

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 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 a proclamation to Tuskaloosa Lawn Equipment recognizing them as Business of the Month.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the agenda for August 5, 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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Ordinance 2230 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. **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 Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 921 10th Street. The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 921 10th Street 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 President Bobo, Ordinance Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Alabama, LLC. This ordinance authorizes the City Administrator to execute a cable franchise agreement with Comcast of Alabama, LLC. This draft cable franchise agreement, attached as Exhibit "A," was negotiated on behalf of the City by cable franchise experts Local Government Services, LLC, whose services were authorized by Resolution 24-15 on January 23, 2024. This agreement will replace the previous agreement authorized by Ordinance 1661 with terms more favorable to the City.

First Reading offered by President Bobo, Ordinance Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Franchise Agreement with DIRECTV, LLC. This ordinance authorizes the City Administrator to execute a cable franchise agreement with DIRECTV, LLC. This draft cable franchise agreement, attached as Exhibit "A," was negotiated on behalf of the City by cable franchise experts Local Government Services, LLC, whose services were authorized by Resolution 24-15 on January 23, 2024. This agreement will replace the previous agreement authorized by Ordinance 13-125 with terms more favorable to the City.

First Reading offered by Pro Tem Washington, Ordinance Correcting Effective Date of Compensation Adjustment for Future Mayor and Council. In February 2021, Ordinance 2602 adjusted the compensation for future Mayor and Council. The adjustment was set to go into effect in November 2024. In July 2021, the Alabama Legislature adjusted the cycle of municipal elections and extended the current term of City of Northport elected officials until November 2025. This ordinance corrects the effective date of the compensation adjustment to November 2025, per the updated statewide municipal election cycle.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-122 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 14200 Bone Camp Road**. Ms. Brenda Malone has property located at 14200 Bone Camp Road, that cannot presently be annexed into the city because the property is not contiguous. The address is outside of the city limits and outside of the planning jurisdiction. She 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 24-123 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Tuscaloosa County for Public Infrastructure Repair, Rehabilitation, and Construction**. The City of Northport and Tuscaloosa County wish to enter into an agreement, pursuant to respective statutory authority, where the parties will share in the cost of certain infrastructure projects involving repair, rehabilitation and construction. The City of Northport and Tuscaloosa County believe that cooperatively working together for repair, rehabilitation and construction of public infrastructure projects will benefit the prosperity and general welfare of the community and will confer a public benefit of a reasonably general character to a significant part of the public. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-124 Authorizing an Application to the Alabama Forestry Commission's Urban and Community Forestry Tree Planting Assistance Grant**. The Alabama Forestry Commission is currently accepting applications for the Urban and Community Forestry Tree Planting Assistance Grant. The Engineering department is requesting authorization to submit an application for the purchase and installation of trees at River Run Park. The maximum grant award is \$100,000. This is a no match grant. **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 **August 5, 2024, Council Meeting:**

1. Minutes, July 15, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Straitline Fence, LLC., in the amount of \$15,555.00, is for replacing the fencing at 2 of the pump stations. This includes the Northridge pump station located at 935 56th St E, and the Harper Creek pump station located at 1700 44th Ave. The current fencing at these locations is in disrepair. The purchase price includes installation of the fences at both pump stations.
4. Purchase Requisition, Alabama League of Municipalities, Membership Dues September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025, \$10,851.00.
5. Purchase Requisition, Repairs to Engine 3, \$6,023.67 to Southland Transportation Group.
6. Purchase Requisition, West Alabama Regional Commission, Redistricting Assistance \$5,000.00.
7. Purchase Requisition, Utilities Employee Boots, Ervin's Workwear & Boots, \$7,068.60.
8. Purchase Requisition, The Public Works Department owns 6 knuckle boom trucks (also known as grapple loaders) to collect trash on various routes four days a week. Having all the trucks operational is critical. The engine on #9487, a 2010 International Knuckle Boom Truck, needs to be replaced. Its lifter shattered, causing damage to the camshaft, which resulted in metal shavings being introduced to the engine's entire system. The cost to repair and clean the engine out is at least as much as replacing it with a used engine and does not guarantee that all the metal shavings will be removed. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting your approval to purchase a used engine from Big Bear Engine Company in Colorado for up to \$14,000.00, which includes shipping.

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 was **one** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
 - 1. Resolution fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 1518 10th Street.
 - i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.b.1.
 - ii. There were no speakers for item 11.b.1.
 - iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.b.1.

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-125 fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 1518 10th Street**. The nuisance was abated at the City's effort and expense, and the property owner has failed to reimburse the City after multiple notices of the nuisance and abatement. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- C. There was **one** Public Hearing item on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
 - 1. **Second Reading**, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 4709 Highway 69 North.
 - i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.1.
 - ii. Austin Marcum 5970 Watermelon Road. Request 60 - 90-day extension. He has contract to purchase property that is set to close in 60 days.
 - iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.1.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, Second by Councilman Aiken to TABLE Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 4709 Highway 69 North until the November 18, 2024 council 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.**
- 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

City Attorney, Ron Davis, advised council that there is active and pending litigation involving University Beach and they should not discuss or comment at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Remind citizens of senior programs that are available through Focus at the Northport Community Center.

President Bobo, District 1 – Motion by President Bobo, Second by Councilman Wiggins, to hold the September Council Meetings on Monday, September 9th, 2023, at 5:30 pm and Monday, September 23rd at 5:30 pm due to the observance of Labor Day.

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

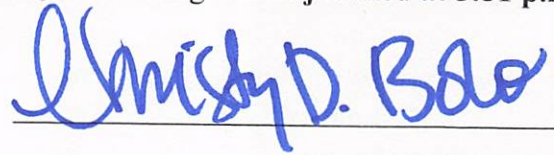
Councilman Wiggins, District 3 – No official business to discuss for District 3.

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

Councilman Aiken, District 5 – No official business to discuss for District 5.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **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 5:51 p.m.**



Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator