

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, January 11, 2024** at Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL, 35476, in the Council Chambers. The invocation was offered by Mayor Hinton and Pro Tem Bobo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Pro Tem Bobo, Councilman Washington, and Councilman Wiggins. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb. Absent from tonight's meeting and failing to vote, President Hogg and Councilwoman Dykes.

City Engineer, Tera Tubbs presented Council with a report of the Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax for FY 2023.

Mayor Hinton presented a proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness.

Mayor Hinton also presented a proclamation to Rob Colburn, recognizing January's Business of the Month, Northport Pharmacy.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve the agenda for the January 11, 2024, Council Agenda as printed.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve Resolution 24-01 Re-appointing a Member, Brooke Starnes, to the Black Warrior Solid Waste Authority with Ms. Starnes serving a 6 year term and her term expiring December 31, 2028.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to approve **Resolution 24-02 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 1 with Price Construction, Inc. for the Downtown Sidewalk and Streetscape Improvements Project Phase II.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve Resolution 24-03 Accepting Change Order #1 for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Repair Project.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve Resolution 24-04 declaring equipment as surplus.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve Resolution 24-05 Authorizing Water Service Outside of City Limits for Property Located at 14111 Bone Camp Road, property owners Mr. Gary Edge and Stephanie Edge.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve Resolution 24-06 Ratifying the Mayor's Signature on ADEM Consent Order No. 24-025-CWP and Authorize Payment for Assessed Penalty.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve Resolution 24-07 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with TTL, Inc. for the Downtown Sidewalk and Streetscape Phase III Project.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve Resolution 24-08 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with The Cassady Company for the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation (Flatwoods Road and 68th Avenue) Project.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve Resolution 24-09 authorizing the City of Northport to enter into an agreement with Medical Priority Consultants, Inc.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve Resolution authorizing purchase of Lots 111 and 112 in Green Village from Ms. Beverly Jones.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to **approve Resolution Establishing the Legislative Agenda of the City of Northport for the 2024 Session of the Alabama Legislature.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Offer Letter for Utility Easements at Applewood Drive.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Pro Tem Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve the Consent Agenda for the January 11, 2024, Council meeting as printed:**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1 Minutes, December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
- 2 Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
- 3 Purchase Order Request for E-ONE Rescue Pumper on a Typhoon Chassis, \$748,483.00 - Chief Bart Marshall
- 4 Purchase Order Request for one 2023 Exmark 48" Mower and one mulch kit, \$6,424.00 - Chief Bart Marshall
- 5 PO Requisition, Outsourced Legal Services, Trussell, Funderburg, Rea, Bell & Furgerson, PC, \$15,517.77 - Ron Davis
- 6 Purchase Order Request for Employee Reimbursement (Jacob Jones), \$160.00 - Chief Bart Marshall
- 7 Purchase Requisition - Annual Service for Alarm Units, Mission Communications, \$9,309.30 - John Webb
- 8 Purchase Requisition - WTP SCADA Improvements, Electric Machine Control, Inc., \$8,400.00 - John Webb
- 9 PO Requisition - Lightbars, Consoles, Etc. for Explorers - \$73,343.14 - Gerald Burton
- 10 PO Requisition, Adobe Software License Renewal, CDW, \$7,871.86 - IT - Scott Murphy
- 11 PO Requisition - Navigation Electronics, Inc. - \$13,443.49 - Tera Tubbs
- 12 PO Requisition, Software Subscription Renewal, Legal Files Software, Inc. \$5,724.00 - Ron Davis
- 13 P.O. Requisition, Annual Workman’s Compensation Premium, MWCF, \$237,598.00 - Joseph Rose

Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Pro Tem Bobo reported that \$500,000 had been allocated in Northport First Funds for Community Facilities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Engineering Department**.
- B. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
- C. There was one Public Hearing item on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
 - a. Pro Tem Bobo Opened the Floor for item 11b1
 - b. There was one speaker that addressed Council for item 11b1. Sheree Miller, 13579 Wheat Circle, Coker, Alabama 35452 (205-792-8668). Ms. Miller asked if this annexation was likely to now or down the road effect the subdivision Highview near the Fire Station and church. The Planning Director, Julie Ramm stated that it would not.
 - c. Pro Tem Bobo Closed the Floor for item 11b1

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, Second by Councilman Washington to adopt Ordinance 2214 for annexation of approximately 8.11 acres located at 13582 Mount Olive Road with the original zoning of RS-1. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Pro Tem Bobo, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S BUSINESS

City Administrator Webb reminded everyone to stay weather aware due to there being a chance of severe weather the following day. She also highlighted an item that was on the Consent Agenda above. The Municipal workers comp premium was \$237,598. Premiums have dropped from around \$800,000 to \$237,000 in the past six years. It is also a saving of around \$101,000 from just last year. She also noted that council requirements for employee safety, instituting practices and protocols, and the discontinued use of motorcycles that have assisted in this savings.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

There were no items under Departmental Business.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS

- Mayor Hinton**, Thanked the Council for the leadership they’ve provided in 2023 and the progress we’ve made as a City. He then focused on the Engineering Department, recognizing Mrs. Tubbs and staff for great work. Mayor Hinton also reviewed the status of various projects to come in 2024.
- Pro Tem Bobo, District 1** – Stated that Mayor Hinton had covered a lot of the things she was going to discuss but she was pushing for Main Avenue to start sooner than Summer or Fall of 2024. Bobo also noted that the Finance Committee had discussed the \$350,000 allotment to the educational grants that should be on the agenda at the next council meeting.
- Councilman Washington, District 2** - Thanked Staff and all City Employees. Stated that he had been asked who would be running the Community Center mainly pertaining to the Thursday/Friday night dances and let everyone know that it could be addressed in the Community Outreach Committee. Also expressed how hard everyone was working to get it back open. He shared that tutoring would be being at the Hassan Center again in February and that the Boys and girls club offered an afterschool program.
- Councilman Wiggins, District 3** – Gratified for the Watermelon Road construction to be underway on the east and west sidewalks.
- Councilwoman Dykes, District 4** – Councilwoman Dykes was absent from tonight’s meeting.
- President Hogg, District 5** – President Hogg was absent from tonight’s meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Jeff Hogg, President

ATTEST:

Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator