was made about the Town. We will be getting those 230 hours of original footage so that we can utilize it and know more about the history of our Town.

So much of the history and all of my activity with the history always seems to cross paths with LoAnne, who just works tirelessly at it. And although there are times when she calls and I feel a little bit tired, when she calls, I also feel like for all that she has done, it is time to reach back a little bit and do what is needed to try to make sure that we preserve our history here in Town.

I would like to ask everybody here this evening to join me in a round of applause for LoAnne for the wonderful work she has done on behalf of our Town in preserving its history. Would you like to comment LoAnne, and correct me where I am wrong?

LoAnne Barnes: I appreciate this very much. I would be remiss if I did not mention many other people who this honor should go to as much as myself. And in fact, the Mayors, and candidates, from the very beginning, starting with Mike Empey, who was the original Mayor that got the UDOT funding for the CCC Camp. Then Norma Geier, she and I wrote a grant to UDOT for the signs along Main Street. Rick Sant and I worked together for the wrought iron and stone surrounding the historic cemeteries. So, this has been an ongoing project. Wayne,

as you know, has been very supportive of this. There are many people in Leeds who have been supportive as well. Let me mention a few people. At the four corners down here, there are four historic homes, and those homes include the Tithing House as part of our pioneer heritage. Ken and Pat Hadley purchased that home when it was falling apart. I mean the roof was off and there was mud on the inside of it. They purchased that property and have restored it to a lovely Tithing house, which they will open in the future, probably in June. Dorthy Mauk purchased an old home and has kept the surface for that home perfect. The Stirling family have kept their home in wonderful condition there on Main Street. The Fry's moved recently into Leeds and are doing things to preserve those spaces now.

Leeds is very unique. There is probably no other Town in Washington County with such a unique history. We have a pioneer history that most of us know, we have a CCC history as the Mayor mentioned, which is unique in the State of Utah, and we have a mining history. There are many, many people involved in all these projects. Ron and Pat Cundick, after Jerry Anderson decided he was not going to be involved in the museum in Silver Reef, Ron and Pat Cundick and others on the board have preserved that place. They have made it a wonderful visiting place. Martha Ham, she has helped me very much on the signs along Main Street. She wrote a humanities grant, where she did some more signage for our Town. As I say, there are many people who have been very, very helpful, but I would be remiss if I did not mention those people. Thank You.

Mayor Peterson: Thank you, LoAnne.

7. Public Hearing:
 - a. Ordinance 2021-05, Compensation of the Clerk/Recorder

Mayor Peterson: At our previous meeting on October 13, 2021. We took action on an ordinance that made it that we would no longer pay holidays to any of our employees, as we have been contacted by the Utah Retirement System. They are indicating that if somebody works over 20 hours a week and gets a paid holiday that is viewed as a benefit and would require their participation in the retirement system. If they do not work for four years with the state, they are not eligible to collect anything. And yet the Town would be required to make those payments. Historically, many of our employees do not end up working those four years. So, what was suggested at the time was to make it that we could keep our employees whole by paying them roughly 5% more and not pay them on those holidays, so that by the end of the year, they would get the same amount of compensation, just none of it would be attributable to a holiday. So, the ordinance here is adjusting the compensation of the Clerk/Recorder, increasing it by that roughly 5% from the \$19 to \$20 per hour. With that introduction of the ordinance. May I have a motion from Council to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-05?

Councilmember Stirling moved, Councilmember Roberts 2nd.
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 Okay, at this time if anybody from the public wishes to comment on this particular topic, they are welcome to do so, just again, please start with your name and limit initial comments to three minutes, but we will allow you to say whatever you would like by the end of the hearing. Does anybody wish to comment on this particular item? Okay, hearing none, may I have a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-05.

Councilmember Hunsaker Moved. Councilmember Wilson 2nd.
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	_____	_____	_____

8. Action Items:

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 2021-05, Compensation of the Clerk/Recorder

Mayor Peterson: Normally we do not take action on something when we have just had a Public Hearing, but having not heard anything from the public that would cause us to be needing to investigate something further, I did list it as a discussion and possible action item. So, at this time, I would entertain a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05 Compensation of the Clerk/Recorder.

Councilmember Roberts Moved. Councilmember Wilson 2nd.
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	<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>

9. Discussion Items:

- a. Speed Bumps that were privately installed on Roundy Mountain Road

Mayor Peterson: Now we are up to the discussion items for the evening. Speed bumps that were privately installed on Roundy Mountain Road. I included in the packet the emails that were received relative to this. It was brought to my attention by our public works supervisor, Antonio Fernandez, that two speed bumps had appeared on Roundy Mountain Road. I endeavored to contact the Sheriff's department and heard back from Lieutenant Bentley, who indicated that he had done a records check. He did not find anything that indicated calls or complaints related to traffic on Roundy Mountain Road had been received. He suggested that he would help with anything that he could going forward. I would highlight that the Sheriff in the past has been willing to do targeted enforcement if there is something reported in the way of speeding or reckless driving taking place at a particular point in time, if it is identifiable, and also on a particular road in Town. So having heard that I then sent a letter to the residents who live along Roundy Mountain Road, and you have the emails , we also received a couple of voicemails. I also had conversations with a couple of people here at Town Hall. As you can see, there are people on both sides of the issue, but I would say that it is skewed towards those who were very supportive and happy to have the speed bumps in the road. One of the people that I spoke with did mention that there were some renters on the street who had been spoken to many times before, and just seem to refuse to slow down despite the fact that there are a lot of children on the road. It was also mentioned that there were many people who drove down the road, either directed by a GPS or the internet, that it was a way to get to Babylon Road. They were not very successful when they reached the end of the road and found out that it ended on private property with no further access. So, what we have right now are these two speed bumps that were put in place. We have some things to consider with regard to them in terms of they're not labeled as such, you need to find out by seeing them yourself or driving over them. It was also mentioned to me by one individual that those renters who were traveling fast did not seem to be very deterred by the speed bumps. So, there may be some other steps that might be needed to try to get a little bit of focus on the issue. But with that introduction, it is a discussion item for Council. Any thoughts to lead off with regard to the two speed bumps that were installed privately on Roundy Mountain Road?

Councilmember Wilson: I live on Valley where they added those two some years ago and I will admit I did not like driving over the speed bumps, but I would prefer people slowing down and we have to deal with speed bumps. It has helped on Valley and slowed people down. There are those who still go flying over it, but anytime I have a chance to help with safety I would rather be doing that. I'd rather hear of safety, than be worried that we have bottomed out a few times, we deal with it. They need to be marked properly if they are put in place.

Mayor Peterson: Other comments from Council?

Councilmember Stirling: I have the problem with all the people coming down our road trying to get to Babylon. They sometimes are absolutely wonderful when you explain to them, and other times they just do not want to hear, and they just zoom off. The children have to be the number one, first and foremost our priority, especially on roads like that. I want to find a way to adopt the privately installed speed bumps until we can have a speed bump installed professionally to code on that road.

Mayor Peterson: Anyone else with thoughts on the topic? Okay, I have a couple of things, so if there is nobody else I will offer up some thoughts. One is, we need to make it clear so that this does not become a proliferation. There is a process that we need to follow. It is a public road. Just as people are not able to block off a public road and say I do not want traffic coming down here. We also do need to respect the fact that we need to make these decisions properly. The Town has liability with respect to those speed bumps being in the road. The ones first installed on Valley were done prior to when I was Mayor, but with a little too much enthusiasm, as I understand it, and there was a need to adjust that because there was really a significant risk. One of the things with regard to professionally installed speed bumps is making sure that emergency services know. I think it was more of an issue on Valley Road because that is one where they would be involved in transporting people from a variety of different residences. Here it is on a road that is a dead-end. Although we only have it listed as "not a through street". So, I think we need to get the process started again, but I do not think starting it means ripping out and that is why when I wrote the letter, I did not say we are going to remove them. I did inform them that it was a public road, and the Town did have the right to remove them, but I was not leading off with looking to doing that. I think that if it is a situation, we would need to put them in properly and also importantly, label them properly. I would suggest the first step would be getting the speed bump signs. The other thing I would ask about is whether Council thinks it would be helpful. What I have found is that the run-of-the-mill signs that say Dead End, Slow, do not seem to get many people to do much of anything. They still forge on. If it said something like Speed Limit 27, instead of twenty-five, or thirty, it catches people's attention for a while. Now, the fact that we have a local resident there who seems to be interested in not driving safely, if there is a particular time of day that they come and go, I'd be happy to ask the Sheriff to provide some coverage during that time to perhaps observe it and perhaps speak with the person directly and let them know that they're being reckless. I am not sure if they are speeding or not, it strikes me as a challenge to speed on that length of road, but they may be going above what would be a posted speed limit. The other thing, as Danielle has mentioned challenges for her as well, is that in addition to the sign that currently says it is not a through road I think it might be better to just say Dead End, because people may wonder what the current sign means and want to try to explore it. I would also consider adding something that might say, and it is a bit of a paragraph, but say "despite what your GPS or the internet might say", on one sign, and then underneath that have Dead End. If there are other areas in Town, I can appreciate that when you have GPS out there telling people to drive on train tracks, or to go down roads that do not really go anywhere, or the internet telling you that is the route to follow, some people are very locked into that. So, I think it might be helpful to check into having a couple of those signs that they would have to slow down to read anyway, the first time they drove by it, because it is not going to be the biggest font out there. So, let us hear from Council about approaching it that way with signage. When we are next doing road work perhaps, we are looking to put in more permanent types of speed bumps, and then also

adding some signage to make it more clear to anybody that there really is no purpose going down that road if you think it leads anywhere.

Councilmember Roberts: From an engineering and design standpoint, because the Town is liable, the Town has jurisdiction on the road. The placement of the speed bumps needs to be specific of the best location. The other thing I am going to bring up probably will trigger some concern. I read it in some of the emails that you received Mayor. The Town is not endorsing children playing in the street, There is no municipality out there that will endorse that. That responsibility is upon the parents to deal with. I just want to make clear that because of the emails that you received with certain verbiage in them, that this is not an endorsement by the Town that children can play in the street.

Mayor Peterson: Okay, good point. So, the purpose of the speed bumps is not to allow playing in the road. It is to help traffic be safer.

Councilmember Hunsaker: I know the Town is liable, but what about when they are put in by a private resident? If people are ignoring them already and insisting on speeding, say they were to hit that bump and go flying and God forbid, hit one of the kids or do property damage. Is the private resident who put them in liable or is it all on the Town?

Councilmember Roberts: There will be a lot of people named on that lawsuit. The Town will be on that lawsuit. Yes

Councilmember Hunsaker: I agree with Danielle that we need to keep the kids safe. I also agree that we do not need to encourage play in the street. That street is its own little entity up there. Leaving them in place until we have something better to go on is a very good idea.

Mayor Peterson: I do want to get the signage on them as quickly as possible.

Councilmember Hunsaker: Yes, and I like your signage ideas Mayor.

Councilmember Stirling: Our road signage says, Wrong Babylon Road and they just turn around.

Mayor Peterson: Okay. I will work with Antonio to follow the direction here from Council. I appreciate the input. I appreciate the public's response to it as well. I hope it was received as a desire to address the situation, not allowing something to be made worse, but to try to get this done correctly. We will immediately work on those signs. I think I will ask our engineer to review what is in place there. If we have any liability from the standpoint of that being a public road we can work, as I say, when we are next doing work on that road, to put in something a little more permanent. I think we will mention the Town is not endorsing children playing in the street in the next newsletter, along with the fact that an issue has come up.

10. Citizen Comments:

Tara Lynn Ledbetter: Good Evening Council. I live here in Leeds. I am off Roundy Mountain. I would like to thank you for your comments. I appreciate you reading all our emails. I know it has been a bit of an issue. I personally have seen cars nearly hitting kids, even when they are not in the street. That is one of the big concerns. I completely agree placement is extremely important, because as you come down the mountain you hit two blind spots where the children are. It is easy for a car not to slow down. This is the big concern. A child getting hurt. Growing up in a small town, kids are going to cross the street. They are going to be out in the street to grab a ball or ride their bike. In a small town, and especially in a cul-de-sac, it is really hard to avoid that with our children. So that is another thing I wanted to bring up. The vehicles that come up and down our street have been a huge problem. So, if they come down our street at a rapid pace and then leave at a rapid pace, it is really hard to call the Sheriff and have them come and tag that vehicle because it's short distance. That is why we have not called yet, because of the timing. Do we get a license plate? How do you address that?

Mayor Peterson: Well, if there is a particular time of day, not with somebody who ventures on once, but if there is a time of day where somebody traditionally leaves, traditionally comes back, and traditionally shows unsafe driving, that is where we could potentially arrange for somebody to be there to try to observe it.

Tara Lynn Ledbetter: But the out of staters? It is so sporadic and so random. That is what I wanted to address. Thank you so much for your time.

Mary Pettit: I live on Vista, and I was hoping that you were going to talk to people about getting speed bumps on our street too. It is horrible down that road. Those people think that it is a raceway. It is ridiculous.

Council: Thank you.

Mark Bernardi: Thank you for hearing. My name is Mark Bernardi, I live on Roundy Mountain Road also. I just want to say when they placed those speed bumps is very effective because there is right there at that turn, and you cannot see people when you are coming down that road, especially at a fast pace. I am glad to hear you are not going to remove them right away. I am definitely for them.

Mayor Peterson: Okay, thank you for the input. Anyone else from the public? Okay. Seeing none, we will move on to staff reports.

11. Staff Reports:

Councilmember Wilson asked for an update on the storm drain water storage arrangements.

Mayor Peterson: Yes, I spoke with Karl Rasmussen, the engineer. He said he had a message out to one of the Sullivan children, who had indicated he would be getting back, but that as of this afternoon, he had not yet heard back from him. I will continue to follow up on that so that we get an answer, because we do want to move forward with that project. Although

the work will only be done in the spring. Spring will be here, and we need to take care of everything on that. Thank you for bringing it up. Okay, with that there were no particular meetings of note that I attended. There will be some in the next couple of weeks. So, with that, I would just encourage everybody to vote. As I say, you can do it on a provisional basis, even if you are not registered at this point. But voter turnout is something that is always a good thing, the more that are providing input, I always believe, the better and I think that that is generally accepted by most folks too. So, with that there is no need for a closed meeting this evening.

Meeting Adjourned 7:33 pm

APPROVED ON THIS 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021



Mayor, Wayne Peterson

ATTEST:



Aseneth Steed, Clerk/Recorder