

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2019, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by Brian Hinton. Brian Hinton led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Councilman Roberts, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Presentations:

Councilman John Hinton was sworn in the by the Honorable Ward D. Robertson, III, Tuscaloosa County, to the District 3 Council Seat.

Mayor Donna Aaron presented a proclamation to Office Shane Galloway for heroic efforts shown.

Mayor Aaron, and Police Chief Gerald Burton swore in new Police Officers, Mr. Anthony Thomas and Mr. Patrick Truett

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **approve the agenda for January 14, 2019 with the deletion of item 7a5, 2nd Reading, Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of the Northport Municipal Code Pertaining to the Regulation of Vicious Animals.** 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.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Ordinance 1979 rezoning of approximately 2 acres located west of Watermelon Road and north of Beverly Drive East from Agriculture to Office/Institutional.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hinton, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Ordinance 1980 rezoning of approximately 4 acres of land located west of Watermelon Road and north of Beverly Drive East from C-2 Neighborhood Commercial to Office/Institutional.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Ordinance 1981 amending Sections 66-78 and 66-79 establishing a Sales and Use Tax Holiday in the City of Northport.** 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 Ordinance 1982 annexing approximately 2.2 acres at 4101 Waldort Drive.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Permanent Resolution 19-01 selling the Hasson Community Center (excluding the baseball field) to Academics in Motion, Inc. for use as a Community Center with the terms and conditions set forth in the resolution, the attached sixteen (16) conditions, and the proposal submitted by Academics in Motion, Inc.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Davis offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Annexing approximately ¼ acres located on 48th Avenue.

Councilman Roberts offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Annexing approximately ¼ acres located on 47th Avenue.

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Annexing approximately 1 acre located on Tom Taylor Road.

Councilman Roberts offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Rezoning of RS-3 to C2 at 2910 20th Avenue.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Conditional Use of Office Building Addition within floodway fringe.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Rezoning AG to C6 of approximately 3.24 acres for Lot 1 Resurvey of Gillis Subdivision.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Annexation of Lot 1 Resurvey of Gillis Subdivision.

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Hogg to adopt Resolution 19-02 declaring certain equipment and items as surplus and authorizing their disposal. 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.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Davis to adopt Resolution 19-03 declaring certain equipment and items as surplus and authorizing their disposal. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Hogg to adopt Resolution 19-04 asking the Council to formally accept the amended bid tabulation for Bid File 18-03 Furnishing Water/Wastewater Chemicals. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, Second by Councilman Davis to adopt Resolution 19-05 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for Engineering and Inspection Services for the FY 2019 City-Wide Street Resurfacing Project (Bid File No. 18-10) and to execute any necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said agreements. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hinton, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Hogg to adopt Resolution 19-06 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with TTL, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Downtown Sidewalks and Streetscape Improvements Phase I (Project No. TAPAA-TA19(910) and to execute any necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said agreements. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Davis to approve Resolution 19-07 authorizing the City Administrator to apply for variances for City owned property located on Main Avenue and authorizing Todd Palmer and/or his designated engineer to act as the agent representing the City before the Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding the variances. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Davis to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 14, 2019 Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, December 10, 2018, Regular Meeting, December 27, 2018 Special Called Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Replacement Handheld Radio for Firestation 3 due to damages, Motorola Solutions, \$7,772.20-FD
4. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Human Trafficking Task Force Training, January 31, 2019, Montgomery, AL, \$0-PD
5. PO Requisition, Pump Station Alarm Unit, Mission Communications, \$9,464.40-Utilities
6. PO Requisition, Phosphate for the Water Treatment Plant, Chemrite, \$5,943.92-Utilities
7. PO Requisition, 1st Quarter Testing at WWTP, Pace Analytical Services, \$8,000.00-Utilities
8. PO Requisition, Liquid Alum for the Water Treatment Plant, Southern Ionics, \$15,000.00-Utilities
9. PO Requisition, Sodium Bisulfite for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Southern Ionics, \$5,500.00- Utilities
10. PO Requisition, Odor Control for Wastewater Treatment Plant, Trayco Services, LLC, \$7,506.00- Utilities
11. PO Requisition, Replacement Backwash Return Pump for Water Treatment Plant, Jim House & Associates, Inc., \$10,491.00-Utilities
12. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Alabama Utilities Management Workshop, \$150.00-Utilities
13. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Ethics and Email Teleconference, January 9, 2019, Northport, AL., \$60.00, Legal
14. PO Requisition, House Prisoners, July-September 2018, Tuscaloosa County Commission, \$40,149.99- PD
15. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Background Investigations for Police Applicants, Dec. 17-18, 2018, \$350.00-PD
16. Travel/Training, 2 employees, FIDC 1 Coaching Marksmanship, February 5-6, 2019, TPD Firing Range, \$50.00-PD
17. Purchase Requisition, Replacement Pump at Airport Pump Station, Morrow Water Technologies, \$12,228.00-Utilities
18. Travel/Training, 3 employees, O'Reilly Seminars, Northport, AL , \$540.00-PW
19. Purchase Requisition, Phosphate for Water Treatment Plant, Carus Corporation, \$7,866.00-Utilities
20. Purchase Requisition, repairs to street lights at Lurleen Wallace & Highway 82, Mills Electric Company, Inc., \$6,500.00- PW
21. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Staff to Supervisor Seminar, March 19, 2019, Tuscaloosa, AL., \$199.00-PW
22. PO Requisition, Professional Consulting Services, Varnon Engineering, \$2,760.00-Eng
23. PO Requisition, MLK King, Jr. Blvd Improvement Project, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. \$9,256.00-ENG
24. PO Requisition, Charlie Shirley Road/Hwy 69 Improvement Project, Burl-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$5057.00- ENG
25. PO Requisition, Workers Compensation Payment, Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc., \$334,757.00-HR
26. PO Requisition, Lease Payment for Downtown Northport Parking Lot, Northport Properties, LLC, \$19,200.00-Administration
27. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Alabama Insurance Fraud Training, February 06, 2019, Birmingham, AL., \$0- PD
28. Travel/Training, 7 employees, Glock Armorer's Course, March 26, 2019, Tuscaloosa, AL., \$1,750.00-PD
29. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Training Seminar, AAPP Risk Management, February 21- 22, 2019, \$525.30-HR

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

Reports of Special Committees of Council:

Councilman Hogg stated that the retail committee should have an update by next council meeting, January 28, 2019.

City Administrator's Business:

Mr. Higginbotham stated the Council needs to move forward and decide upon a President Pro Tem. This was the role of Councilman Sullivan before he his resignation and that position needs to be filled.

Public Comment:

Ms. Kay Holden, 3010 Natchez Landing Court, Northport, AL., Vice President of the Northwood Lake HOA addressed Mayor and Council. Ms. Holden stated that speeding is once again a problem in the neighborhood. She had already spoken with Chief Burton and advised Ms. Holden that she did not have to attend a meeting to request police presence in the neighborhood. All she had to do was call him. However, Ms. Holden's concern is that every other month, after the police presence has been in the neighborhood and people begin to obey the speed limit, the speeding picks up again. She thanked Chief Burton for his help but wanted the Council to know the reason she was speaking was so that they could see what a significant problem speeding is in the neighborhood. She does not know what the solution is. She questioned whether there needs to be more signage, speed bumps, or her continually calling Chief Burton. Union Chapel is the biggest area of concern. Other than just speeding, Ms. Holden noted there are several large industrial trucks using the road. She presented the question of whether they can put restrictions on the road such as a weight limit or number of axles allowed. Her next item of business she wanted to address is 5121 Northwood Lake Drive West. This is a home that has already been condemned by the City. Ms. Holden wanted to know what she needed to do to make sure the project and the process of this condemnation kept moving. President Logan and Councilman Davis addressed Ms. Holden's concern and said they would assign a staff member to follow up with the owner of 5121 Northwood Lake Drive West since the City does not currently have a Planning Director. They will get a current status of the condemnation process so she can relay that information to the residents of Northwood Lake.

Mr. Steven Schwab, 2520 5th Street, Northport, AL. 35476, addressed Mayor and Council regarding the Streetscape Project on Main Avenue. He wanted to know if that included traffic circles on 5th Street and Rice Mine Road that have been discussed in the past. He stated that it was simply an informational question. President Logan advised Mr. Schwab the traffic circles/roundabouts that he is referring to is a specific ALDOT driven project. The Streetscape Project is not related to that project. Mr. Schwab questioned the time frame of the ALDOT Project and when the start date might be. President Logan suggested ALDOT has jumped around about the dates of this project but given the City a time frame of 2020 or 2021. He was not 100% certain and he was deferring that question to City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham and John Powell Webb. Mr. Schwab commented on the traffic signal at 5th and Main, stating it was working better than it ever had. He questioned why Northport could have traffic signals identical to the ones in

downtown Tuscaloosa, the kind that does a countdown for the pedestrian. President Logan stated if did not think the City could purchase that particular system since they had just purchased and installed the new traffic signal cabinet, but he would check to see if there is a possibility of the City being able to integrate that concept in for the future.

Mr. Chuck Gerdau, 3909 Northwood Lake Drive West, Northport, AL., addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a couple of items. Mr. Gerdau began by reflecting on a topic Ms. Holden had brought forth to the Council regarding speeding in Northwood Lake. Mr. Gerdau shared he had a traffic study done in 2006 on Northwood Lake Drive West. He stated the average speed on this road recorded during the study was 48 mph. Mr. Gerdau thanked Councilman Hinton for his willingness to serve on the Council. He also brought forth the topic of Heritage Days and the role the City will play. Heritage Days is done through Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society and will be held on April 27, 28, and 29, 2019. Friends of Historic Northport and the Northport Bicentennial Commission has been asked by the Preservation Society to have Shirley Place open for that weekend. He is aware of upcoming work on the basement of Shirley Place, but is still asking for permission for Shirley Place to be open during this weekend. It would great for Northport and it would be counted towards one of the projects of Northport Bicentennial Committee. Mr. Gerdau mentioned the success of this past year's Dickens Downtown. He suggested there was anywhere from 10,000 to 12,000 people in attendance. He gave a special thanks to Brooke Starnes and the Public Works Department for all of the hard work put into making the event such a success. Lastly, Mr. Gerdau presented the t-shirt design of the Northport Bicentennial Committee to the crowd. He relayed information on how to purchase shirts and cost, \$20.00 per shirt, a wide variety of sizes and gave his cell phone number to the crowd, 205-310-1004.

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Davis to adopt Resolution 19-08 allowing Friends of Historic Northport, in anticipation of 2019 Heritage Days being held on April 27, 28, and 29th , use of Shirley Place. Friends of Historic Northport will have access to the building, operate in the building and be responsible for cleanup of the building. Friends of Historic Northport may gain access to the building April 20, 2019- May 06, 2019. This will allow them entry one week prior to the event and one week after closing date of the event. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan suggested for Mr. Gerdau contact Whitney DuBose to help promote the t-shirts by posting them on social media and some at City Hall for sale.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilman Roberts, District 1, Councilman Roberts stated he has had several conversations with Chief Burton and Brooke Starnes. He said it is a cultural issue. He does not have the answer. He does not think speed bumps or more signage will be the answer to this problem. He said if you have friends, grandparents or neighbors that speed, just tell them to stop because he does not have a better solution.

President Logan, District 2, President Logan thanked Northport's Public Works Department for all the hard work they put in during the holiday season. He also invited Russ Ware from to come and give an update on the MLK Project and the Charlie Shirley Road Project.

According to Mr. Ware, BKI, has submitted 30% plans to DOT and received comments back from them. BKI's staff is currently addressing those comments and moving towards that 60% design. They are still working with the environmental document and trying to get that submitted as soon as possible. Regarding the Charlie Shirley Project, BKI is about at 90% complete of the design phase and they are beginning to look at some utility relocations and things of that nature. Mr. Ware stated that both projects are moving fairly well.

Councilman Hinton, District 3, None

Councilman Davis, District 4, Councilman Davis welcomed Councilman Hinton to the board and stated he look forward to working with him.

Councilman Hogg, District 5, Councilman Hogg welcomed Councilman Hinton and said he looked forward to working with him the remainder of the term. He said that Councilman Hinton had big shoes to fill, replacing Rodney Sullivan's seat. He expressed his appreciation to Councilman Hinton by serving on the board. He also touched base on what Mr. Rose said regarding the Workman's Comp Plan. He stated that the City has tried to take the right steps in creating a safer work environment for its employees and the Public Works' employee have done a great job in trying to lessen that themselves. He stated the money saved would allow the City to do more projects within the City, more for its citizens, and to help maintain a safe work environment for its employees.

Mayor Aaron, stated that along with Public Works playing an instrumental role in Dickens Downtown, Chief Burton and Chief Marshall also played instrumental parts. She thanked them all for the role they play. She welcomed Councilman Hinton to the Council.

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Roberts to adjourn the meeting Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss proposed economic development and potential litigation.

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

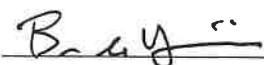
The Council reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator