

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 12:00 p.m. on March 21, 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 presented a proclamation to Mr. Walter Turner for National Vietnam Veterans Day. Mr. Turner thanked Mayor Aaron and the Council and invited everyone to attend the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program scheduled for March 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 6022 to thank the Veterans for their service.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **approve the agenda for the March 21, 2018 Council meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Visitors to Address the Council:

Mr. Walter Turner, on behalf of the VFW Post 6022, presented Northport Firefighter/Paramedic Billy Currington with the VFW Emergency Services Gold Medal Award for Outstanding Emergency Medical Technician of the Year.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Ordinance 1957 granting the annexation of approximately 0.83 acres located at 5500 Watermelon 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 1958 rezoning approximately 0.83 acres located at 5500 Watermelon Road from AG (Agricultural) to C-2 (Neighborhood Commercial).** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Ordinance 1959 rezoning approximately 15 acres located along Deason Camp Road and west of Rose Blvd. from RS (Residential Single Family) to AG (Agricultural).** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Ordinance 1960 rezoning approximately 1 acre located along 30th Avenue and South of 18th Street from RS (Residential Single Family) to C-3 (General Commercial).** 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 1961 granting the request for text and map amendments to the Zoning Ordinance making changes to the residential zones and requirements.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance annexing approximately 1.5 acres located at 4518 5th Street.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance authorizing Conditional Use approval for a Mini-Warehouse located on the northeast corner of Hwy. 43 N. and Northcreek Blvd. in a C-3 Zone.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Resolution 18-15 awarding the bid for Buckhead Drainage Way Clean-Up (Bid File No. 18-01) to Turfscape of West Alabama, in the annual amount of \$12,000.00 and authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions using prices from said bid file.** 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 Sullivan to **approve the Consent Agenda for the March 21, 2018 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, March 5, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Guardrail Repair, Alabama Guardrail Inc, \$6,375.00 - PW
4. DELETED
5. PO Requisition, Annual Pumper Truck Lease Payment, SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp. \$155,447.59 - FD
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, General Powers of Municipalities Webinar, March 27th, \$37.00 - Legal
7. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Turbine Pump, Chemical Feed & Package Booster Station Technologies Workshop, March 27th, Birmingham, AL \$0 - Utilities
8. PO Requisition, Office 365 Annual Payment, SHI International Corp., \$54,060.00 - IT
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Officer Safety and Wellness Training, April 17-18th, Trussville, AL \$0 - PD
10. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Protecting Worship Centers, April 24th, Montgomery, AL \$0 - PD
11. Travel/Training, 2 employees, AAPPA Seminar, April 5-6th, Montgomery, AL \$841.40 - HR
12. Travel/Training, 2 employees, ARWA Alabama/Florida Joint Technical Training Conf., May 14-17th, Panama City, FL \$1,220.32 - Utilities
13. PO Requisition, Sludge Blanket Monitors for WWTP, Analytical Technology, \$12,760.00 - Utilities

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

Public Comment:

Mr. Eddie Fulmer 4409 Oak Meadow Drive, Northport came before Council to discuss the safety and security of the residence in the Smith Acres Subdivision due to vicious dogs. Mr. Fulmer explained that his mother lives at 4225 Cardinal Street and that there is an animal rescue business next door at 4221 Cardinal Street, operated by Ms. Stacy Jordan, which houses loud and vicious animals. Mr. Fulmer expressed his concern for the elderly people in the neighborhood, as well as children getting attacked by the dogs. He encouraged the City Council to investigate the situation and see if there is anything that can be done.

Ms. Sue Winters, 4229 Cardinal Street, Northport came before Council to discuss the safety and security of the residence in the Smith Acres Subdivision due to vicious dogs. She said there are several small children and elderly people in the neighborhood and she was concerned for everyone's safety due to the vicious dogs. Ms. Winters asked the City Council to investigate the situation and see if there is anything that can be done.

Ms. Pam Beasley, 3305 Springfield Avenue, Northport came before Council to discuss the safety and security of the residence in the Smith Acres Subdivision due to vicious dogs. Ms. Beasley said that she is afraid to let her grandchildren play in her front yard due to the dogs escaping from Ms. Stacy Jordan's Animal Rescue Service which is housed at 4221 Cardinal Street in the Smith Acres Subdivision. Ms. Beasley asked the City Council to investigate the situation and see if there is anything that can be done.

Ms. Darlene Richardson, 15614 Peace Valley Road, Brookwood came before Council to discuss the Animal Rescue Service operated by Ms. Stacy Jordan. She explained that she had worked with Ms. Jordan in the past and that she housed too many animals at one time and that she wasn't taking care of the animals. Ms. Richardson asked the Council to consider having Ms. Jordan move her animal rescue service to an area that is non-residential.

Mr. Jarrod Shirley, 4129 Cardinal Street, Northport came before Council to discuss the safety and security of the residence in the Smith Acres Subdivision due to vicious dogs. Mr. Shirley explained that on two separate occasions, his dog has been mauled by dogs housed by Ms. Jordan. He said he is very concerned that another animal or a person is going to get seriously injured by these dogs and asked the Council to investigate the situation and see if there is anything that can be done.

President Logan thanked everyone for coming out and informing the City Council of the issues and concerns. He said they would look into the situation and see if it can be remedied. Pro Tem Sullivan said he would like to research whether or not this type of business is allowed to operate in a residential area, and if not, create some time of zone or area that would accommodate this type of service. Mayor Aaron said she is concerned about this situation and said it does need to be corrected and asked City Attorney Ron Davis to investigate the number of animals an owner can have, as well as animals running at large. City Attorney Davis concurred.

Mr. Jody Jobson was on the sign-up sheet to speak, however, he declined and said he would speak at a later date.

Mayor and Council Member's Business:

District 1, vacant

President Logan, District 2, updated everyone on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Road Improvement Project. He said that BKI, Inc. is working hard and should have some design drawings completed in a few months. President Logan wished everyone a Happy Easter. He also said he hopes to schedule a meeting soon to discuss revising ordinances pertaining to landscaping, signs, and the Subdivision Regulations in hopes to streamline the zoning process.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns with the vicious dogs, and the Animal Rescue Service in Smith Acres.

Councilman Davis, absent

Councilman Hogg, District 5, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns pertaining to the vicious dogs, and the Animal Rescue Service in Smith Acres. He said they will investigate the situation and hope to resolve the issues. Councilman Hogg said that Council will soon re-appoint someone to fill the vacancy of Councilman Boozer, District 1. He said in the meantime, if anyone in District 1 needs assistance, they are welcome to contact any of the Council members, or the Mayor. Councilman Hogg said that the City Council will take no action at this time, on the RFP received for the triangle piece of property located near the train trestle in downtown

Northport. He said this was because the RFP received from Beeker Properties for the current City Hall, proposed locating a new city hall at the triangle piece of property, therefore, the City needs to maximize city resources by looking at city owned property before a decision can be made. He said the City is still in the process with Beeker Properties and the due diligence period should end sometime in April, therefore no action will be taken on the RFP for the triangle piece of property until after this time period, and more information is received on the RFP received for the current City Hall property.

Mayor Aaron, said that anyone in District 1 that has a need or concern could contact her or any of the Council members to help them until the vacancy by Councilman Boozer is filled. She also said that the two (2) RFP's received for the Hasson Center needed to be reviewed and a decision needed to be made soon on what direction to go. She said perhaps a committee can be appointed to review the RFP's and talk with the people who submitted them and work something out.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator