

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 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 three proclamations. The first was in recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Second was recognizing 2024 Northport Fire Rescue Firefighter of the Year, Battalion Chief Richard Brown. Third was presented to Northport Fire and Rescue for National Fire Prevention Week.

A check for \$50,000.00 was presented to the PARA Foundation for Mason's Place.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to approve the agenda for October 7, 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

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Offered by Pro Tem Washington for **Ordinance Adopting the 2025 General Fund Capital Budget.** This budget will be for a twelve (12) month period, October 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-150 Appointing a Member to the Tuscaloosa County Parks & Recreation Authority Board.** Mr. Brion Hardin's appointment to the Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority Board expired in August 2024. This resolution will reappoint Mr. Hardin for an additional three-year term expiring in August 2027. **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 24-151 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Body Worn Cameras.** Northport Police Department received a grant for ten body worn cameras, associated equipment, and storage. An additional ten body worn cameras will outfit all police officers. NPD is requesting approval for the City Administrator to execute an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the body worn cameras in the amount of \$27,452.06. Grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 will offset the cost. The remaining cost will be covered by City 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 24-152 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Electric Machine Control for Water Treatment Plant Chemical Room Control Upgrades.** A proposal was received from Electric Machine Control (EMC) to perform engineering, installation, and programming for chemical room control upgrades at the water treatment plant, in conjunction with the Water Treatment Plant Chemical System Improvements project. The Utilities department request authorization for the City Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with EMC in the amount of \$122,025.00 for these services. **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 24-153 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 14889 Highway 171.** Mr. Curtis Jamerson has property located at 14889 Highway 171, 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. He 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 Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-154 Awarding Bid File No. 24-05 furnishing up to two 20-cubic yards roll-off trailers to Pro-Tainer Inc. in the amount of \$47,780.00.** **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 Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-155 Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant.** Northport Police Department has been awarded the Fiscal Year 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for 50% reimbursement for the purchase of 19 bulletproof vests. The grant is in the amount of \$7,121.34. **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 24-156 Authorizing the Adoption of the City of Northport City Seal.** The City of Northport City Seal has been re-imagined to better represent the City's recognizable landmarks and assets. Adoption of the new City Seal will supersede any prior City Seals representative of the City of Northport. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, No; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-157 Authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to make offer(s) to and execute agreements with property owners in conformity with ALDOT approved values for right-of-way acquisition regarding the Main Avenue Revitalization Project - STPSU-CRPTL-6321(252).** On July 15, 2024, by Resolution 24-116 the City Council authorized the Mayor to enter into a Supplemental Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the Main Avenue Revitalization Project STPSU-CRPTL-6321(252) which included funding and acquiring right-of-way. Now, the appraisals have taken place, and the City of Northport is in the process of acquiring the right-of-way (ROW) to facilitate the construction of the project. The Department respectfully requests the City Administrator, or her designee be authorized to make offers to and execute agreements with property owners in conformity with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) approved values. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the October 7, 2024, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, September 23, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, In order to re-open the Heritage Museum to the public, we need to thoroughly clean the building. We are respectfully requesting approval to hire Servpro of Tuscaloosa to provide HVAC Duct Cleaning, Microbial Growth Treatment, and General Cleaning of walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, fixtures, and antiques as well as the exterior bathroom for \$7,917.00.
4. Purchase Requisition, to Parkson Corporation, in the amount of \$10,201.00, to replace one (1) of the five (5) c-channel assemblies and braces for Basin #2 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The c-channel assemblies hold the diffuse headers in place to allow transfer of oxygen to the basin. It

is a critical part of the operation of the basin and needs to be replaced to continue normal operations at the plant.

5. Purchase Requisition, Pace Analytical Services, LLC., in the amount of \$35,000.00 for testing at the Water Treatment Plant. The testing consists of Coliform, TOC's, SOC's, IDSE, and DSE. This testing is required by ADEM.
6. Purchase Requisition, Living Water Services, LLC., in the amount of \$15,000.00 for testing at the Water Treatment Plant. The testing consists of bacti and TOC which is required by ADEM.
7. Purchase Requisition, the IT Department requests CDWG for license renewal of CrowdStrike software. This is cloud-based cybersecurity software that provides endpoint and ransomware protection. The cost is \$49,800.00.
8. Purchase Requisition, the IT Department requests Carahsoft Technology Corp., for MFA RFID license renewal software. Total cost \$26,485.82.
9. Purchase Requisition, Brion Hardin Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$9,800.00, is for the rental of a 70-ton crane to repair the aeration basin diffuser located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
10. Purchase Requisition, Parkson Corporation, in the amount of \$20,346.00, is for diffusers and connectors on the Aeration Basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The old diffuses and connectors need to be replaced in order to continue operation of the aeration basin. The requisition is for 300 diffusers and 147 connectors.
11. Purchase Requisition, for the City of Northport share of the Video Wall in the EOC, Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency, which was a part of the Admin-Capital Budget appropriations in fiscal year 2024. Total appropriation was \$24,000.
12. Purchase Requisition, the IT Department requests Ricoh for additional server identity threat protection software for \$8,120.00.
13. Purchase Requisition, Pace Analytical Services, LLC., in the amount of \$10,000.00 is for testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The testing is for E.coli, BOD, TSS, NH4, and TKN, which is all required by ADEM.

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 was **one** Public Hearing item on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
 1. **First Reading, Ordinance Changing the Single Member Council District Lines Based on the 2020 Census and the Voting Rights Act.** The year 2020 federal census indicated population changes of greater than 10% within the established City Council Districts for the City of Northport, necessitating redistricting in order to remain compliant with federal law. The City of Northport retained the services of the West Alabama Regional Commission to develop proposed redistricting maps that were in compliance with federal and state requirements. The City hosted a public education meeting on September 12, 2024, to review these proposed district maps with the public. In addition, the City accepted comments through its website on these proposed district maps.
 - i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.b.1.
 - ii. Nini Jobson 1534 Bellwood Lane – Why did the Summit get pulled from District 5 into District 1? Seems like there would be a closer area that could be pulled into 1 instead.
 - iii. Chuck Gerda 1802 20th Avenue – If we had the past 2 years to complete this, why did we wait so long to do so.
 - iv. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.b.1.
- C. There was one Public Hearing item on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
 1. **First Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of Unsafe Structure Located at 5118 Azalea Trail.**
 - i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.1.
 - ii. Andrew, owner of property. He requests additional time to complete the work. He has been having problems with the HOA also. He is a contractor and would like to start the work immediately and estimates completion in 6 months.
 - iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.1.

Offered By: Councilman Wiggins

D. There was no Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Police Department**.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

There was no City Administrator's Business.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

There was no departmental business.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Gave a year in review update on projects, finances, city growth, etc.

President Bobo, District 1 – Reminded citizens of Chief Marshall's offer of free fire alarms.

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 into Executive Session** to discuss **Economic Development and Pending Litigation**. This session should take no longer than 30 minutes. It is anticipated that the council will not take action after the Executive Session is concluded. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

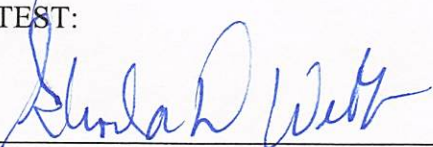
Council **adjourned** into **Executive Session** at **6:33 p.m.**

Council **reconvened** into **Regular Meeting** at **7:38 p.m.** with no action needed to be taken.

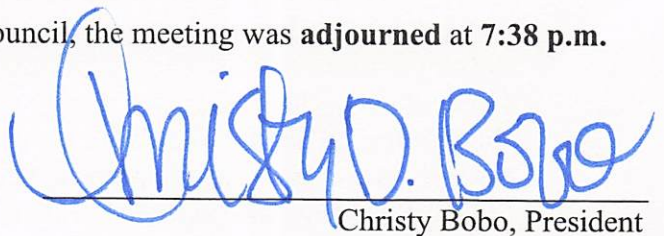
Motion by Councilman Aiken, Second by Councilwoman Dykes to adjourn the meeting. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, No; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned** at **7:38 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator


Christy Bobo, President