The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, August 19, 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

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the agenda for August 19, 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

Jay Stuck with the Northport Redevelopment Authority explained the Facade Improvement Program and announced information and dates of round two.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second by** Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2231 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. **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 **Ordinance 2232 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. **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 **Ordinance 2233 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. **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** Councilman Wiggins, **Ordinance for amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Table 4-1 "Allowable Uses" and Table 4-2 "Table of Dimensional Standards".** The City of Northport proposed to amend the Zoning Ordinance for Table 4-1 "Allowable Uses" and Table 4-2 "Table of Dimensional Standards". Table 4–1 covers allowable uses for the zoning districts within the city limits. Table 4–3 covers dimensional standards for the nonresidential zoning districts within the city limits. The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met on July 17, 2024, and made a favorable recommendation for the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Table 4-1 and 4-3.

First Reading **offered by** Councilwoman Dykes, **Ordinance for Rezoning of approximately 15.48 acres located north of Oak Way and west of Leeward Avenue to RS-1.** The City of Northport requests rezoning of approximately 15.48 acres located north of Oak Way and west of Leeward Avenue from AG (Agricultural) to RS-1 (Single-Family Residential). The Northport Planning and Zoning

Commission met on June 16, 2024, and made a favorable recommendation that the request for the rezoning be granted.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-126 Adopting the City of Northport Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act.** Per the Rebuild Alabama Act which levies additional excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel each entity that receives a portion of the tax must adopt an annual Transportation Plan no later than August 31st for each fiscal year based on an estimate of revenues and state what funds are anticipated to be used on. The City of Northport intends to use Fiscal Year 2025 funds to fund resurfacing projects within the City of Northport city limits. **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 24-127 Authorizing the Acceptance of Name Change of Ellis Architects, Inc. to Caldwell Architects.** Ellis Architects, Inc. was recently acquired by Caldwell Architects. The City of Northport has active agreements with Ellis Architects, Inc. Adoption of this resolution will accept the change of company for active agreements as well as approve payment of services moving forward to Caldwell Architects. **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 24-128 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Lloyd's Insurance for Stop-Loss Insurance.** The City of Northport purchases stop-loss insurance coverage to protect itself from paying catastrophic health claims for any covered individual who has claims above the specific deductible. The City of Northport's HR Department, through Cobbs-Allen, has accepted quotes from stop-loss insurance providers and has received a quote from Lloyd's Insurance which was for the lowest premium. Purchasing stop-loss insurance at the lowest possible cost is in the best interest of the citizens of Northport. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the August 19, 2024, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, August 5, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Hydra Service, Inc., in the amount of $18,350.00.00, is for the purchase of a pump for Airport Pump Station located at 6800 5th Street. One of the existing pumps at this station has reached its useful life and must be replaced to continue normal operations at the pump station.
4. Purchase Requisition, USA BlueBook, $6,864.35, replacement BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) Incubator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This incubator is used for testing that is required by ADEM. The current incubator has reached its useful lifespan and needs to be replaced in order to continue normal operations at the plant.
5. Purchase Requisition, The upper rear section of the roof at City Hall has broken its seal, and the surfacing material has become soaked with water. Water has penetrated the concrete underlayment below the surfacing and is causing significant damage to the interior of the building. Several other attempts at fixing this problem have only worked temporarily. This area of the roof needs to be resurfaced to prevent further damage and expense. Attached is an estimate and scope of work from Advanced Roofing Solutions to remove the current surfacing and install new surfacing. We are respectfully requesting your approval to have Advanced Roofing Solutions complete this project for $86,220.00, which includes material, labor, and equipment. We are also requesting an additional $2,500.00 in contingent funds to use only if Advanced Roofing Solutions finds there is plywood that needs to be removed and replaced once the surface is removed.
6. Purchase Requisition, J.H. Wright & Associates, $8,600.00, is for a new Wilo Mixer with Motor for the #3 Aeration Basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This price includes freight and a standard warranty.
7. Purchase Requisition, Carahsoft for professional services for implementation, support, hosting, and licensing for Twillio and integration with OKTA for SMS Support, $11,859.84.

8. Purchase Requisition, Metro Jail Bill, Tuscaloosa County Commission is for housing prisoners in the 2nd quarter $42,157.50.
9. Purchase Requisition, Metro Jail Bill, Tuscaloosa County Commission is for housing prisoners in the 3rd Quarter - $47,025.00

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 **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
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 921 10th Street.
      i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.1.
      ii. There were no speakers.
      iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.1.

   Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Ordinance 2234 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. **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

There was no departmental business.

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 – No official business to discuss for District 5.

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 5:59 p.m.**

Christy D. Bobo

Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:

Glenda D. Webb

Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator