

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on May 06, 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 President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to **approve the agenda for May 06, 2019.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Aaron presented Officer Terry Carroll's Retirement Recognition on behalf of the Police Department and the City of Northport.

Mayor Aaron presented a proclamation to the Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight. Mr. Jordan Plaster, flight chairman, presented the City of Northport with a print and spoke about the important role the City plays in this endeavor.

#### **Visitors to Address to Council:**

**Mr. Ed Michalek**, 11415 Evergreen Avenue, Northport, Alabama addressed Mayor and Council regarding an issue he experienced at his home while trying to build a swimming pool in his backyard. He stated he and his wife moved to Northport from Chicago to be near their grown daughter and their grandchildren. They are retired. When looking for a home, they wanted a home that had a large enough back yard for a pool. They thought they had found the perfect home. Once they purchased the home and had contracted out Paradise Pools to begin the process of building the pool, they ran into problems. Paradise Pools started digging and ran into 10-14 large logs and then started running into water. The only solution to this problem was to pay someone to come out and evaluate the situation. Mr. Michalek stated that he and his wife are on a budget and they cannot afford that. He feels Northport is an up and coming community and the leaders in this City are doing a great job. He would encourage the leaders to watch the builders, He hopes that other residents do not have to experience what he and his wife experienced. He stated that it would have been better if a Code Enforcement Officer would have visited the property to see exactly what was going on. It would have been easier to swallow. Watch the builders and if they do not follow the code, the builders need to be fined.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Permanent Resolution 1952 fixing the cost of the demolition and authorizing the filing of a lien at 5121 Northwood Lake Drive West.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Permanent Resolution 1953 fixing the cost of the demolition and authorizing the filing of a lien for the property located at 1313 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **grant the request of Ordinance 1998 rezoning approximately 3.9 acres located at Smithfield Boulevard and Hwy 43 North from RS-1 to RS-SD.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Pro Tem Hogg offered for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Permanent Resolution Accepting Maintenance for Municipal Public Improvements in Grand Pointe Subdivision, Phase 4A.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **approve Resolution 19-54 appointing Mr. Martin Naugher to the Ability Alliance Board of West Alabama with Mr. Naugher's term expiring in May 2025.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 19-55 authorizing the City Administrator to renew the agreement with NetMotion for the yearly maintenance agreement for the Mobility Mobile VPN Software and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents and requisitions pertaining to this agreement.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan and President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Resolution 19-56 declaring certain vehicles surplus and authorizing their disposal and donation of 1 of the surplus vehicles to Stillman College for their specific use as intended.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 19-57 awarding the bid for WWTP SCADA Software and Hardware Improvements to Electronic Machine Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$74,641.92, and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents and requisitions and requisitions needed to proceed with the upgrades.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hinton, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Hinton, **Second** Councilman Roberts to **adopt Resolution 19-58 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for Construction, Engineering, and Inspection Services for the Union Chapel Road Improvements Project STPOA-0069(536) and to execute and necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said documents.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **approve the Consent Agenda for the May 06, 2019 Council Meeting.**

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**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes, April 15, 2019, Regular Meeting,
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Share of Tuscaloosa County EMA Building Expenses, \$216,191.07-Admin
4. PO Requisition, Pay Request 1 for the FY 2019 City-Wide Street Resurfacing Project, Mallory Burkhalter Paving, Inc., \$152,840.67-Engineering
5. PO Requisition, Actuarial Valuation Report, Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting, \$5,000.00 -Finance
6. PO Requisition, six headrest printer kits, Pinnacle Networx, \$3,843.00-PD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Human Trafficking 101 Training, May 08, 2019, Abbeville, AL., \$0-PD
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Basic Mobile Device Investigations, June 3-7, 2019, Hoover, AL., \$0 -PD
9. PO Requisition, Pump Station Generator Maintenance/Repairs, Rick's Service Co., \$10,000.00-Utilities
10. PO Requisition, Replacement Motor for Meadowlake PS Bypass Pump, Warrior Tractor, \$13,043.75- Utilities
11. Travel/Training, 20 employees, ARWA Maintenance of Valves and Tanks Training, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, Northport, AL., \$0-Utilities
12. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Wastewater Operator Certification Course, Irondale, AL., \$975.00- Utilities
13. PO Requisition, MLK Jr. Blvd Improvements, Invoice # 16, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$42,272.00- Engineering
14. PO requisition, 2019 City-Wide Resurfacing Project, Invoice # 2, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$11,706.00- Engineering
15. PO Requisition, Hunter Creek Drainage Improvements, Dominion Construction, \$42,700.00-PW
16. PO Requisition, Tapping Supplies, Ferguson Enterprises, \$8,306.29-Utilities

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

**Reports of Special Committees:**

Administrative Committee- Councilman Roberts stated next Tuesday, May 14, 2019 the Administrative Committee will meet to review the final draft of the HR manual. The final draft is in edit. The Mayor and Council will be provided the final draft for review before the May 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**City Administrator's Business:**

**Motion** by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to **adopt Resolution 1959 authorizing the Human Resources Department to take the necessary steps to begin the search for a Finance Director.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Resolution 1960 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into and negotiate a consulting agreement with Ms. April Hoffman.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Abstained; Councilman Abstained, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried.** President Logan wanted it to be on the record that he abstained not because of a personal reason but because he feels this is "opening a can of worms" from the HR perspective."

**Public Comment:**

**Mr. Stephen Schwab**, 2520 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Northport, Alabama, stated he found out through a fellow citizen of Northport about the recycling bin pick-up from Public Works on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schwab said the information was communicated to the public through the Northport Gazette in which he did not receive. He suggested the information be conveyed through the monthly utility bill. Mr. Schwab went on to say that he sat his bins out this morning, Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the day his weekly trash ran, and his recycling bins were not picked up. He questioned whether he should leave his bins out or should he take them in?

President Logan encouraged Mr. Schwab to leave the bins out. He also stated that the program was new and there would be a learning curve. Councilman Roberts also indicated the information regarding recycling bin pick-up had been posted on the City's website for at least 5 months.

**Mr. Ronnie Lett**, 13590 Rajenal Forest Road, Northport, Alabama, thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to time to speak this evening. Mr. Lett addressed the Council regarding the new school being proposed in Northport. Mr. Lett stated he has 44-years experience in the school system. He has 29-year experience at Tuscaloosa County High, some as Choral Director, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Mr. Lett indicated he knows what is going on in the school system, even in retirement he still serves as a substitute teacher in the system. He detailed he had 2 grown children who had graduated from Tuscaloosa County High and has 4 grandchildren who are in the Tuscaloosa County School system. 2 feeder schools coming into County High continue to cause problems the first 6 months of every school year. There are still issues with students coming together being Wildcats. Talk of two 4-year middle schools, Mr. Lett stated he is totally opposed to this idea. He likes the idea of 7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> graders in the same building and making Wildcats out of them rather than doing this in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Everything needs continuity. Mr. Lett declared that Tuscaloosa County High is his heart and life. If any of the Council have any questions, Mr. Lett invited them to give him a call to discuss the ideas further. He thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak.

**Mr. Chuck Gerdau**, 3909 Northwood Lake Drive West, Northport, Alabama, Mr. Gerdau provided Council with the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and will be providing the 1998 Comprehensive Plan. He also stated that when searching for the previously stated plans, he came across the 2007 City of Northport Street Plan. Mr. Gerdau questioned Mayor and Council about the job description of Finance Director that was posted on the City's website earlier today. He wanted to know if they would be going with the job description that was currently posted on the website or if the job description would be updated? City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham responded to Mr. Gerdau stating he was not certain of the exact date of approval but was aware that it was approved by the Civil Service Board. Mr. Gerdau replied that when the previous director was hired, CPA certification was not a requirement. President Logan interjected that Mr. Rose, the HR Director, could offer insight to some of Mr. Gerdau's questions. Mr. Rose stated on December 11, 2017, the Civil Service Board approved the job description and that April Hoffman, the previous Finance Director, restructured her entire department and included her position in that with approval from the board. That was the updated job description that the board approved. Mr. Gerdau questioned if department head descriptions were approved by the Civil Service Board and not by the Council? President Logan confirmed this by stating all department heads are civil service protected.

Mr. Gerdau reviewed over details of the Friends of Historic Northport Annual Heritage Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on May 17, 2019 from 11:30-1:00 pm with Mr. Irby as the speaker of this year's luncheon.

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**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, None**

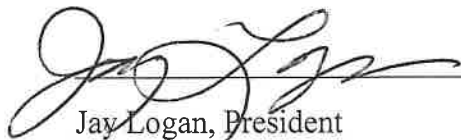
**Councilman Hogg, District 5, None**

**Motion** by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to adjourn the meeting Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. to discuss potential retail development.** 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.**

The Council reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

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

**There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.**

  
Jay Logan, President

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Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator