

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2023, at** Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL, 35476, in the Council Chambers. The invocation was offered by President Hogg who also led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Hogg, Pro Tem Bobo, Councilman Washington, Councilman Wiggins, and Councilwoman Dykes. Also present at tonight's meeting, City Administrator Webb. Mayor Hinton was absent from tonight's meeting.

President Hogg and Councilman Washington presented Alexzia Winn and Alexis Crosby-Harris a proclamation recognizing June as **Vitiligo Awareness Month** in the City of Northport.

Motion by President Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve the agenda for the June 19, 2023, Council meeting, with the addition of item 9b7, Awarding Bid to GFC Construction for the Warrior Sports and Recreational Complex; Deletion of 11c1, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 612 30th Avenue, and addition of an Executive Session discussing Pending Litigation.** Roll call was as follows: President Hogg, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and Councilwoman Dykes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Ms. Paige Spencer and **Ms. Kathryn Evans**, 2110 Bellwood Drive, Northport, AL, voiced her alarm and distress concerning the RFP awarded to Beeker Properties to tear down the City's beloved Northport Community Center, park, and greenspace, located on Lurleen Wallace. She stated her reason for addressing Council was simple and heartfelt; do not sell the Park Street Lurleen Wallace Property. Ms. Spencer and her daughter, Kathryn, pleaded with Council to reconsider this decision. Ms. Spencer expressed the idea of preserving the park and community center should still be an option. She informed Council that the Community Center would be 70 next month, the Northport Community Center is in the heart of our community. In 2015, the citizens spoke in opposition of a Krispy Kreme in place of this community center. Again, the citizens are speaking out. Ms. Spencer gave details of all the events that take place at this community center and how many people gather at the center and park each week. She pleaded with the Council to please save the park.

Ms. Sandra Barnidge, 1538 Bellwood Lane, Northport, AL, made Council aware of a petition that she had launched. She wanted the Council to know that the residents and visitors of the downtown area are already speaking in a clear and overwhelming voice. This voice is consistent with the community's extraordinary efforts to save the park back in 2015. Again, still, the community does not want to sell the Northport park. Ms. Barnidge believes that Northport does not need to lose this park to build more. She asked the Council to please save the park.

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adopt Permanent Resolution 23-119 accepting maintenance for municipal public improvements for property located at Magnolia Hills Subdivision, Phase V.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **adopt Resolution 23-120 authorizing the Engineering Department to apply to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for Municipal Storm Water Project Funding.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Pro Tem Bobo to **adopt Resolution 23-121 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Master Services Agreement for professional services and to authorize Task Order Directives 1 and 2 from TTL, Inc. for the Adventure Park.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **adopt Resolution 23-122 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a proposal for geotechnical services with TTL, Inc. for the new Public Works Building.** Roll call was as follows: Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; 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 23-123 authorizing the City Administrator to approve expenditures to the General Obligation Warrants, Series 2023. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to adopt the resolution authorizing water service outside of city limits to be provided to Mrs. Courtney McIntosh for property located at 13777 Hwy. 171, pursuant to the conditions in the resolution. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, No; Councilman Washington, No; Pro Tem Bobo, No; Councilwoman Dykes, No; and President Hogg, No. **Motion Does Not Carry.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to adopt Resolution 23-124 authorizing water service outside of the city limits to be provided to Mr. Roger Morrison for multiple properties located on Bone Camp Road, pursuant to the conditions in the resolution. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington to adopt Resolution 23-125 authorizing the City Administrator to award bid GFC Construction, Inc. for the Warrior Sports and Recreational Complex, Earthwork Stockpile Project, in the amount of \$410,806.53. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington to approve the Consent Agenda for the June 19, 2023, Council Meeting as printed:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, June 5, 2023, Regular Meeting- Ms. Webb
2. Bill Listing- Ms. Webb
3. PO Requisition, Meal Reimbursement for Ron Davis, Mediation for City of Northport vs. Eddie Kane Steel, \$64.50- Ron Davis
4. PO Requisition, ESRI Renewal for ArcGIS Subscription, Engineering, \$11,715.00- Tera Tubbs
5. PO Requisition, Meal Reimbursement, Assistant Chief Carpenter, \$32.90- Chief Burton
6. PO Requisition, PW Employee Boots, Ervins, \$9,251.40- Brooke Starnes

Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, 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 were two Public Hearings items on the agenda for the Planning & Inspection Department:

Item 11c1, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 612 30th Avenue, was deleted upon approval of agenda.

President Hogg Opened the floor for a Public Hearing for agenda item 11c2, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 6800 5th Street.

There were no visitors to address Council regarding agenda item 11c2.

President Hogg Closed the floor for a Public Hearing for agenda item 11c2, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 6800 5th Street.

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Council Wiggins **to adopt Ordinance 2188 Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 6800 5th Street.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, 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 that July Council Meeting dates have been moved to July 10th and July 24th. This was voted on during the June 5th Council Meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton, Mayor Hinton was absent from tonight’s meeting.

Pro Tem Bobo, District 1- Councilwoman Bobo thanked Ms. Spencer and Ms. Barnidge for attending tonight’s meeting; she appreciated the way they information was being gathered and information being conveyed. Pro Tem Bobo encouraged citizens to attend the Visioning Meeting, which will be held on June 26th and focusing on the topic of recreation.

Councilman Washington, District 2- Councilman Washington prefaced the motion with a brief account of historical events and recent events to provide context for the motion. He recounted numerous recent personal attacks against him and others on social media, explaining that he was aware that those personal attacks come from a small number of people, 3% versus 97% of people. Councilman Washington called on City Attorney Ron Davis to provide background information on Councilman Washington’s involvement with revitalizing the Hasson Community Center, as some of the personal attacks stemmed from that involvement. Councilman Washington noted that he did not want others to experience targeted personal attacks and bullying and that he believed that the additional unanimity requirements in the 1993 resolution created a situation that fostered such behavior. Councilman Washington noted that in 1993, social media did not exist.

Councilman Washington offered for a 1st Reading, Resolution Repealing Permanent Resolution 93-029 Requiring a Unanimous Vote of the City Council and the Mayor's Approval to Sell Certain City Property Now Being Used For Recreational Property.

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to review budgetary impact of adding a paid holiday, Juneteenth, for the 2024, review all options to celebrate this holiday, survey all city employees, and the report to be provided back to council no later than the first City Council meeting in August 2023.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Wiggins, District 3- Councilman Wiggins reminded citizens he would be holding a District 3 meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, with focus on concerns, challenges, and citizens. This event will take place at Daystar Family Church, 3975 Watermelon Road, Northport, AL., from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please make plans to attend.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4- Councilwoman Dykes had no official business to discuss for District 4.

President Hogg, District 5- President Hogg had no official business for District 5. He reminded those in attendance that Council would be going straight into an Executive Session.

Motion by President Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation. The session should take no longer than 30 minutes (thirty minutes). It is anticipated that the Council will not take action after the Executive Session is concluded. Staff members are dismissed.** Roll call was as follows: President Hogg, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; and Councilwoman Dykes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

Council reconvened into Regular Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m. with no action needing to be taken.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Council reconvened into Regular Council Meeting at 6:49 p.m. with no action needing to be taken.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.