
Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve Resolution 18-25 establishing Northport's Bicentennial Committee, which Whitney DuBose and Chuck Gerdau will Co-Chair. This group will meet and decide what it will accomplish to help uplift Northport and the State of Alabama during this historic time.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes, Councilman Rose, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carries Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve Resolution 18-26 approving Northport's Bicentennial Committee to seek grant funds from the 2018 Alabama Community Grant Application.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes, Councilman Rose, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carries Unanimously.**

Motion by Council Hogg, **Second by** Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt the Resolution 18-27 authorizing the City Administrator to renew the annual contract with Motorola Solutions and approve the requisitions for the cost.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second by** Pro Tem Sullivan **to approve the Resolution 18-28 adopting the Annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Before the Motion was made, Pro Tem Sullivan thanked Rob Robertson and the entire group for pushing the installation and use of radio equipment on through. He stated it will be huge for this impacted area on the Western side. He apologized again as he had in the Premeeting for the delay in the project. Pro Tem Sullivan thanked the group for their partnership and hopes to continue with their partnership.

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve the adoption of the Resolution 18-29 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement allowing the installation and use of radio equipment on the Lake Lurleen Radio Tower by the Mt. Olive Volunteer Fire District and the West Alabama Amateur Radio Society.** Roll Call was as follow: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve the adoption of Resolution 18-30 allowing Academics in Motion, Inc. immediate access to the Hasson Community Center while the sale of the property is being finalized.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes, Councilman Rose, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carries Unanimously.**

Motion President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan **to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 07, 2018 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, April 17, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Conducting Public Hearings Webinar, June 26th, Northport, AL, $37.00 - Legal
4. Travel/Training, 2 employees, 2018 Guide to Grant Funding Seminar, April 30, 2018, Oxford, AL, $0-PD
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Family Violence Assessment and Safety in Child Protective Services Training, May 9-10, 2018, Montgomery, AL, $144.20- PD
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Run, Hide, Fight Instructor Course, May 01, 2018, Montgomery, AL, $0-PD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification, May 30-June1, 2018, Trussville, AL, $0, -PD
8. PO Requisition, boom for PW Kbooms, Hol-Mac, $11,381.55-PW
9. Travel/Training, 2 employees, 2018 Summer Conference, July 30- August 02, 2018, Orange Beach, AL, $2,033.10-PD
10. Travel/Training, 1 employee, International Crime Prevention Specialist Training, June 6-8, 2018, Muscle Shoals, AL, $577.86-PD
11. PO Requisition, Pump Replacement at Montgomery Farms Pump Station, Morrow Technologies, $7,474.46- Utilities
12. PO Requisition, Body Armor, Gulf States, $6,809.00- PD
13. Training/Training, 1 employee, CPS Basic P2P Investigations, July 17-20, 2018, Tuscaloosa, AL, $0- PD
14. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Understanding the Dark Web, May 24, 2018, Tuscaloosa, AL, $0- PD

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

Reports of Special Committees to Council:

Councilman Hogg stated Harbor Freight is looking good and getting ready for construction. Checkers, coming into the old Payless building, is continuing to have dialogue and working with the City. This business will also be coming soon.

City Administrator's Business:

Motion Pro Tem Sullivan **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **nominate President Logan as the delegate to the 2018 Alabama League of Municipalities**. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion President Logan **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **nominate Pro Tem Sullivan as the 1st alternate voting delegate to the 2018 Alabama League of Municipalities**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Department Business:

Motion by Councilman Hogg **Second** by Sullivan to **approve Claim 18-31 in the amount of $900.00.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Public Comment:

Alan Sanford, 2183 Hwy 43 N, addressed the Council by thanking each of the Council, Mayor, and City Administrator for their work in Northport, Tuscaloosa, and Tuscaloosa County. He stated he previously came before Council in October of 2017 regarding business with Warrior Baseball with concerns they had not filed their 990 in 3 years. According to Mr. Sanford, this automatically put them on the revocation list in May of 2017, making them no longer a non-profit organization. Mr. Sanford pointed out facts concerning the organization. In hand, Mr. Sanford was sharing information from the IRS Checklist on Warrior Baseball. He revealed that Warrior Baseball's, PO Box 291. Northport, AL, exemption type, 501 C3, was revoked as of May 15, 2017 and it was posted to the public on February 12, 2018. At the prior meeting where Mr. Sanford addressed the Council, he stated that Councilman Hogg addressed Lance Ridley as the President of Warrior Baseball. Mr. Sanford pointed out Mr. Ridley, in fact, was not the President of Warrior Baseball and he made no action to correct that piece of information. Mr. Ridley continued addressing the Council as though he was President of Warrior Baseball when he was only a board member. Mr. Sanford shared with the Council that Mr. Ridley made a claim that Warrior Baseball's paperwork was in order, but that was not the facts. As previously stated, Mr. Sanford said that Warrior Baseball's 501 C3 papers had not been filed in 3 years and as of May 07, 2018 that paperwork still had not been filed.

Mr. Sanford indicated the City of Northport provides $25,000.00 to Warrior Baseball, which is now a private organization. He also revealed the City of Northport provides water to Warrior Baseball, operating under the veil of false pretense of a non-profit organization. Mr. Sanford discussed many concerns regarding the inconsistent profit and loss statements that had been submitted from Warrior Baseball. He stated there is a huge difference in the numbers and it can only be speculated where the funds have gone since Warrior Baseball failed to file their tax documents. Mr. Sanford reviewed several of the dilapidated features around the park that need attention: a brick wall that needs to be repaired, termites, and pitching mounds that are rotting. A major point of conflict is Warrior Baseball reported a $20,000.00 capital improvement fund for 2018 and there have zero improvements. Mr. Sanford reiterated his concerns of Warrior Baseball: operating under false pretenses, the City donating private citizens' funds, Council funds, and businesses donating funds to the organization under the guise of a non-profit organization. Mr. Sanford indicated that a board member was asked about revealing the change in their status from non-profit to for profit; the board member said it would not be a public announcement but if asked they would reveal the information.

Mr. Sanford indicated Warrior Baseball did not have a City of Northport Business License. He also stated this organization blocks off areas of the parking lot that should be accessible by the public and they charge a fee to gain access to the public parking lot. Warrior Baseball does not pay the required rent due on July 1. He suggested there was a breach of contract between the City of Northport and Warrior Baseball when they failed to maintain their 501 C3 status and failed to pay rent.

President Logan replied to several of the concerns brought to the Council by Mr. Sanford. President Logan recently was added to the board at Warrior Baseball and revealed that several of these issues have been discussed with the organization. There has been communication with Warrior Baseball and the City, with Warrior informing the City of their due diligence to get back in good standing; the organization is looking to Summer 2018 to have new paperwork filed to have them current as a nonprofit. President Logan thanked Mr. Sanford for bringing his concerns to the Council but suggested Mr. Sanford should be measured in his remaining remarks.

President Logan stated the initial meeting was positive. Mr. Sanford directed 4 of his biggest concerns to the Mayor and Council: Mr. Ridley giving false representation of his role and title at Warrior Baseball, Warrior Baseball not paying rent as stated in the terms of the contract, disregard for maintaining their 501 C3 status, and not keeping up the facility which is another term of the contract.

Mr. Sanford requested that someone from Council or Administration give him a call with some answers because last time he addressed Council he never received a call back as was promised to him. President Logan asked for Mr. Sanford's number with the promise of a call back, 205-792-6867. President Logan also requested Mr. Sanford turn over his information and fact sheets to Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator. Mr. Sanford pleaded with Council to help get the ballpark back to the community because it is the kids who are suffering. President Logan agreed that the main goal is for the program to prosper.

Eddie Lary with West Alabama Amateur Radio Society, 12587 Middle Creek Drive, Coker, AL 35452, addressed the Council and thanked them on behalf of the Mount Olive Fire Department and the West Alabama Amateur Radio Society for letting them use and utilize the radio tower. He stated it would greatly enhance public safety with the improved communication capabilities. Mr. Lary also offered thanks to Rob Robertson for his support and he stated Rob Robertson has full support from him and his group. They are always there to aid the County EMA and Mr. Robertson during storms and emergency times. Mr. Lary stated Mount Olive Fire Department, West Alabama Amateur Radio Society, Northport City Council, Tuscaloosa County Commission, Tombigbee Resources and Development Council, Conservation and Development Council have all played an instrumental part in pushing the radio tower project through.

William Nowell, 5217 Northwood Lake Drive West, Northport, AL, addressed the Council concerning his cul-de-sac being asphalted. Mr. Nowell's concern is on the south end beside the road; there is a large hole that extends a third of the way around. The road is beginning to cave in. According to Mr. Nowell, a longtime resident of this neighborhood, if the hole is not filled, the asphalt will not stay. Mr. Nowell said that it has taken 50 years for the City to get it paved and he just wants it to be done right.

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on May 07, 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.

Councilman Wayne Rose was sworn in by the Honorable, Probate Judge Hardy McCollum, Tuscaloosa County.

Mayor Aaron, and Police Chief Gerald Burton swore in new Police Officer, Chesley Hand.

Mayor presented a proclamation to Whitney DuBose and Chuck Gerdau on behalf of the Northport Bicentennial Committee.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **approve the agenda for the May 07, 2018 Council meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Visitors to Address Council:

President Logan introduced Mr. Rob Robertson, EMA Director and candidate for Probate Judge, to come and address the Council. Mr. Robertson thanked Mayor and Council for taking the time to have him. He thanked the group for the work they had done together in the past. Mr. Robertson admitted he is a true believer in the idea it takes a whole community to get things done. In his role as probate judge, he intends to continue that tradition in working with people in solving the challenges that are before the community. Mr. Robertson stated, with the tenure of Judge McCollum coming to an end, the community has a large decision in front of them. He pointed out it is a critical decision and it is a decision of the future of Tuscaloosa County of what shape that should take. Mr. Robertson requested the Mayor and Council's consideration and support to be the next Probate Judge. Mainly, he wanted the Mayor and Council to know they had his commitment to continue working together as they had in the past, in his current role, and in the future to many new opportunities. Mr. Robertson thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and consideration.

Mr. Chris Howton addressed Mayor and Council concerning the City of Northport and the ordinance governing tattoos shops in the City. Mr. Howton stated that Northport's ordinance states a tattoo parlor can only move one time to a C-6 zone. Mr. Howton's tattoo shop is currently in a C-3 zone. Mr. Howton and his wife want to purchase a vacant building that is a block from their current business location. The intent is to reface the building and help make Northport look better. He mentioned the projects taking place across the bridge, which he said would be a great thing for our community. He pointed out that it would be a positive for the community and hopefully spark other owners to fix up their buildings. He commented it would be a way to show love and appreciation for Northport. Mr. Howton pointed out his business has been at the current location since September 2006, going on 12 years. He also stated he helped draft the current ordinance; he helped the City do the audit on tattoo shops and also helped the State create the codes that the State of Alabama goes by. He offered more assistance if needed. Mr. Howton disclosed he has been working with Scott Stephens, Planning Director, and the City Attorney, Ron Davis, on the wording he would like added to the moratorium for the tattoo shops. Mr Howton read the additional wording:

"All tattoo parlors existing on the date of the original Ordinance, July 08, 2013, will be allowed to move from its present location, one time only, to a new location in a C-6 Zone or in its current zone without compliance to density limits contained in the Ordinance"

Mr. Howton talked about the density limits of his current location and how his tattoo shop is in the density limits of another tattoo shop. The proposed location change will locate Mr. Howton 2 blocks away from the neighboring tattoo shop, which will strengthen the current Ordinance by having more distance between the neighboring tattoo shop and the 3,000 feet of the density makes it go out into the City even further. He stated that if they are allowed to move to the new location, according to the density limits in the Ordinance, another tattoo shop would not be able to come into the City and open. Mr. Howton stated he wanted to purchase the building he is currently located in but it was sold to someone else. He also mentioned he is a Northport resident, owns property in Northport, his family loves the community and they want to live here for the remainder of their lives. He offered to answer any questions anyone might have and that he would sit down and discuss any ideas with signage and the face of the building.

President Logan clarified the building they want to relocate to is in a C-3 Zone. President Logan offered for the Council to look at the current Ordinance and see if everyone is comfortable with the proposed changes.

Mr. Howton finished addressing the Council by reiterating this move would strengthen the current City Ordinance.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt this Ordinance 1965 amending Sections 66-78 and 66-79 establishing a Sales Tax Use Holiday in the City of Northport.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mr. Stephens was called upon to discuss the item regarding the reduction of City Limits located between Carolwood Lakeview Drive and Sleepy Valley Road. President Logan opened the floor for a Public Hearing. There were no public comments.

President Logan closed the floor for the Public Hearing and moved to the vote.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt the Ordinance 1966 to reduce the Northwest corporate limits by approximately 13 acres located between Carolwood Lakeview Drive and Sleepy Valley Road.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the Demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1313 20th Avenue. There were no public comments.

President Logan closed the floor for the Public Hearing and moved to the vote.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan **to adopt the Ordinance 1967 ordering the demolition on an unsafe structure located at 1313 20th Avenue.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carries Unanimously.**

President Logan offered for 1st Reading a permanent Resolution authorizing the sale of the Hasson Community Center to Academics in Motion, Inc.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

District 1- Councilman Rose, District 1, No Business

President Logan, District 2, President Logan announced the City is bringing back Trucks by the Tracks food truck event. The event will be May 24th 11:00 am-1:30 pm at the triangle lot downtown. Staff has been working hard on the details of this event. He invited anyone with a food truck to come on down and get in touch with staff. President Logan also welcomed District 1 Councilman Wayne Rose.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, Councilman Sullivan welcomed Councilman Rose to the group and thanked him for all he had done and all that he will do in the future. Councilman Sullivan stated he looked forward to working with Councilman Rose. He also thanked Mt. Olive Amateur Radio representatives. He confirmed it was a great project for that area. He thanked them for their patience and said he believed the project all worked out for the best. He acknowledged them for their work and for all that they do for our community.

Councilman Davis, District 4, Absent

Councilman Hogg, District 5, Councilman Hogg welcomed Councilman Rose and thanked him for filling and serving out the remainder of the term to progress Northport forward in a positive manner.

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron welcomed Councilman Rose to the group. She pointed out there was a mock Council Meeting held with Buhl Elementary last Friday. She stated several staff members, Councilmen, and herself were present and involved in the mock meeting and that the students absolutely loved it. She declared her hopes for having Buhl Elementary back in the future as well as other schools to participate in this type of activity.

President Logan announced there would be a small reception after the adjournment. He invited everyone to stay and welcome Councilman Rose.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Jay Logan

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator