

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, July 10, 2023**, at Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL, 35476, in the Council Chambers. The invocation was offered by Mayor Hogg 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.

Mayor Hinton presented a proclamation to Mr. David Northington recognizing **Bama Exterminating** as July Business of the Month.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve the agenda for the July 10, 2023, Council Agenda**. 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.**

Mr. Zach Stone, 4908 Oak Way, Northport, AL 35473, began with thanking the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak at tonight's meeting. Mr. Stone stated he felt after last Council meeting, he needed to come and speak to the Council. He said that Mayor and Council request citizens to follow the rules and be polite for making their voices heard but it does not feel as though Mayor and Council are holding themselves accountable to the same rules. He implored Mayor and Council to lead well and make the right decisions. He requested that Mayor and Council do right by the citizens and honor the citizens, vote against repealing Resolution 93-029.

Ms. Amy LeePard, 2315 7th Street, Northport, AL 35476, addressed the Council making them aware of all the signatures obtained on the petition repealing Resolution 93-029. She stated that 8 years ago the citizens spoke out against the park being developed for a Krispy Kreme. She feels the citizens are speaking out in a clear manner, showing their love for the park and well used places in the City. She revealed the only changes that have taken place in the last eight years for the citizens' attitude and feelings towards the park is that another generation of citizens have fallen in love with the park and as a gathering space. She feels there has been a tremendous amount of misleading information thrown around by the public and the Council on this matter. She stated it is a diversely used space, a gathering space for people of our community. It is a well-loved space. The people of Northport are asking that Mayor and Council to retain the space and retain it as a park. She also requested that Hasson Center, Kentuck Park, and Civitan Park to be retained as the City's park and community center.

Mr. Travis Clayton Moore, 11446 Forest Glen Blvd., Northport, AL 35475, addressed Mayor and Council with his opposition of repealing Resolution 93-029. Mr. Moore thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak at tonight's meeting. He stated the community has become more divided over the sell of the Northport Community Center. Many citizens are reaching out to express their opposition in the sale of the community center. Mr. Moore gave a short summary of how the repeal of Resolution 93-029 can impact the Northport Community Center. Mr. Moore encouraged Mayor and Council to listen to their constituents and to please keep Resolution 93-029 in place.

Mr. Walter Poole, 3001 Paddlecreek Lane, Northport, AL, stated he was a decorated war veteran. 1. Mr. Poole has issues with the way decisions are made within the City of Northport. He stated that decisions should be made by public referendum, not by a group of 6 individuals who conform to those that donate to their campaigns.

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adopt Permanent Resolution 23-126 repealing Resolution 93-029 requiring unanimous vote of the City Council and the Mayor's approval to sell certain city property being used for recreational purposed**. 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.**

Pro Tem Bobo offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance of Conditional Use of Approval for Outside Storage of Equipment located at 1786 Harper Road.

Councilman Washington offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance to Reduce the Corporate Limits and Establish the Boundaries Located at 517 Martin Road East.

Councilwoman Dykes offered for a 1st Reading, Ordinance of Conditional Use Approval to Locate an Auto Service Station in a C-3 General Commercial Zoning District Located at 1200 Mitt Lary Road.

Councilman Wiggins offered for a 1st Reading, Amending Section 2-36 of the Northport Municipal Code Pertaining to Addressing the City Council.

Pro Tem Bobo offered for a 1st Reading, Permanent Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Deed Dedicating Certain Property at Right-of-Way and Temporary Construction Easement.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, Second by Councilman Washington to adopt Resolution 23-127 awarding a contract to Jackson Security Services for Security Upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant, and hereby authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents to proceed with the contract. 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 23-128 authorizing water service outside of city limits to be provided to Mr. Cameron Taylor for property located at 16202 Hwy. 171, to pursuant to the conditions in the resolution. 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 23-129 ratifying the acceptance of the grant award from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the Alabama Recycling Fund grants in the amount of \$292,638.06 for the fiscal year 2024. 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 Wiggins, Second by Councilman Washington to adopt Resolution 23-130 ratifying the acceptance of the grant award from the Department of Homeland Security for the Fiscal Year 2022 Assistance of Firefighters Grant, in the amount of \$658,326.00 with a \$59,847.88 match by the City. 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 23-131 allocating the reallocation of \$25,000 from Grant Match funding to Educational Grants for the TCHS Jumbotron. 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 Councilman Wiggins to adopt Resolution 23-132 ratifying the acceptance of the grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation of the Safe Streets for All grant in the amount of \$192,000 with a \$48,000 required match by the City. 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 23-133 authorizing the City Administrator to award bid to 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: 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 approve the Consent Agenda for the July 10, 2023, Council Meeting as printed:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, June 19, 2023, Regular Meeting- Ms. Webb
2. Bill Listing- Ms. Webb
3. PO Requisition, Annual Website Hosting, CivicPlus, LLC., IT, \$56,761.56- Mr. Murphy
4. PO Requisition, New Pump for Upper Smooth Creek Pump Station, Hunnicutt, Inc., \$15,801.18- Mr. Webb
5. PO Requisition, PW Traffic Controller, Shell Mount, and EOS Software, Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems, \$7,700.00- Ms. Starnes
6. PO Requisition, APX 8000 Portable Radio, Motorola Solutions, \$10,511.61- Chief Burton
7. PO Requisition, Meal Reimbursement, Officer Brown, \$38.19- Chief Burton
8. PO Requisition, Meal Reimbursement, Lt. Glenn, \$90.84- Chief Burton
9. PO Requisition, Meal Reimbursement, Chief Burton, \$176.05- Chief Burton
10. PO Requisition, Mini Split Condenser, P & C Southern Solutions, \$6,101.66- Ms. Webb
11. PO Requisition, Utilities Employee Boots, Ervin's Workwear and Boots, \$5,261.68- Mr. Webb

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.**

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 for the Planning & Inspection Department.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

City Administrator Webb reminded everyone of the Groove & Grub taking this Thursday, July 13 from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Riverside Track. DCH will be joining us offering Free Health Screens with Tuscaloosa One Place.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton, Mayor Hinton thanked Savannah Nelson for her outstanding work helping the City secure over 1 million dollars in grants.

Pro Tem Bobo, District 1- Councilwoman Bobo also thanked Ms. Savannah Nelson for her hard work in securing granting funding for the City of Northport. She also reminded everyone that Groove & Grub would be taking place on July 13th. She stated that if citizens have any specific concerns on potholes, in District 1, please email her.

Councilman Washington, District 2- Councilman Washington informed everyone the Ribbon Cutting for the Boys and Girls would take place on July 12th at the Hasson Center, 1513 12th Street. He also stated that right of way acquisition is beginning on MLK Blvd in Northport.

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Councilman Wiggins, District 3- Councilman Wiggins announced the bid for the Watermelon Road would be hopefully begin within 90 days after July 28th.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4- Councilwoman Dykes thanked everyone that has reached out over the last few weeks. She stated her appreciation for those that have reached out, whether those are for or against the park.

President Hogg, District 5- President Hogg had no official business for District 5. He reminded everyone that the Boys and Girls Club could really use donations if anyone feels led to donate.

Motion by Councilman Washington, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adjourn the meeting. 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 being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Jeff Hogg, President

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator