

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 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 the Junior League of Tuscaloosa honoring "Find the Good Day". A proclamation was also read aloud recognizing Dyslexia Awareness. Deputy City Administrator/ City Engineer, Tera Tubbs gave an update on the status of River Run Park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to approve the agenda for September 9, 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 No visitors to address council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS No visitors to address council

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading offered by Councilwoman Dykes, Ordinance of Conditional Use approval to locate a service station in a C-3 (General Commercial) zoning district located at the south of Owen Parkway and east of U.S. Highway 43. Prince Oil Company made the request and was considered by the Planning Commission on August 13, 2024, and a recommendation for approval was made to the City Council. In addition to meeting the standards of the Zoning Ordinance, the following conditions for a favorable recommendation were added to allow a service station located at south of Owen Parkway and east of U.S. Highway 43: no overnight parking will be allowed, there shall be a 20 foot landscaping buffer along U.S. Highway 43, the south property line shall have a 10 foot landscape buffer, and all facades of the building must match.

First Reading offered by Councilman Aiken, Ordinance of Conditional Use approval to locate an automotive service station in a C-3 (General Commercial) zoned for a property located at 2511 Lurleen B. Wallace Boulevard. Express Oil Change request was considered by the Planning Commission on August 13, 2024, and a recommendation for approval was made to the City Council. In addition to meeting the standards of the Zoning Ordinance, the following conditions for a favorable recommendation were added to allow an auto service station in a C-3 zoning district located at 2511 Lurleen B. Wallace Boulevard: all facades shall match as shown in Exhibit "A" as attached to this ordinance.

First Reading offered by Councilman Wiggins, Ordinance Adopting the FY2025 General Fund Operational Budget. These budget appropriations are for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

First Reading offered by Councilman Wiggins, Ordinance Adopting the FY2025 Water & Sewer Fund Operational Budget. These budget appropriations are for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

First Reading offered by Councilman Wiggins, Ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to enter 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.

First Reading offered by Councilman Aiken, Ordinance Amending Chapter 54 Pertaining to Inspection of Hotel Register. This ordinance amends Chapter 54 to require hotel managers to certify hotel guest registers when providing those guest registers to police officers. This ordinance is intended to assist in the prevention of prostitution and other criminal activity. This ordinance amends Ordinance 1643, passed on June 11, 2007, to add said requirement.

First Reading offered by Councilwoman Dykes, Ordinance Declaring Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday. This Ordinance would provide a "Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday" beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday, February 23, 2025. This tax holiday would exempt "covered items" from sales and use tax.

First Reading offered by Councilman Wiggins, Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 Pertaining to Fees for Water and Sanitary Sewer. This Ordinance corrects various rate codes in the Water Administrative Fee Schedule and the Sewer Administrative Fee Schedule to be consistent with the rate codes listed in Utilities Billing Office software. This Ordinance also amends water and sewer administrative fee schedules, new water meter connection and material charges, and water and sewer capital charges equal to the increase in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South, all items, not seasonally adjusted, annual average for the preceding calendar year. This Ordinance also codifies that the abovementioned fees will be subject to an annual adjustment in accordance with the CPI-U beginning October 1, 2025. This amendment has no effect on the commodity (usage) rates, which have been in effect since 2011.

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-129 Authorizing the Purchase of Furnishings Package No. 2 for the New Public Works Building**. The new Public Works building is nearing completion. A request is being made for the purchase of furnishings package no. 2 for the building in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000. Funds for the purchase of these furnishings 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 Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Resolution 24-130 for Special Appropriation of Library Funding**. This resolution is for the request from the Tuscaloosa Public Library for special funding to help cover the costs associated with replacing flooring at the library. The City of Northport portion of the total cost will be \$72,026.35. **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 24-131 Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing an Emergency Equipment Purchase**. This resolution is to declare an emergency equipment purchase for a pump at the 18L pump station located in Northwood Lake. One of the existing pumps at this station has reached its useful life and must be replaced in order to continue operating the pump station. The Utilities Department is requesting that the Council approve the emergency resolution and purchase request to Hunnicutt, Inc., in the amount of \$7,425.00. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-132 Awarding Bid File 24-03 Furnishing Water & Wastewater Chemicals**. Each year, the Utilities Department accepts bids for chemicals that the department uses in bulk. The bid is done in eleven (11) parts to allow for ease of acceptance or rejection of bids. Companies could bid on one item or all items. "Exhibit A" contains the bid tabulation for Bid File 24-03, Furnishing Water & Wastewater Chemicals, that were opened on August 21, 2024. These bids are for a period of twelve (12) months and will be good from October 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025, at which time the department will rebid. **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 24-133 Awarding Bid File 24-04 Furnishing Water & Wastewater Supplies**. Each year, the Utilities Department accepts bids for materials that the department uses in bulk (water service pipe, meter boxes, etc.). The bidders could bid on all or some items and the winners are determined by the lowest unit price by line item. This request is for the Council to formally award the bid and preauthorize the purchase of materials at the approved bid amount. "Exhibit A" contains the bid tabulation for Bid File 24-04, Furnishing Water & Wastewater Supplies that were opened on August 21, 2024. These bids are for a period of twelve (12) months beginning October 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025, at which time the department will rebid. **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 24-134 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Metro Animal Shelter, Inc. for Animal Shelter Services. Execute contract with Metro Animal Shelter, Inc., located at 3140 35th Street in the following amounts: year one of the contract \$224,661.50; year two \$233,680.72; year three \$240,586.08; year four \$248,751.30; and year five \$254,396.5. **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 24-135 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Task Order Directive #2 with The Cassady Company, Inc. for the Highway 82 Pump Station, Gravity Sewer, and Force Main Project. The City Council previously approved task order directive #1 with The Cassady Company for the Highway 82 Pump Station, Gravity Sewer, and Force Main project. A request is now being made to authorize task order directive #2 in the amount of \$357,085.00. Task order directive #2 includes services during construction provided by The Cassady Company. The cost of task order directive #2 is budgeted from grant and SRF loan funds. **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 24-136 Authorizing Application to the Alabama Department of Public Health for the 2025 Fluoridation Grant. The Engineering department is requesting authorization to apply for the 2025 Fluoridation Grant through the Alabama Department of Public Health. If selected, this grant will fund the replacement and upgrade of the skid at the Northport Water Treatment Plant. 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.**

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt Resolution 24-137 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Southeast Appraisals for As Needed Appraisal Services. The Engineering department is requesting authorization for the City Administrator to execute a contract with Southeast Appraisals for as needed, as requested appraisal services for various City projects and endeavors in the amount of \$25,000.00. Funds for as needed as requested, appraisal services is 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 Aiken, Second by Pro Tem Washington to adopt Resolution 24-138 to Re-appoint Mr. Turnley Smith to the Historic Preservation Commission. The resolution will re-appoint board member Mr. Turnley Smith to the Northport Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Commission is made up of seven members. Mr. Turnley Smith has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. The re-appointing will allow Mr. Smith to serve seat 5 until his term expires on December 31, 2026. **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 24-139 to Re-appoint Mr. John Gordon to the Historic Preservation Commission. This resolution will re-appoint board member Mr. John Gordon to the Northport Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Commission is made up of seven members. Mr. John Gordon has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. The re-appointing will allow Mr. Gordon to serve seat 7 until his term expires on December 31, 2026. **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 24-140 Resolution to Re-appoint Mrs. Frances Pool to the Historic Preservation Commission. This resolution will re-appoint board member Mrs. Frances Pool to the Northport Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Commission is made up of seven members. Mrs. Frances Pool has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. The re-appointing will allow Mrs. Frances Pool to serve seat 6 until her term expires on December 31, 2026. **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 September 9, 2024, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, August 19, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Hunnicutt, Inc., in the amount of \$7,425.00, is for the purchase of a pump for 18L Pump Station located in Northwood Lake. One of the existing pumps at this station has reached its useful life and must be replaced in order to continue normal operations at the pump station.
4. Purchase Requisition, The carpet in the Civic Room at City Hall needs to be replaced due to years of wear and tear. Wheats Carpet & Flooring to remove the current carpet and installing new carpeting for \$7,855.12, which includes material and labor.
5. Purchase Requisition, employee reimbursement for Lawson Turner for the cost of taking the National Registry test for a Paramedic license. The cost of the test is \$175.00.
6. Purchase Requisition, Truck #2370 has had multiple overheating issues recently. After repairs made in-house by our mechanics in the Fleet Shop did not fully fix the problem, the truck was brought to Truckworx for further evaluation. Truckworx was able to determine that Truck #2370 needs a new air compressor and has loose fasteners on the driveshaft. Truckworx for \$6,472.51, which includes all supplies and labor.
7. Purchase Requisition, The Public Works Department relies on a fleet of zero-turn mowers to maintain the City of Northport's various properties, right-of-ways, and parks. We would like two new zero-turn mowers to help keep up with the City's expanding portfolio and to compensate for aging equipment. The new mowers will enable us to cut more effectively as well as use the older mowers on a more limited basis and as backups. Public Works is respectfully requesting your approval to purchase two new zero-turn mowers with the addition of airless tires from Tuskaloosa Lawn Equipment for a total of \$29,958.96.
8. Purchased Requisition, Outsourced Legal Services, Trussell Funderburg Rae Bell & Furgerson PC, \$16,206.14 for legal services in connection with economic development projects from May 2024 through August 2024.

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 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Table 4-1 "Allowable Uses" and Table 4-3 "Table of Dimensional Standards".
 - 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 2235 amending the Zoning Ordinance to Table 4-1 "Allowable Uses" and Table 4-3 "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. **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 Rezoning of approximately 15.48 acres located north of Oak Way and west of Leeward Avenue to RS-1.
 - i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.2.
 - ii. There were no speakers.
 - iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.2.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Ordinance 2236 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. **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

Ms. Webb shared information regarding the upcoming come and go redistricting public education meeting on September 12, 2024 at 5:30 pm. She also reminded everyone of the Northport Redevelopment Authority 2024 Façade Improvement Grant Program. The city's website has more information available.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

There was no departmental business.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Shared about his positive experience with Focus Senior Services at the Northport Community Center.

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

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Announced upcoming free tutoring services at the Hasson Center & Northport Community Center.

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

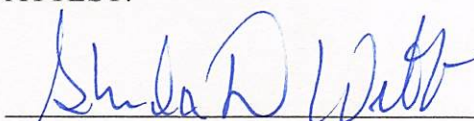
Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – No official business to discuss for District 4.

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

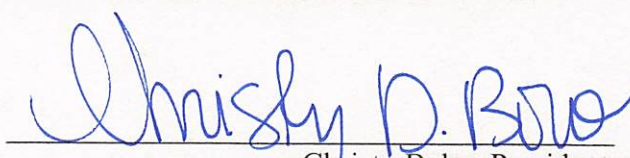
Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **adjourn the meeting**. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned at 6:13 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator



Christy Bobo, President