

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2023**, at Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL, 35476, in the Council Chambers. The invocation was offered by Mayor Hinton and President Hogg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Hogg, Pro Tem Bobo, and Councilman Wiggins. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb. Absent and failing to vote at tonight's meeting, Councilman Washington and Councilwoman Dykes.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve the agenda for the July 24, 2023, Council Agenda**. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Ms. Judy Holland, 3617 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL 35476, addressed Mayor and Council this evening to discuss progress in Northport and how selling the Community Center will affect progress. Her intent, to tell the Council what the community would like to see happen with the community center and to address the negativity that is the result of this sale and how moving forward everyone can stop it.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Bobo to **adopt Ordinance 2189 amending Section 2-36 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to addressing the City Council**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adopt Permanent Resolution 23-134 authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Deed Dedicating portions of Fire Station 3 as Right-of-Way and Temporary Construction Easement**. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Hogg offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending the Dirt Road Policy to include Stabilizing Dirt Roads within the City Limits of the City of Northport.

President Hogg offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article II of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to Fireworks.

President offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to a Travel Policy for Elected Officials.

President Hogg offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 1314 10th Street.

President Hogg offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance Ordering the Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 4104 Hwy 43 N.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adopt Resolution 22-135 Re-Appointing Mr. Terry Woods to the Northport Civil Service Board for a six (6) year term expiring on July 31, 2029**. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Bobo to **adopt Resolution 23-136 Authorizing the Human Resource Department to offer health insurance coverage to elected officials during their term of office, if the elected official requests such health coverage, and if the entire cost of the premium is paid solely by the elected official**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Bobo to **adopt Resolution 23-137 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a computer-aided dispatch system for the Police Department**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Bobo to **adopt Resolution 23-138 Authorizing Water Service Outside of City Limits to be provided to Mr. Eric Davis for property located at 14752 Acker Road, pursuant to the conditions in the resolution**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt Resolution 23-139 Authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with the State of Alabama for the MLK Improvements Project, Phase I (Bridge). Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt Resolution 23-140 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Right-of-Way Use Agreement with Billy's Sports Bar and Grill. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt Resolution 23-141 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with ST Bunn Construction, Inc. to place two speed tables and striping on 30th Street. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, Second by Pro Tem Bobo to adopt Resolution 23-142 Authorizing the Application in the State of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for the Homeland Security Grant for the fiscal year 2023. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt Resolution 23-143 Accepting the National Fitness Campaign in the amount of \$50,000 and the matching funds currently estimated at up to \$200,000 will come from a combination of local dollars and sponsorship proceeds, the City of Northport will commit to encouraging healthy lifestyles in the community through the implementation and use of the affordable outdoor fitness court, and the authorized grant representatives can submit and execute and all documentation related to the grant. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, Second by Pro Tem Bobo to approve the Consent Agenda for the July 24, 2023, Council Meeting as printed:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting- Ms. Webb
2. Bill Listing- Ms. Webb
3. PO Requisition, Reimbursement of Paramedic School Costs, Nicholas Brown, \$6,048.00- Chief Marshall
4. PO Requisition, Hardware and Software Purchase for the Flex (Spillman) Nutanix Cluster, CDWG, \$163,695.00- Mr. Murphy
5. PO Requisition, SCADA Software License Renewal/Upgrade, Electric Machine Control, Inc., \$10,931.31- Mr. Turner
6. PO Requisition, Mobile Read System, Empire Pipe & Supply, \$7,975.00- Mr. Turner
7. PO Requisition, Metro Jail Bill, Tuscaloosa County Commission, \$51,892.50- Chief Burton
8. PO Requisition, Meal Reimbursement, Lt. Burgett, \$135.97- Chief Burton
9. PO Requisition, Meal Reimbursement, Chief Burton, \$206.49- Chief Burton

Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were **no** Public Hearings items on the agenda for the **Engineering Department.**

There were **no** Public Hearings items on the agenda for the **Legal Department.**

There was **one** item under Public Hearings for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.

President Hogg Opened the Floor for a Public Hearing for Agenda Item, 11c1, 2nd Reading, Ordinance of Conditional Use Approval for Outside Storage of Equipment Located at 1786 Harper Road.

There were no citizens to address Mayor and Council for this Public Hearing.

President Hogg Closed the Floor for a Public Hearing for Agenda Item, 11c1, 2nd Reading, Ordinance of Conditional Use Approval for Outside Storage of Equipment Located at 1786 Harper Road.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adopt Ordinance 2190 for Conditional Use for Outside Storage of Equipment for a business located at 1786 Harper Road**. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There were **no** Public Hearings items on the agenda for the **Police Department**.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

City Administrator Webb reminded everyone of the Groove & Grub taking place on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023, 5:30-9:00 pm at the Riverside Track.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton, Mayor Hinton stated his thoughts on the Northport Community Center and the unrest amongst citizens. He admitted he sees the emotional ties that many citizens have to the Northport Community Center; however, he also understands the Council's stance on trying to move Northport forward, to grown in positive ways. He said the park issue is not as simple as it seems. He informed the crowd that Ms. Webb and President Hogg had recently met with members of the Civitan Park discussing ways to grow and improve the park and possible adding a children's playground. He feels the park is secure and will continue to serve as a Northport landmark. He noted many positive remarks on the Hasson Center and its role in the community. He added that between the Water Park, Adventure Park, and Sportsplex, there will be over 450 acres of green space preserved. something the City should be proud of. Mayor Hinton stated he had consulted with Mr. Ron Davis, the City's attorney, revealing he was considering a veto on the recently passed resolution repealing Resolution 93-29. Mr. Davis came back to Mayor Hinton and stated that this could end up in a legal challenge. Mayor Hinton expressed his plan to the crowd; he stated he planned to veto the sell of the Northport Community Center park property located on Park Street. He said he feels it is the right thing to do.

Pro Tem Bobo, District 1- Pro Tem Bobo reminded everyone of the upcoming Groove & Grub which will take place on August 3rd. She also requested everyone join in prayer for Mr. Terry Woods who just lost his wife. She also noted the movement being seen in downtown on Phase 2 of the Downtown Streetscape. She stated it is in a 100-day working contract which began on May 18th.

Councilman Washington, District 2- Councilman Washington was absent from tonight's meeting.

Councilman Wiggins, District 3- Councilman Wiggins announced that work on Watermelon Road will begin this fall.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4- Councilwoman Dykes was absent from tonight's meeting.

President Hogg, District 5- President Hogg announced that rescheduling September meeting dates will need to be discussed at next meeting. He would like to vote on this when Councilman Washington and Councilwoman Dykes are back.

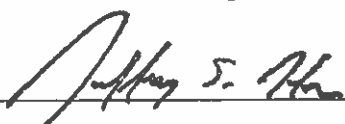
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Motion by President Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adjourn the meeting**. Roll call was as follows: President Hogg, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Jeff Hogg, President

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator