

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024** at Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL, 35476, in the Council Chambers. The invocation was offered by President Bobo. President Bobo also 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 was City Administrator Webb. Mayor Hinton was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to approve the agenda for July 15, 2024, **with the deletion of item 9.a.2. the First Reading, Ordinance ordering demolition of an unsafe structure located at 2910 Lurleen B Wallace Boulevard. 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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2227 Amending the Municipal Code pertaining to Fees for Public Improvement, Assessments, and Property Information Letters.** The City frequently receives requests for information, typically from real estate professionals, as part of real estate closings to determine if there are any municipal assessments against a particular property. For commercial real estate transactions, these requests are often more detailed. This ordinance will amend Code Section 66-1, which set the assessment letter fee at \$5.00 in 1990, to update the fees and provide more options for requesters. The process will now take place through CitizenServe, which will allow requesters to select which options they need. These costs will be cumulative, so for all four, the fee would be \$155.00 (or more depending on whether electronic copies are available or not). This amendment was recommended by the Finance Committee at their regular meeting of June 17, 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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 4709 Highway 69 North.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 4709 Highway 69 N is unsafe and dangerous to public health. We are recommending the structure be demolished. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410.

First Reading offered by Councilman Wiggins, **Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to Williamson Cemetery Rules and Regulations.** The Williamson Cemetery Board met and would like to amend Chapter 28 of the Northport City Code to state that there will be two clean-ups of the Williamson Cemetery each year, to occur on the second week of March and the second week of September.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-114 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with CivilCON, LLC for the Highway 82 Pump Station, Gravity Sewer, and Force Main Project - Contract A: Pump Station and Gravity Sewer.** This project will increase the capacity and effectiveness of receipt of wastewater. The lowest responsible bidder was CivilCON, LLC in the amount of \$4,135,257.84. The Engineering Department is requesting authorization to award the contract pending Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) approval. The City has received a grant and State Revolving loan funds to cover project costs on a reimbursable basis. **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 24-115 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with CivilCON, LLC for the Highway 82 Pump Station, Gravity Sewer, and Force Main Project - Contract B: Sewer Force Main. This project will increase the capacity and effectiveness of receipt of wastewater. The lowest responsible bidder was CivilCON, LLC in the amount of \$1,425,717.15. The Engineering Department is requesting authorization to award the contract pending Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) approval. The City has received a grant and State Revolving loan funds to cover project costs on a reimbursable basis. **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 24-116 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Supplemental Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Resurfacing, Sidewalks, Lighting and Other Improvements on Main Avenue from Fifth Street to McFarland Boulevard. The City Council previously approved the execution of an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for resurfacing, sidewalks, lighting, and other improvements on Main Avenue. Since the execution of the original agreement in 2021, revisions have been made to the cost estimates for right-of-way and construction for the project. The new estimated total project cost is \$6,717,133.55 with the City's portion estimated to be \$1,343,426.71. 80% of eligible project costs are funded through the Metropolitan Planning Organization while 20% of eligible project costs are funded by the City in addition to non-eligible project costs. Matching funds are budgeted in capital and Northport First. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Abstain. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, Second by Councilman Aiken to adopt Resolution 24-117 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Sports Contractors Unlimited, LLC for the River Run Park at Northport Shore - Athletic Fields Package. Bids were opened on July 11, 2024 for the River Run Park at Northport Shore - Athletic Fields Package which includes the construction of nine synthetic turf athletic fields. Sports Contractors Unlimited, LLC was the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$3,701,845.58. The Engineering department is requesting authorization for the City Administrator to execute a contract with Sports Contractors Unlimited, LLC. Funds for this project are budgeted. **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 24-118 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Easement with the Department of the Army for the William Bacon Oliver Lock and Dam Project. In order to move forward with the planned improvements for River Run Park at Northport Shore, a small easement is needed from the Department of the Army. Execution of the easement will grant the City of Northport the authority to construct, operate, and maintain a public road for a period of fifty years. **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 24-119 Authorizing Water Service Outside of City Limits for Property Located at 13739 Blakely Lane. Mr. Donald & Mrs. Carolyn Barnett have property located at 13739 Blakely Lane, 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. They are requesting city water service, with the meter being placed on Rue Road. 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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-120 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Police. 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 24-121 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with The Appraisal and Consultant Group, Inc. for Main Avenue Revitalization Project Review Appraisal Services.** The Main Avenue Revitalization project is funded in part by federal dollars. Review appraisals of acquisitions and easements are required under federal regulations. The Engineering department is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with The Appraisal and Consultant Group, Inc. in the amount of \$37,000.00. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Abstain. **Motion Carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve the Consent Agenda** as printed for the **July 15, 2024, Council Meeting:**

1. Minutes, July 1, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Redpoint Audiovisual, 4 Receivers for Hard of Hearing Equipment for Council Chambers, \$6,009.20.
4. Purchase Requisition, Employee Reimbursement, Reginald Eppes, \$144.00 for the National Registry Advanced EMT (AEMT) test.

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 **two** Public Hearing item on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
 1. **Second Reading**, Ordinance for annexation of approximately 0.59 acres located at 4204 68th Avenue with zoning designation of RS-1 (Single-Family Residential). Vickie C. Walker, requests annexation. The property does meet annexation requirements and is eligible for annexation into the city limits. The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met in a regular meeting on June 11, 2024. The Commission made a favorable recommendation that the request for annexation be granted.
 - 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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2228 for annexation of approximately 0.59 acres located at 4204 68th Avenue with zoning designation of RS-1 (Single-Family Residential).** **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

2. **Second Reading**, Ordinance for annexation of approximately 3.84 acres located at 8790 Highway 43 N with zoning designation of O-I (Office Institutional). Chapel Hill Baptist Church, requests annexation. The Planning and Zoning Commission met during a regular scheduled meeting on June 11, 2024, and voted to give a favorable recommendation to the City Council.
 - i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.2.
 - ii. There were no speakers for item 11.c.1.
 - iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.2.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2229** for annexation of approximately 3.84 acres located at 8790 Highway 43 N with zoning designation of O-I (Office Institutional). 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 – Absent

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

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Thanked City Staff for their hard work obtaining grant funds.

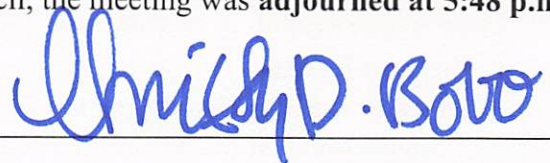
Councilman Wiggins, District 3 – Permanent striping was completed last week on Watermelon Road and all resurfacing work items are completed. The only remaining work to be done is to install permanent traffic signal items at the intersection with Rice Valley Road.

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

Councilman Aiken, District 5 – Announced District 5 Townhall Meeting Wednesday, July 24th from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Northport Intermediate School.

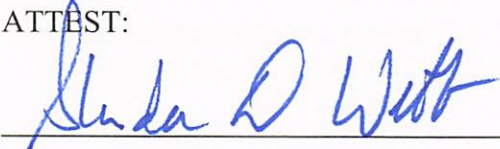
Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned at 5:48 p.m.**



Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator