

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 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 presented two proclamations. Pastor's Coffee and Gifts received a proclamation for June 2024 business of the month and Adam and Amy Pierce we recognized for their dedication to The Brown House Community and West Circle area.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve the agenda for the June 3, 2024, as printed. 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 were no visitors to address council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Permanent Resolution 24-87 consenting to the vacation of right-of-away for a portion of 29th Avenue.** Wright Properties, LLC, York Street Investments, LLC and BR Development, LLC are the owners of property located on 29th Avenue. The owners have filed with the City a Declaration of Vacation of Right-of-Way for a portion of 29th Avenue. The first reading was May 20, 2024. **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

First Reading **Offered** by Pro Tem Washington, **Ordinance establishing the cable franchise application process in the City of Northport.** The ordinance regulating cable communications (Ordinance No. 1121) is in need of replacement, as it has remained unchanged since its adoption in 1995. In January, the City hired Local Government Services, LLC (LGS), through a Joint Service Agreement as an independent contractor of the Alabama League of Municipalities, to provide cable television franchise management advisory services. LGS assisted in drafting the updated ordinance to replace Ordinance No. 1121. Existing cable franchisees were offered the opportunity to provide comments on the draft.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-88 authorizing water service outside of city limits for property located at 4614 Oak Meadow Drive.** Mr. Preston Bugh has property located at 4614 Oak Meadow Drive, that cannot presently be annexed into the city because the property is not contiguous. The address is outside of the city limits and inside of the planning jurisdiction. He is requesting city water service. The Municipal Code allows this with the majority consent of the city council. The staff recommends this access be allowed. Per city code, all costs of this connection would be paid by the applicant and not by the City. In addition, we are adding the requirement that if, in the future, the property can be annexed, the property will be annexed into the city. If the property is not annexed, the City retains the right to terminate water services at that point. **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 Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Resolution 24-89 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement with Northport Sports Complex Development, LLC.** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to enter a professional services and exclusive dealings agreement with Northport Sports Complex, LLC, for the development, operations, and maintenance of mixed-use development and recreation spaces within Northport Shore. The agreement includes the development of hotel and indoor sports facility space, in City Council Meeting

addition to management and maintenance of Northport Shore, for a total professional services base fee of \$840,000 for the two-year contract, plus a variety of possible performance-based compensation mechanisms. **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 24-90 ratifying the signing of a Release and Settlement Agreement by the City Administrator.** The City of Northport has been in litigation with Capital Properties, LLC and its Owner/Manager Rick Harbin for several years over disputed water bills. The litigation was delayed due to the bankruptcy litigation of the primary tenant, Winn-Dixie Supermarket. Due to the complexity of the claims made by the city against the defendants and the claims made against the city by the defendants, the matter was referred to the Honorable Bernard Harwood to serve as mediator in this matter. Justice Harwood was successful in having both sides agree to a settlement whereby Capital Properties, LLC and Harbin pay the City of Northport the sum of \$50,000.00. This settlement will save not only litigation costs but also a substantial amount of employee time in preparing this complicated matter for trial. **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 24-91 for the Allocation of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Match Funds and the Reallocation of 2023 Northport First Funds.** In addition to previously allocated funds totaling \$1,686,534.40, a reallocation of 2023 Northport First Funds will be required. This resolution asks that 2023 Northport First Funds in the amount of \$475,000 from Grant Match and \$875,000 from 5th Street Improvements be reallocated to MLK. We also ask for the allocation of \$105,205 of the Alabama Trust Fund toward this project. This proposal was approved by the Finance Committee on May 20, 2024. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-92 declaring one 2012 Chevrolet Impala (VIN # 2G1WF5E35C1330873) as Surplus and authorizes the auction of said vehicle.** The cost to repair said vehicle is \$4,000 and the vehicle is only valued at \$6,000, therefore it is not financially reasonable to repair said vehicle. **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 24-93 declaring items as surplus and authorizing the donation of items to Southwest Tuscaloosa County Rescue Squad.** Genesis Mach III Simo Pump - Serial # 05102036, Spreaders - Serial # HB 785, Cutters - Serial # HB44? (last number is not readable), Ram - Serial # 05094106, and Hydraulic Hoses - No serial #. **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 24-94 Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Vision Security Technologies for Various Security Upgrades at City Facilities.** The upgrades will improve the safety of the public, employees, and publicly-owned property and infrastructure for a total cost of \$700,971.57. **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 24-95 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Master Services Agreement and Task Order Directive No. 1 with Price Civil Services, Inc. for Visual Service Line Inspections.** The City of Northport issued a competitive request for proposals for visual service line inspections to satisfy the federal requirement that all water lines nationwide be inspected by October 16, 2024. Two proposals were received and reviewed on many factors including experience, geographic location and project cost. Price Civil Services, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified respondent with a total proposed cost

of \$400,000. **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 24-96 Authorizing the City Administrator to Submit an Application to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for Supplemental Funding to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program for Lead Service Line Inventory. The City received competitive proposals to perform the lead service line inventory and the most qualified respondent was Price Civil Services in the amount of \$400,000.00 There is currently \$235,081.80 budgeted for the project scope. \$235,081.80 is currently listed on ADEM's intended use plan for 100% financing. Additional funding is now needed to fund the scope of services for the inventory including plan revisions as well as any future repairs needed as a result of the inventory. The City desires to submit a supplemental DWSRF loan application to ADEM in the amount of \$431,546.20 to cover the funding needs. **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 Wiggins to adopt Resolution 24-97 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with The Cassady Company, Inc. for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project. The City Council previously approved the execution of a professional engineering services agreement with The Cassady Company, Inc. for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project in the amount of \$235,081.80. The scope of services to be provided included field inspection of the service line for material identification. However, this service is considered to be a professional non-engineering service and would not be eligible for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law fund reimbursement if performed by The Cassady Company, Inc. The proposed amendment has removed the field inspection services from the original scope and decreased the agreement amount to \$67,728.00. **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 24-98 Authorizing the City Administrator to Submit an Application to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program for Lead Service Line Inventory. The Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions requires water systems to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials. Inventories are required to be submitted by October 16, 2024. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation Lead Service Line Intended Use Plan lists the City of Northport's Lead Service Line Inventory project as a priority and proposes 100% federal funding for the project in an amount up to \$235,082.00. In order to receive an award, the City of Northport must submit an application for funding of the lead service line inventory. **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 24-99 Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept a Proposal from Redpoint Audiovisual for Installation of an Audiovisual System in the New Public Works Building for \$49,253.49. **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 24-100 Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept a Proposal from Kyle Office Solutions for Furniture for the New Public Works Building for \$129,035.88. **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 Councilman Aiken to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the June 3, 2024, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Employee Reimbursement, Kelsey Taylor for Advanced EMT State License, \$14.36.
4. Purchase Requisition, yearly renewal of Esri \$14,233.08.
5. Purchase Requisition, Public Works Department Employee Uniforms, Ervin's Workwear and Boots, \$ 15,405.00.
6. Purchase Requisition, Irrigation System for New Public Works Building; Keeling Company, \$7,332.56.
7. Purchase Requisition, Landscaping Plants for New Public Works Building; Social Oak Nursery, \$5,496.45.

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 **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
- C. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
- D. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Police Department**.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

Safety Fair, Tuscaloosa Safe Kids, Saturday, June 8, 2024 10:00 – 1:00 at Northport Civic Center.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

No official business to discuss.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – No official business to discuss.

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

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – No official business to discuss for District 2.

Councilman Wiggins, District 3 – No official business to discuss for District 3.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – No official business to discuss for District 4.

Councilman Aiken, District 5 – Informed citizens that he spoke with the property owners of University Beach about better maintaining the grass on their property.

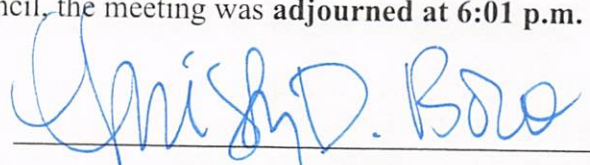
Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington **to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned at 6:01 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator



Christy Bobo, President