The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 2018, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by President Logan. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Pro Tem Sullivan, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham, and Mayor Aaron. Absent and failing to vote was Councilman Boozer, and Councilman Davis.

Mayor Aaron announced with great regret that Councilman Boozer has resigned his position as City Councilman for District 1, due to health issues. She said that she has enjoyed working with him and that he will be greatly missed. She said the City Council will begin the process of filling the vacancy.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **approve the agenda for the March 5, 2018 Council meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Visitors to Address the Council:

Ms. Geneva Lewis, on behalf of ARSEA/APEAL presented a certificate to the City Council for their participation in providing a bonus for retired employees. She expressed her appreciation to them for supporting their retirees.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Ordinance 1954 granting the annexation of approximately 0.25 acres located along Hwy. 69 N., north of Mitt Lary Road.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan **to adopt Ordinance 1955 rezoning approximately 0.25 acres located along Hwy. 69 N. and north of Mitt Lary Road from AG (Agricultural) to C-3 (General Commercial).** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan opened the floor for a **Public Hearing Authorizing Conditional Use Approval for a mini-warehouse development in a C-3 zone, located on Hwy. 69 N., north of Hunter Creek Road.**

There were no public comments.

President Logan closed the floor for the Public Hearing.

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Ordinance 1956 authorizing Conditional Use Approval for a mini-warehouse development in a C-3 Zone, located on Hwy. 69 N., north of Hunter Creek Road.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Permanent Resolution accepting municipal public improvements at 4501 Rose Boulevard.

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Permanent Resolution accepting the Declaration of Covenant pertaining to property located at the Northwest corner of Rose Boulevard and Wildcat Drive.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Resolution 18-12 acknowledging receipt, review, and approval of the annual report regarding the City's Identity Theft Prevention Program.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Resolution 18-13 declaring certain equipment and vehicles as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Resolution 18-14 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the maintenance of the right-of-way along Hwy. 82 and Hwy. 43 from the eastern city limits to the western city limits for 2018.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, February 19, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Professional Services for MLK Jr., Blvd. Improvements Project, BKI, Inc. $7,249.00 - Engineering
4. PO Requisition, Design Services for Charlie Shirley Road Improvements Project, BKI, Inc. $5,054.00 - Engineering
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Courtroom Security and Threat Assessment, April 5-6th, Birmingham, AL $295.00 – Municipal Court
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Wastewater Plant Operator Exam Review, March 12-13th, Birmingham, AL $300.00 - Utilities
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, 2018 Spring Municipal Law Conference, March 23rd, Montgomery, AL $300.00 - Legal
8. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Organizational Performance and Evaluation, Ethics and Integrity Courses, April 12-13th, Ft. Payne, AL $454.00 - PD
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Cheap and Easy MS4 Public Education & Public Involvement, March 20th, Moody, AL $0 - Engineering
10. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Motor Selection, Replacement and Diagnostics, Northport, AL $0 - PW
11. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Executive Leader Workshop, March 13th, Hoover, AL $0 - PD
12. Travel/Training, 6 employees, Project Safe Neighborhood, March 2nd, Tuscaloosa, AL $0 - PD
13. PO Requisition, Herbicide Treatment of Drainage Channels for 2018, Edko, LLC $6,536.62 - PW
14. PO Requisition, Herbicide Treatment of Flood Control Levee for 2018, Edko, LLC $16,905.84 - PW
15. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation Seminar, PATC, April 4-5th, Decatur, AL $865.00 – Fire
16. Travel/Training, 1 employee, IAEI NEC Article 250 Grounding and Bonding, March 15th, Montgomery, AL $0 – Inspections
17. DELETED
18. PO Requisition, UCR Realignment Project, Invoice 12, BKI, Inc. $38,190.00 – Engineering
19. Travel/Training, 1 employee, ICC Plan Review Institute, March 12-16th, Birmingham, AL $850.00 - Inspections

Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Reports of Special Committees of Council:

City Administrator Higginbotham announced that the Administrative Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow, has been cancelled.

Pro Tem Sullivan announced that the bank conversion has been completed, and the lock box address will now be in Birmingham, and not Houston, Texas. However, he explained that if you use online bill pay through your financial institution, you should make sure that you update this information with your bank to avoid lost or past due payments. He said that he will make sure this information is on the city's web-site.

President Logan said that the Retail Development Committee would like to have a meeting soon to discuss billboards, sign ordinance, etc. He also invited everyone to attend the Chamber of Commerce Community Engagement Dinner, which will be tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. at the Levee Restaurant. He said that he and City Administrator Higginbotham will be speaking at the event.

Public Comment:

Mr. Stephen Schwab, 2520 5th Street came before Council to discuss his ideas for new retail in the Northport area. He suggested concentrating on bringing in small businesses to Northport such as bookstores, coffee shops, upscale second-hand stores, ice cream shops, etc.

Mayor and Council Member's Business:

Councilman Boozer, District 1, absent

President Logan, District 2, thanked the Public Works Department, as well as staff for all their hard work. He announced that the Planning Department has recently sent out letters to property owners who are in violation of the weed ordinance, and urged everyone to cut their grass and clean up litter on their property.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, thanked Ms. Kim Braughton for her help with a grant request letter for the Vestavia Elementary School Pre-K Grant application. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Braughton for her help with preparing the letter.

Councilman Davis, absent

Councilman Hogg, District 5, thanked Councilman Boozer for his work in District 1. He said that he worked hard for the district and he enjoyed working with him. He discussed exploring the feasibility of a creating a new Department Head position, which would be Director of Infrastructure.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by President Logan to **have the City Administrator explore creating the Department Head position of Director of Infrastructure, and report back to the City Council at the next meeting of the City Council.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Aaron, none

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan **to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator