

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on April 02, 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 Davis due to Military Duty.

Mayor Aaron presented a proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2018 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month. She also presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2018 as Donate Life Month for the City of Northport.

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **approve the agenda for the April 02, 2018 Council meeting**. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Ordinance 1962 granting the annexation of approximately 1.5 acres located at 4518 5th Street**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 18-16 declaring certain items and equipment as surplus and authorizing their disposal**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt the Resolution 18-17 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with The Verdin Company in the amount of \$580.00 for maintenance of the clock located on Main Avenue and authorizing the City Administrator to approve all requisitions to said agreement**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **approve the Consent Agenda for the April 02, 2018 Council Meeting**.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, March 19, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Legal Issues Facing City & County Governments, May 4-5, Orange Beach, AL \$769.00- Legal
4. PO Requisition, Software Support Payment, Tyler Technologies, \$31,915.23-Finance
5. DELETED
6. Travel/Training, 3 employees, American Public Works Association Conference, Aug. 25-29th, Kansas City, MO, \$3,390.00-PW
7. DELETED
8. PO Requisition, Remanufactured Engine for ROW Truck No. 5249, Jasper Engine Exchange, \$12,903.00-PW
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Qualified Credential Inspector (QCI) Training Program, Online Refresher Course, \$79.00-Engineering
10. PO Requisition, Replacement Submersible Sewage Pump, Sheppard Electric, \$14,775.00-Utilities
11. Travel/Training, 1 employee, ATF/ROCIC-2018 Conference, April 16-19, 2018, Chattanooga, TN, \$473.48- PD
12. PO Requisition, 2nd Quarter Testing at WWTP, TTL, Inc.\$8000.00-Utilities
13. PO Requisitions, DO Control for Blowers at WWTP, Electric Machine Control, Inc, \$12,000.00- Utilities

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

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Higginbotham announced April's Administrative Committee Meeting has been cancelled due to Councilman Boozer's resignation. The next meeting is scheduled for May.

City Administrator Higginbotham discussed the job description for the proposed new Department Head position for Director of Infrastructure. He said the job description is ready to be reviewed by the Civic Service Board.

Motion President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to send the job description for the proposed new Director of Infrastructure to Civil Service Board for review and approval.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes, Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

City Administrator explained that the vacancy of Council District 1 will need to be filled by the end of the month and suggested interviewing interested candidates on Monday and Tuesday, April 16th and April 17th. He said that Councilman Davis will be out of town on Military Duty until April 13th, therefore asked the Council to consider rescheduling the regular Council meeting from Monday, April 16 to Tuesday, April 17th at 6:00 pm (pre-meeting at 5:00) to allow Councilman Davis to be involved in the interview process. City Administrator Higginbotham suggested to anyone interested in serving on the City Council for District 1, submit a letter of consideration to the City Administrator by April 11th by 5:00 pm.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve moving the April 16th Council Meeting to April 17th at 6:00 pm. (pre-meeting at 5:00 pm.) so that interviews for the vacancy of Council District 1 can be completed on April 16th and April 17th.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan reiterated that anyone interested in being interviewed for the Council District 1 vacancy, submit a letter of consideration to the City Administrator by April 11th by 5:00 p.m. He stated that if a significant amount of names are submitted, the Council will review the names and interview a smaller group of candidates.

Departmental Business:

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve the ABC License for EL Gran Patron Mexican Grill dba La Fiesta Grill.** Roll call was as follows Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes, Councilman Hogg, Yes, President Logan Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

District 1- Vacant

President Logan, District 2, President Logan mentioned the upcoming Tuscaloosa and Northport Regional Air Show on Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th and encouraged everyone to attend. President Logan urged the Dollar General located on Lurleen Wallace Blvd as well as other business owners to keep their grass cut and litter picked up around their businesses. He mentioned that he might call out other businesses from time to time.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, none

Councilman Davis, District 4, Absent

Councilman Hogg, District 5, none

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron mentioned the upcoming Tuscaloosa and Northport Regional Air Show on Saturday April 14th and Sunday April 15th. She said the City of Northport will be hosting the evacuees at City Hall that will be displaced due to the Air Show. Mayor Aaron also remarked on the importance of having a member from the Northport City Council represented on the Warrior Baseball Board in an Advisory Position. Mayor Aaron suggested President Logan be appointed to the Warrior Baseball Board in an Advisory Position with Councilman Hogg serving in an alternate capacity. Mayor Aaron said this role will act as a liaison between the baseball league and the City to inform the City of any important dates, information, or matters taking place at the park.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan **to appoint President Logan to the Warrior Baseball Board in Advisory position and appoint Councilman Hogg as an alternate Advisory position on the Board.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Aaron clarified that the proposed new position of Director of Infrastructure has nothing to do with the Public Works Department. City Administrator Higginbotham concurred.

Public Comment:

Mr. James McKinney, 11907 Creighton Avenue, Northport, came before Council to invite everyone to the 8th Annual Cruisin' at Chapel Hill Car Show on April 21st, 2018. The free event will take place at Chapel Hill Baptist Church and will showcase over 150 cars. Mr. McKinney explained that a coin is designed each year for the event, and he presented each Council member and Mayor with one of the coins.

Ms. Darlene Richardson, 15614 Peace Valley Road, Brookwood came before Council to discuss the Animal Rescue Service operated by Ms. Stacy Jordan in the Smith Acres neighborhood. Ms. Richardson said that it is her understanding that Ms. Jordan's animal rescue service is a state registered non-profit business; therefore, the pit bull that attacked another dog should have been ordered to be put down and asked for confirmation from Council if this had been done. President Logan said he could not confirm. Ms. Richardson stressed her concern about the dangers of the pit bull being adopted to someone. Ms. Richardson thanked the Council and staff for their hard work during this time.

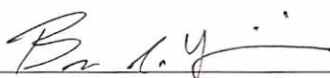
President Logan addressed the crowd regarding the issue with the animal rescue service operating in Smith Acres, which is a residential neighborhood. This rescue is registered with the State of Alabama as nonprofit business, Southern Paws Animal Rescue. However, it is against City of Northport's Code to operate without a business license. To operate a kennel, a nonprofit, or any type of business, a business license is required. As of this time, this business has been ordered to cease operations. President Logan stated that staff is assessing internally to see if there are any ordinances that need to be looked at to avoid this situation happening in the future.

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 6:31 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:


Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator