

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on May 20, 2019, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by President Logan. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Councilman Roberts, Councilman Hinton, Councilman Davis, and Pro Tem Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the agenda for May 20, 2019**. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Visitors to Address to Council:

Mr. Jamie Lake, 11104 Patton Circle, Northport, AL, 35475, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding education and our County Schools, mainly improving our education system. Mr. Lake stated that one of the first things an industry looks at when contemplating coming to an area is the performance of the school systems. This impacts whether the industry brings jobs or investment into an area. Tuscaloosa County and Northport are no different. The students need to be prepared. Mr. Lake firmly believes that all citizens are impacted by the decisions the school board makes. Mr. Lake and his family attended the meeting tonight to announce that he has qualified as a candidate for the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education, District 2, in the Republican Primary. It will be held on March 03, 2020. District 2 covers a very large portion of Tuscaloosa County and Northeastern Tuscaloosa County. It covers about 15,000 residents and 2,600 students that attend the 13 schools that consist of the Tuscaloosa County High and Northside High feeder school systems. Mr. Lake stated that he and his family did not take this decision lightly or hastily and they had been thinking about it for quite some time. He stated they had consulted with countless city leaders, teachers, counselors, parents, teachers, school bus drivers, and everyone else that has concerns about the school systems and the direction moving forward. The main focus is wanting what is the best possible education for the children of our area. Mr. Lake expressed that his campaign would be focusing on 5 critical points: 1. School safety 2. more efficient grade structures and class sizes 3. Financial management, budgeting, & savings 4. Improved High School Attendance 5. Training Opportunities and Support for our Teachers

If anyone needs any information on the campaign, it can be found at www.jlakeforboe2.com or Mr. Lake can be contacted at jlakeforboe@gmail.com.

Mr. Andrew Thomas, of Al Muqit Shrine Temple #221, addressed Mayor and Council and cordially invited them to the Annual 2019 Diabetes Walk being held at Matthews Elementary School on June 1, 2019 at 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Literature will be handed out on diabetes and other illnesses that plague people in the south. He invited everyone to come out and put on their walking shoes.

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Permanent Resolution 19-61 Accepting Maintenance for Municipal Public Improvements in Grand Pointe Subdivision, Phase 4A**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to **grant the request of Ordinance 1999 rezoning approximately .66 acres located North of 10th Street and West of Main Avenue from RS-3 to O/I Office Institutional**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Annexation of 3 acres located at 9309 Cleveland Road.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Rezoning from RS-SD to C-2 located North of McFarland and East of Hunter Creek Road.

Pro Tem Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Annexation of approximately 186 acres located West of Rose Boulevard, East of Mount Olive Road, and one and a half miles North of McFarland Boulevard.

Councilman Davis offered for 1st Reading, Rezoning of approximately 186 acres located West of Rose Boulevard, East of Mount Olive Road, and one and a half miles North of McFarland Boulevard.

Motion by Councilman Roberts, Second by Councilman Davis to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 06, 2019 Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, April 19, 2019, Special Called Meeting, May 06, 2019, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Maintenance Training Class, June 7, 2019, Montgomery, AL., \$100.00-PD
4. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Training Management & Risk Mitigation for SWAT, Sept. 9-11, 2019, Hoover, AL., \$349.00- PD
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, NCIC Certification, June 19-20, 2019, Montgomery, AL., \$0-PD
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, CPS Basic P2PInvestigations, July 29-31, 2019, Tuscaloosa, AL., \$0-PD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Advanced Forensics Training, June 4-14, 2019, Hoover, AL., \$0-PD
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Cryptocurrencies, May 20-24, 2019, Hoover, AL., \$0-PD
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Basic Network Investigation Training, May 20-24, 2019, Hoover, AL., \$0-PD
10. PO Requisition, Professional Engineering Services, Varnon Engineering, Inv. #44, \$7,120.00-Eng
11. PO Requisition, Public Works Yearly Work Boots, Ervin's, \$8,080.41-PW
12. PO Requisition, Chlorine for Water Treatment Plant, Harcros Chemicals, Inc., \$7,470.00-Utilities
13. Travel/Training, 3 employees, WaterJam Conference, July 28th-31st, 2019, Mobile, AL., \$3,249.75- Utilities
14. PO Requisition, GIS Services-April 2019, West Alabama Regional Commission, \$2,490.00-Admin
15. Travel/Training, 1 employee, EDAA Summer Training Conference, Aug. 4-7, 2019, Orange Beach, AL., \$1,275.00-Admin
16. Travel/Training, Designing for Accessibility Under ADA Standards, June 5, 2019, Birmingham, AL., \$289.00-Planning
17. PO Requisition, 1st Herbicide Spraying on the Levee, EDKO, \$7,185.42-PW

Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Administrative Committee

Before voting on the Employee Handbook, Councilman Roberts wanted to clarify a few points. He stated that any minor changes such grammatical changes or wording changes would be brought before the Administrative Committee and discussed through them. Any major policy changes would be brought before the Mayor and Council and vote on before Council.

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to approve the adoption of Resolution 19-62 of the City of Northport Employee Handbook effective July 1, 2019.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem, Hogg. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Retail Committee

Pro Tem Hogg stated Planet Fitness would be opening their 3rd location at Beeker Properties East of City Hall at the Old Salvation Army location.

Public Comment:

Ms. Tamaría Madison, 4412 Northwood Lake Drive West, Northport, AL., addressed Mayor and Council wanting to know if there could be speed bumps in front of her home. President Logan deferred this issue to the Engineering Department. She is concerned of speeding in front of her home. It is a safety issue.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Aaron, None

Councilman Roberts, District 1, None

President Logan, District 2, None

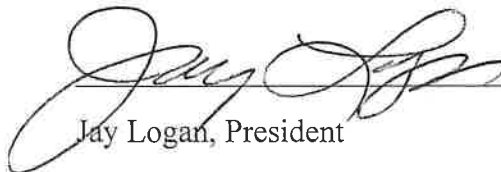
Councilman Hinton, District 3, None

Councilman Davis, District 4, Councilman Davis thanked all who were involved in the Northport Heritage Luncheon. This year's luncheon was very special to him since his father was honored; his father will turn 90 on June 4th.

Councilman Hogg, District 5, Councilman Hogg would start the process of looking at our current City Hall. City Hall needs to be cleaned up and follow the same code and regulations as other business owners. City Hall needs a fresh new look.

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator