

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on March 04, 2019, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by President Logan. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Councilman Roberts, Councilman Hinton, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Mr. Mack with Lawrence, Hitt, & Pugh, LLC presented the 2017 Municipal Audit Report.

Dr. Lucy Roberts with TSNIP presented information concerning the program and their initiative.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the agenda for March 04, 2019**. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and Councilman Hinton, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Permanent Resolution Accepting Maintenance for Municipal Improvements at Lot 1 E.F. Maxwell Subdivision (1001 30th Avenue).

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of the Northport Municipal Code Pertaining to Community Cats.

Councilman Roberts offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Bees and Beehives.

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Permanent Resolution Accepting Maintenance for Municipal Improvements of Sidewalks at Rosewood Subdivision, Phases I-V.

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 19-17 Accepting the 2017 Audit Report**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Resolution 19-18 Awarding Bid for Union Chapel Road/SR-69 Utility Improvements**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 19-19 Authorizing the Renewal of an Agreement with RiverTree Systems**. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 19-20 to Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the West Alabama Regional Commission for GIS Services**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Resolution 19-21 Declaring Certain Equipment , Electronic, and Furniture Surplus and Authorizing their Disposal at Shirley House**. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 19-22 Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and enter into an Agreement with McGiffert & Associates for Engineering Services pertaining to a sewer line extension on Robert Cardinal Airport Road and to execute any necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said agreement**. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 19-23 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Kansas City Southern Railroad pertaining to construction work in the railroad right-of-way and to execute any necessary documents and to approve requisitions pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Resolution 19-24 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Supplemental Funding Agreement for the renovation and expansion of the Tuscaloosa Animal Shelter in the amount of \$3,720.00 and authorize the City Administrator to approve all requisitions pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **approve the Consent Agenda for the March 04, 2019 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, February 18, 2019, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Demolition at 5121 Northwood Lake Drive West, Barnes Excavating, \$9,500.00-Planning
4. PO Requisition, Outsourced Legal Expenses, Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson& Fowler, LLP, \$7,917.00-Legal
5. Travel/Training, 2 employees, ARWA Annual Technical Conference, March 17-20, 2019, Mobile, AL., \$1,963.40-Utilities
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Wastewater Certification Grade 1-4 Training Course, Consulting Services of Alabama, March 12-13, 2019, Tuscaloosa, AL., \$325.00,-Utilities
7. PO Requisition, Professional Engineering Services, Krebs Engineering, Task Order 25, NTE, \$4000.00-Utilities
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Online Wastewater Training, ARWA/SUNCOAST Learning, \$225.00-Utilities
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Gangs in Alabama, April 8, 2019, Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy, \$25.00-PD
10. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Using Active Listening Skill to Enhance Your Basic Interview, May 21, 2019, Tuscaloosa, AL., \$0, PD
11. Travel/ Training, 1 employee, Behavior Analysis, March 12-14, 2019, Columbus, MS, \$0-PD
12. PO Requisition, Body Armor, Gulf States, \$7,886.000-PD
13. PO Requisition, Honor Guard Uniforms, J. Higgins Incorporated, \$5,238.20-PD
14. PO Requisition, Replacing globes on the downtown lights, Pennsylvania Globe Gaslight Co., \$9,430.00-PW
15. Travel/Training, 1 employee, AIB Tech Service/Product Training, March 6, 2019, Birmingham, AL., \$0-PW
16. PO Requisition, Charlie Shirley Road Project, Invoice #15, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$3,032.00-ENG
17. PO Requisition, MLK, Jr. Blvd Improvements, Invoice #14, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$14,999.00-ENG
18. PO Requisition, Union Chapel Road Utilities Relocation, Invoice # 3, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$723.89-ENG
19. PO Requisition, Bypass Pump Installation, Double Diamond Construction, Co., \$6,300.00-Utilities
20. Travel/Training, 1 employee, EDAA Leadership Institute: Building Community, March 25-26, 2019, Tuskegee, AL., \$250.00-Admin

21. Travel/Training, 1 employee, EDAA Leadership Institute Attracting Retail, April 4th, 2019, Eutaw, AL., \$75.00, Admin
22. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Legal Issues Facing City and County Governments, May 10-11, 2019, Orange Beach, AL., \$663.00- Legal

Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Reports of Special Committees of Council:

Councilman Hogg invited everyone out to The Levee for the Chamber of Commerce's Northport Community Engagement Dinner tomorrow evening beginning at 6:00 pm. He stated President Logan, Mayor Aaron, and himself would be the keynote speakers.

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham thanked Mr. Mack Hitt for his presentation of the 2017 Audit Report.

Departmental Business:

a. Legal Department

1. **Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve Claim 19-14 in the amount of \$28,600.00.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Public Comment:

Mr. Joseph Page Sr., 38 Green Village, Northport, Alabama, began by asking Councilman Hogg if he treated all of his constituents the same as he treated the ones in Green Village? He also asked him if he had been in Green Village lately and what he had found over there? He wanted to know if Councilman Hogg had driven through or walked through the area? He also questioned whether Councilman Hogg had seen all the potholes there. He wants to know what the City is going to do about the potholes? Mr. Page stated the audit revealed there are unrestricted funds that could go towards potholes in Green Village. Mr. Page stated his requests are asphalt, drainage issues, limbs and unkept City owned property.

President Logan requested Mr. Page's phone number for the record, but Mr. Page declined to give his phone number for the record. He stated he would give it in private to President Logan. Mr. Page approached President Logan and gave him his telephone number.

Ms. Maddie Hughes, 2312 Deerfield Lane, Northport, Alabama, addressed the council regarding a park that is to be built in her neighborhood. She is against this proposed park. There are already issues in her neighborhood. There was no advertisement of this park and no letters sent out concerning this park. She already has people jumping her fence in her back yard. Why would she want a park to promote more traffic in her back yard? If you cannot control

neighborhood people how can police control outside foot traffic from coming to the park? Ms. Hughes stated she does not want the park behind her house.

Mr. Gary Minor and **Ms. Adrean Collins** with Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation gave a short presentation regarding the pocket park in Deerhaven Neighborhood. It would be a ½ acre park with 3 parking spaces, a walking trail, pavilion, a small park, and fencing. Some of the issues already discussed could be addressed with fencing if the fence is tall enough. Mr. Minor stated that one of the benefits of a park, if the park borders your property, increases the value of your property 15-25%.

Councilman Roberts said this would not be a reservation system park and Councilman Hogg said the fencing would be at least 8 feet.

Ms. Azzie Marshall, 2402 Deerhaven Drive, addressed Mayor and Council concerning the proposed Deerhaven Park. She stated she had lived in the neighborhood for 19 years. She is 100% against the proposed park; she does not want a park in her front door. She does not care if the park is made of gold; she does not want it in front of her. She said that there was a basketball goal put and that it attracted drug dealers. The basketball goal was put up near a day care and according to Ms. Marshall, a daycare attracts pedophiles. She asked the crowd if they were aware of what pedophiles were? She defined a pedophile as an adult with sexual desires for children. She stated that the park would draw those types of people to the neighborhood. She would be interested in a storm shelter. She presented a petition of signatures of citizens that are against the park. Ms. Marshall declared she would not take ownership of the park and again loudly voiced she did not want the park in her neighborhood.

Mr. Aaron Randall, 13824 Forest Glenn, Northport, AL, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding issues of rodents, snakes, and mosquitoes. He has contacted contractors about issues with snakes on his property, but there is really no remedy. It is really in the hands of the City. Councilman Davis requested Mr. Randall return to the next Council Meeting on March 18. They should have a remedy to this problem at that meeting.

Mr. Cephus Ward, 2406 Deerhaven Drive, Northport, Alabama, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the proposed park. He stated he would love to see a park in Deerhaven. He said it would be great to see a park in this neighborhood. Mr. Ward stated he had four grandchildren and it would be a great asset to the area. It would be something good for the kids. He has also lived in the neighborhood for 19 years. He stated that if something comes there that is not right, he will call the police.

Chief Burton stated that historically this neighborhood had an issue with drug dealers hanging out in the neighborhood and selling drugs but have since moved on or have been incarcerated. He said that if the City did put a park there that the Police Department would take ownership of it and would address the concerns of the citizens. The Police Department would make certain that it was a safe place.

Mr. Ward stated that Councilman Hogg always returns his calls and he thanked Councilman Hogg for all he does in the district and for always returning his calls.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilman Roberts, District 1, None

President Logan, District 2, President Logan thanked Mack Hitt and his staff for clean solid audit. He also gave a quick update on the MLK project. The federal government gave a curveball in things. Letters of support were requested. Letters were sent to ALDOT and ALDOT are reviewing those letters. After that, property owners will be notified, and project should begin by end of the year.

Councilman Hinton, District 3, None

Councilman Davis, District 4, None

Councilman Hogg, District 5, Councilman Hogg stated that if anyone has any issues, please come see me after the meeting. I will be glad to talk with you and see what I can do to help you.

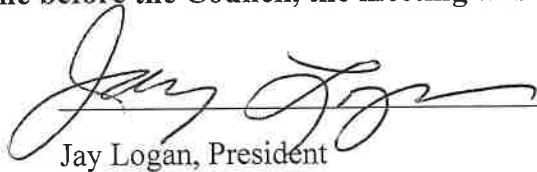
Mayor Aaron, None

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis **to adjourn the meeting Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss potential development.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The Council reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:


Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator