The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, May 20, 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 President Bobo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Pro Tem Washington, Councilman Wiggins, Councilman Aiken, Councilwoman Dykes and President Bobo. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hinton read aloud two proclamations recognizing ALS Awareness Month and Public Works Appreciation Week.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **approve the agenda for the May 20, 2024, Council Agenda with the deletion of item 11.c.1. Second Reading Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure and the addition of item 9.b.8. Resolution allocating special appropriations from FY2024 Funds to Focus on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County. Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

VISITORS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There was one visitor to address council. James Shirley has been a resident of 3711 29th Street in Northport for 54 years. Concerned about speeding on 39th Avenue. He has spoken to council and staff regarding this issue. Police have given tickets but there is still concern. Additional streets signs were installed May 7, 2024 by Public Works. He requested additional signage (25 mph) be placed on either end of 29th Street and 30th Avenue. Mr. Shirley stated that his neighbors are in support of this also. Mrs. Tubbs stated that multiple evaluations have been done. Before any additional signage will be added, a street study will need to be completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2224 Amending City Code Chapter 74 Utilities Relating to Extensions for Service for Airport-Related Projects.** This ordinance amends Chapter 74 of City Code to allow extension of water service to publicly owned property serving the Tuscaloosa National Airport where such extension is feasible and has been approved by Council. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-75 Abandoning a Portion of Utility and Access Easement within the Northport Church of God Subdivision.** The Northport Church of God property has an unused 20-foot utility and access easement across it. The property owner wishes to build over said easement. Utilities and Engineering has reviewed and approved abandoning the easement, in accordance with this resolution. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-76 Accepting Municipal Improvements Except Final Layer in Glen Crest Phase III.** Section 306 of the Subdivision Regulations specifies that after certain criteria have been met by the developer, the City Engineer is to recommend to the Council acceptance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of a development. Glen Crest, LLC has met the requirements of Section 306 for Glen Crest Subdivision Phase III. The staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached resolution accepting maintenance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of that development, except for final layer of asphalt. Maintenance will begin upon adoption of the attached resolution. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-77 Accepting Municipal Public Improvements Except Final Layer in Glen Crest Phases IV and V.** Section 306 of the Subdivision Regulations specifies that after certain criteria have been met by the developer, the City

Engineer is to recommend to the Council acceptance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of a development. Glen Crest, LLC has met the requirements of Section 306 for Glen Crest Subdivision Phase III. The staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached resolution accepting maintenance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of that development, except for final layer of asphalt. Maintenance will begin upon adoption of the attached resolution. **Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-78 Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Enter a Master Agreement with Redpoint Audio for A/V Upgrades.** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute a master agreement for professional services with Redpoint Audio, LLC to design and install audio/visual systems for public buildings. The master agreement itself does not authorize any specific work, but provides the basic framework for future work, including establishing hourly rates. Specific work will be authorized by separate Task Order Directive (TOD). **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Aiken, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-79 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Utility Asset Management for the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation (Flatwoods Road and 68th Avenue) Project.** The City of Northport received Municipal Stormwater Grant Funds from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation (Flatwoods Road and 68th Avenue) project to line storm sewer lines. Bids were opened on May 1, 2024 and Utility Asset Management was the lowest responsible bidder. Pending ADEM's approval of award to Utility Asset Management, the Engineering department is requesting authorization for the City Administration to enter into a contract. Grant funding will cover 80% of project expenses. The City's 20% match has been budgeted in the Northport First Rehab and Repair Account. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-80 Awarding Bid for Bid File No. 24-02 Lawn Care Maintenance to Terrence Grant DBA Grant's Quality Lawn Care.** The Planning and Inspections Department received bids for Lawn Care Maintenance on May 8, 2024, and Terrence Grant DBA Grant's Quality Lawn Care, was the lowest responsible bidder. As per this resolution, Terrence Grant, will be used by the City for all weed abatement services. Bids were submitted on an hourly rate and the amount of the winning bid was $25.00 per hour. The contract will be for a 12-month period beginning July 11, 2024 and expire on July 11, 2025. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Dykes, **Second** by Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-81 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Funding Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for US-43 and Mitt Lary Rd. Improvements.** The Engineering department is requesting that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the funding agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for US-43 and Mitt Lary Rd. improvements. There will be no fiscal impact to the City. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-82 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Alabama Power Company for Relocation of Utilities for the MLK, Jr. Blvd. Improvements Project.** The Engineering department is requesting that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement with Alabama Power Company for relocation of utilities for the MLK, Jr. Blvd. Improvements project. The fiscal impact is estimated to be $423,795.00; the cost is included in the City's 20% match for construction costs associated with the project. A copy of the utility City Council Meeting agreement has been attached for reference. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Abstain; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-83 Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept a Proposal from All Star Service Pros, LLC for Data/Comm Wiring for the New Public Works Building.** The Engineering department is requesting that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept a proposal from All Star Service Pros, LLC for data/comm wiring for the new Public Works building. The fiscal impact to the City will be $12,846.00. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-84 Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept a Proposal from Wright Fitness Equipment, Inc. for Fitness Equipment for the New Public Works Building.** The Engineering department is requesting that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept a proposal from Wright Fitness Equipment, Inc. for fitness equipment for the new Public Works building. The fiscal impact to the City will be $20,239.00. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-86 allocating special appropriations from FY2024 Funds to Focus on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County.** Amount of $9,000.00 for four months of operations of senior nutrition site at the Northport Community Center. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **approve** the **Consent Agenda** as printed for the **May 20, 2024, Council Meeting:**

1. Minutes, May 6, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Employee Reimbursement, Kelsey Taylor, $144.00. The reimbursement is for the cost of the AEMT Initial Application Fee to National Registry to take the Advanced EMT (AEMT) exam to get his license.
4. Purchase Requisition, for new Turn Out Gear for seven employees due to theirs being currently expired or approaching their expiration soon. Once purchased the turn out gear is good for 10 years. The total purchasing price is $19,679.00.
5. Purchase Requisition, Employee Reimbursement, Allen Earnest, $144.00. The reimbursement is for the cost of the AEMT Initial Application Fee to National Registry to take the Advanced EMT (AEMT) exam to get his license.
6. Purchase Requisition, Employee Reimbursement, Mason Sessoms, $144.00. The reimbursement is for the cost of the AEMT Initial Application Fee to National Registry to take the Advanced EMT (AEMT) exam to get his license.
7. Purchase Requisition, VFD Replacement at WWTP, Electric Machine Control, Inc., $19,432.00. Replacement VFD for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aerator #1. This includes materials, installation services, and configuration of VFD.
8. Purchase Requisition, WWTP Binder Paving, Civil Worx Construction, LLC., $7,800.00. binder paving at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is part of the WWTP Sludge Improvements Project.
9. Purchase Requisition, Motorola Solutions, PD Flex Equipment & Evidence Maintenance Agreement, $68,068.13.
10. Purchase Requisition, Tuscaloosa County Commission, Inmate Housing, $43,230.00.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There was no unfinished business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Engineering Department**.
B. There were **two** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.

a. Resolution Authorizing a Project Development Agreement by and between the City of Northport, Alabama and RJ Lurleen, LLC

i. President Bobo Opened the Floor for item 11.b.1.
ii. Chuck Gerdau 1802 20th Ave – Traffic concerns on 20th Avenue and Bellwood, has there been a traffic study done. Ingress/egress off of Lurleen would make citizens happy.
iii. Frank Johnson, RJ Lurleen, LLC – It will be a drive thru only with outdoor patio. There was an issue with ALDOT for entrance on Lurleen, currents thoughts are that entrance/exit will be on Park Avenue 20th Avenue.
iv. Nini Jobson, 1534 Bellwood Lane – Loves a coffee shop but concerned about cut thru traffic.
v. Tera Tubbs – Traffic study has been conducted. Signs are not allowed by MUTCD and we have to stay in compliance with federal regulations to continue receiving federal money. The item being voted on tonight is an incentive agreement only, they will still have to get permits through the Engineering and Planning Department and comply with all typical regulations.
vi. President Bobo Closed the Floor for item 11.b.1.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-85 Authorizing a Project Development Agreement by and between the City of Northport, Alabama and RJ Lurleen, LLC.** This agreement will assist with the economic development of certain vacant commercial land located at 1120 Lurleen Wallace Boulevard. The project will have a capital investment by Developer estimated at approximately $1,950,000.00. The construction and development of the project site and the operation of the project is expected to generate significant annual taxable sales and the creation of full and part-time jobs, many of which may be filled by residents of the City. Under the proposed agreement, the City proposes to rebate the Developer an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the City Sales Tax Revenue actually collected and received by the City from the net taxable sales generated by the project located on the project site during the term of the proposed agreement (the "City Project Sales Tax Payments"), provided that the amount rebated to developer shall not exceed $350,000.00. The proposed agreement terminates on the date that is the earlier of 1) the date on which the city has paid Developer the city project sales tax payments in the sum total of $350,000.00, 2) the date on which the agreement is terminated pursuant to the provisions of Article II or Article V of the proposed agreement, or 3) seven (7) years from the commencement date of the proposed agreement. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

b. First Reading, Resolution Consenting to the Vacation of Right-of-Way for a portion of 29th Avenue

i. President Bobo Opened the Floor for item 11.b.2.
ii. Jimmy Duncan, Duncan and Coker Associates, representing Bill Wright of Wright Properties. Wright Properties is looking to expand by 2 maybe 3 buildings.
iii. President Bobo Closed the Floor for item 11.b.2.

Councilman Wiggins **Offered** this item for a First Reading, Resolution Consenting to the Vacation of Right-of-Way for a portion of 29th Avenue.

C. There was **one** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.

c. Second Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1207 15th Court

i. President Bobo Opened the Floor for item 11.c.1.
ii. There were no speakers for item 11.c.1.
iii. President Bobo Closed the Floor for item 11.c.1.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2224 Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1207 15th Court.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 1207 15th Court is unsafe and dangerous to the public health. We are recommending the structure be demolished. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem

Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

No official business to discuss.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

No official business to discuss.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Mentioned the Bylar Road history and told the community about a marker that has recently been placed at 1st & Main near the trestle with information about Bylar Road.

President Bobo, District 1 – No official business to discuss for District 1.

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Thanked Public Works for their hard work, congratulated all 2024 seniors on graduation, and congratulated Mayor Hinton on retiring after 59 years from Northport Baptist Church.

Councilman Wiggins, District 3 – Watermelon Road milling and paving is underway.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – Excited about the Mitt Lary Road and Hwy 43 interchange.

Councilman Aiken, District 5 – Congratulations to all men and women graduating and receiving numerous awards at awards day.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington **to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session** to discuss **Economic Development.** The session should take no longer than 15 minutes (fifteen minutes). It is anticipated that the council will not take action after the Executive Session is concluded. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:32 pm.

Council reconvened into Regular Meeting at 7:06 pm with no action needing to be taken.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**

Christy D. Bobo

Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:

Glenda D Webb

Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator