

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 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 three proclamations presented. Proclamation Recognizing Northport Pink Friday and World AIDS Day. Izzy's Coffee & Comics was named Business of the Month for November.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to approve the agenda for November 18, 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 none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Aiken, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2247 Storage and Removal of Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property.** This ordinance prohibits the storage of inoperable vehicles on private property within public view in all residential and commercial districts of the city. This ordinance applies when hand-delivery or ticketing is not possible, such as when an inoperable vehicle's owner lives out of town. The ordinance includes exemptions for vehicle repair, storage, and sales businesses. The ordinance provides specific notice and public hearing requirements. **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 **table Ordinance Repealing Ordinances 2225 and 2226 Ordering Demolition of 1207 15th Street Court until January 6, 2025.** The first reading of this repeal was tabled at the September 23, 2024 Council Meeting until the November 4 meeting, at which time it was offered. Ms. Debra Mayfield, the majority owner of 1207 15th Street Court, respectfully requests repeal of the demolition ordinance for said property. The City Council adopted the demolition ordinance in June 2024 with a 60-day extension, which expired in September. During the 60-day extension, Ms. Mayfield completed some work on the house, retained legal counsel, and began legal proceedings in probate to acquire full control of the heir property, which was previously owned equally between seven heirs. Ms. Mayfield is now the majority owner of the property. Ms. Mayfield retained a contractor and scheduled full repairs, with an estimated completion timeline of January 2025 (4-6 weeks from Nov. 4, 2024). Several documents are attached including: Exhibit A : Executed deed vesting majority ownership in Ms. Mayfield Exhibit B: October Email Update from Ms. Mayfield and September email with contractor estimates and timeline Exhibit C: Email with Ms. Mayfield's attorney, Mr. Jason Avery, explaining ownership and efforts to acquire Exhibit D: Ordinance 2225 Ordering Demolition of Unsafe Structures Exhibit E: Ordinance 2226 Ordering Demolition of Unsafe Structures. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, No; Councilman Aiken, No; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Offered by Councilwoman Dykes, **Ordinance Amending and Adopting the Updated Zoning Ordinance.** The City, along with KPS Group, began the task of overhauling the zoning ordinance in February. The proposed changes are the result of eight different work sessions, staff, and consultant reviews, and public input received during the comprehensive planning process. The Planning & Zoning Commission met in a special called meeting on October 28, 2024, for a presentation and a public hearing. The Commission held a second public hearing and gave a favorable recommendation on November 12, 2024 to repeal Ordinance 1779 and replace it with the proposed Zoning Ordinance. An electronic copy of the proposed ordinance is available at <https://www.northportcompass.com/2024/01/documents.html>.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-173 Authorizing the City Administrator to Reject the Contract Awarded to Southland Transportation Group for Bid File 23-14.** On September 18, 2023, the City Council authorized the awarding of Bid File 23-14 to Furnish One (1) Rear-Loading Garbage Truck to Southland Transportation Group for \$237,362.62 upon delivery of the product within the 2024 calendar year. On October 25, 2024,

Southland Transportation Group notified the City of Northport that the contracted Garbage Truck would not start being built until February of 2025. The Public Works Department is requesting that the contract awarded to Southland Transportation Group be rejected due to failure to provide the product within the required timeframe. **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 24-174 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with WAR Construction, Inc. for the River Run Park at Northport Shore - Vertical Completion Package.** On November 7, 2024, the City of Northport opened bids for the River Run Park at Northport Shore - Vertical Completion Package. The lowest responsible bidder for the base bid was WAR Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,194,000.00. **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 24-175 Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase Athletic Turf Surfacing for River Run Park at Northport Shore.** The City of Northport solicited proposals for the purchase and installation of athletic turf surfacing at River Run Park at Northport Shore. FieldTurf provided the most competitive price for the scope of work. A Sourcewell cooperative purchasing will be utilized. The Engineering department selects FieldTurf for the purchase and installation of athletic turf surfacing in the amount of \$3,165,459.00. **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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Resolution 24-176 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Lighting Services Lease Agreements with Alabama Power for Roadway and Parking Lot Lighting at River Run Park at Northport Shore.** The City of Northport solicited proposals for roadway and parking lot lighting at River Run Park at Northport Shore for the River Run Park Promenade and River Run Park entrance/exit areas, parking lot, and maintenance building. The Engineering department would like approval of Alabama Power's proposals to provide these services at a monthly rate. **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 24-177 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 1 with Utility Asset Management for the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project for Flatwoods Road & 68th Avenue.** The City of Northport previously awarded the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Flatwoods & 68th Avenue) to Utility Asset Management at \$246,832.00. In order to remove additional concrete in the culvert to line storm pipe, Utility Asset Management has submitted Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,800.00. The contract for the Storm Sewer Rehabilitation contract will now be \$251,632.00. **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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-178 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Reimbursement Agreement with Courtstone, LLC for an Interim Sewer Study for the Townes of North Lake Subdivision.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute a reimbursement agreement between the City of Northport and Courtstone, LLC. The City of Northport will conduct an interim sewer study for The Townes of North Lake Subdivision and Courtstone, LLC will reimburse the City in the amount of \$16,107.00. The study will serve as the basis for a temporary sewer solution until the City's overall sewer improvement plan is completed. **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 24-179 Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Master Services Agreement and Task Order Directive No. 1 with The Cassady Company, Inc. for the Townes of North Lake Pump Station.** The proposed development of the Townes of North Lake Subdivision Phase I, and any future developments

in the immediate area, will need sanitary sewer improvements to support the development. A proposal has been received from The Cassady Company, Inc. for task order directive no. 1 which includes a study and evaluation phase of the proposed development area. The Engineering department is recommending approval of a master services agreement and task order directive no.1 in an amount not-to-exceed \$16,107.00. The fees associated with task order directive no. 1 shall be reimbursable 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 Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-180 Authorizing the City Administrator to Approve Right-of-Way Acquisitions for Main Avenue Revitalization Project - STPSU-CRPTL-6321(252).** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to approve right-of-way acquisitions for the Main Avenue Revitalization Project in conformity with values approved by the Alabama Department of Transportation, not to exceed \$125,153.35. This resolution is a companion to Resolution 24-157. Offer letters have been sent to all property owners and the City is in the process of executing agreements with individual property owners. **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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the November 18, 2024, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, for Public Works to purchase a Graco Linelazer 3400 model paint striper from PPG Paints for \$6,090.43 to complete striping jobs as needed by the City of Northport. Having this equipment on hand will enable us to provide certain services more efficiently and at a lower cost than if hiring a professional service.
4. Purchase Requisition, for Public Works to purchase one (1) rear-loading garbage truck from Truckworx-Birmingham to be delivered in 30-45 days using the City's Sourcewell Contract for government purchases for \$235,500.00.
5. Purchase Requisition, for Fire to purchase (1) Ford F-150 Supercrew 4x4 Pickup Truck from Stivers Ford for \$56,500.00 to be the new admin vehicle for the Fire Department.
6. Purchase Requisition, for Engineering to purchase the athletic field sports lighting from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC in the amount of \$1,239,100.00. The City of Northport solicited proposals for the purchase of athletic field sports lighting for River Run Park at Northport Shore. Musco Sports Lighting, LLC provided the most competitive price for the scope of equipment under the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement.
7. Purchase Requisition, for Police to pay the Tuscaloosa County Commission \$55,275.00 for the cost to house prisoners from July through September.
8. Purchase Requisition, for Engineering to pay The Cassady Company, Inc., \$11,692.86, for engineering services pertaining to the emergency sewer repairs at Highway 69N and Highway 82.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There were no reports.

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 items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
 1. **Second Reading, Resolution 24-181 fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing filing a lien for the parcel 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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-181 fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing filing a lien for the parcel located at 921 10th Street.** The demolition was done at the City's efforts and expense of \$9,627.75. **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

Motion by President Bobo, Second by Pro Tem Washington to cancel the first council meeting in December, December 2, 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.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, Second by Pro Tem Washington to move Monday, January 20, 2025 council meeting to Tuesday, January 21, 2025 due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – stated he was proud of the progress of River Run Park and the Townes.

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

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Happy Thanksgiving

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.

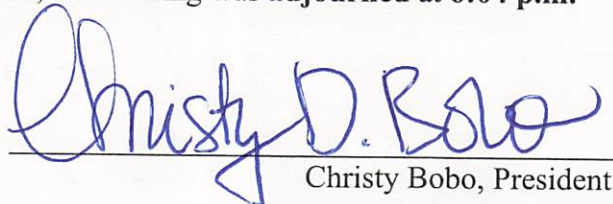
Motion by Councilman Wiggins, Second by Pro Tem Washington to **adjourn the meeting.** **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned at 6:04 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator



Christy Bobo, President