

The regular called meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, December 11, 2023**, at Northport Police Department, 3721 26th Avenue, Northport, AL, 35473, in the courtroom. 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, Councilman Washington, Councilman Wiggins, and Councilwoman Dykes. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb.

There were no presentations at tonight's meeting.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to approve the agenda for the December 11, 2023, Council meeting with the addition of item 9b10, Rescinding Resolution 23-118 Authorizing Tentative Award of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Purchase of the Northport Community Center and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Exclusive Dealings Agreement with Beeker Property Group, and addition of item 9b11, Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Sign Agreement Between Northport and Kentuck for the 2024 Festival and Funding.** 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.**

There were no visitors to address the Council at tonight's meeting.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adopt Ordinance 2213 adopting the fiscal year 2024 General Fund Capital Budget.** 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 Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adopt Resolution 23- 227 amending the Vacation Accrual Policy.** 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 Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adopt Resolution 23-228 authorizing the City Administrator to bind insurance coverage for the City of Northport.** 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 Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adopt Resolution 23-229 authorizing the renewal with ACE American Insurance Company in the amount of \$14,820.00 for Firefighter Cancer Insurance.** 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 Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adopt Resolution 23- 230 authorizing the Mayor to renew the Waste Disposal Service Agreement with the Black Warrior Solid Waste Disposal Authority.** 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 Resolution 23-231 authorizing water service outside the city limits to be provided to Ms. Ashley Albritton-Spear for property located at 15145 Bethabara 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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to adopt Resolution 23-232 Authorizing the City Administrator to Select and Negotiate Scope and Fee with The Cassady Company for the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation (Flatwoods Road and 68th Avenue) Project.** 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.**

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Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to adopt Resolution 23-233 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a proposal with TTL, Inc. for professional design services on the 5th Street Resurfacing and Pedestrian Improvements Project in the amount of \$526,439.73.** 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 Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adopt Resolution 23-234 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with TTL, Inc. for construction materials testing and special inspections for the public works building addition in the amount of \$13,210.00.** 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 Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adopt Resolution 23-235 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the American Rescue Plan funds for the Highway 82 Pump Station Project in the amount of \$3,554,983.00.** 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 Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to adopt Resolution 23-236 Rescinding Resolution 23-118 Authorizing Tentative Award of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Purchase of the Northport Community Center.** 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 December 11, 2023, Council Meeting as printed:**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, November 28, 2023, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. PO Requisition, Asphalt repair at 30th Avenue & 39th Street, PM Paving, LLC,
4. \$5,100.00- Mr. Webb
5. PO Requisition, Travel Reimbursement for 2023 Winter Clerks Conference, Kim Braughton, \$120.86- Mr. Davis
6. PO Requisition, Travel Reimbursement for 2023 Winter Clerks Conference, Ron Davis, \$299.28- Mr. Davis
7. PO Requisition, Diffusers and Connectors for Aeration Basin at WWTP, Parkson Corporation, \$6,733.00- Mr. Webb
8. PO Requisition, PD Spillman Flex Equipment and Evidence Management,
9. \$7,765.47- Chief Burton
10. PO Requisition, First Net Responders Phones, \$7,035.00- Chief Burton

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.**

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There were no reports from Special Committees given at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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

There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.

There was **one** item under Public Hearings for the **Police Department**.

President Hogg opened the floor for a Public Hearing for Agenda Item, 11d1, Approving or Denying the ABC License for JPAN Farms, Inc. at 4300 Hwy 43, Northport, AL 35473.

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, 11d1, Approving or Denying the ABC License for JPAN Farms, Inc. at 4300 Hwy 43, Northport, AL 35473.

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to approve the ABC License for JPAN Farms, Inc. located at 4300 Hwy 43, Northport, AL 35473.** 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.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

City Administrator Webb announced a reminder of the City's 3rd annual Holiday Open House which will take place on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 pm. She reminded everyone this is a free event for the community.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to approve changing the scheduled January meetings from January 8th and 22nd to January 11th and 23rd with Council Committees meeting on the 11th.** 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.**

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Darren McGee, Finance Director, gave the Northport First Annual Report of Expenditures as required by code.

Ron Davis, City Attorney, gave a presentation on the status and developments of the Kentuck Arts Museum and Festival of the Arts.

City Attorney Ron Davis explained that Assistant City Attorney Chris Cunningham and he had met with Kentuck Board President Bobby Bragg and Kentuck's legal counsel Marland Hayes on November 14th. Mr. Bragg outlined the concerns of Kentuck with the original agency funding agreement that was provided to Kentuck in September. Mr. Davis explained to Mr. Bragg that some of the requests of Kentuck, including additional funding, would have to be voted on by the City Council and this could not occur until the December 11th Council meeting. The one- page agreement to be voted on tonight incorporates all of the requests by Mr. Bragg at the November meeting, including an increased agency funding amount of \$80,000. Mr. Davis expressed his surprise and disappointment that Kentuck elected to issue a press release in late November prior to giving the City Council an opportunity to respond to Kentuck's concerns.

After discussion by the City Council, Council President Hogg read the one-page agreement with the terms requested by Kentuck, then made the motion to pass the resolution with no modifications.

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Motion by President Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Bobo **to adopt resolution 23-237 authorizing the City Administrator to sign agreement on behalf of the City of Northport setting forth the commitment of Northport to Kentuck for the 2024 Festival Arts Center.** Roll call was as follows: President Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; and Councilwoman Dykes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton, Mayor Hinton expressed his thanks to staff for coming together and creating such a great community event with the Holiday Open House.

Pro Tem Bobo, District 1- Pro Tem Bobo thanked everyone who had already donated towards the Toys for Tots toy drive, but there is still time to donate if you have not had a chance. Please bring your toy before Thursday.

Councilman Washington, District 2- Councilman Washington thanked City staff for all they do and to take time this season to show appreciation and love to your loved ones.

Councilman Wiggins, District 3- Councilman Wiggins had no official business to discuss for District 3. He also noted he would be out of town on Thursday and unable to attend the Holiday Open House but he is sure it will be a great event.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4- Councilwoman Dykes encouraged everyone to come out on Thursday for the 3rd Annual Holiday Open House and to donate a toy for Toys for Tots.

President Hogg, District 5- President Hogg had no official business to discuss for tonight's meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.