The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, September 22, 2025** 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 read a proclamation recognizing Lily Pads Boutique as Business of the Month for September 2025. Mayor Hinton also read a proclamation recognizing Glenda Webb's upcoming retirement. Northport school principals attended the meeting to express their thanks to the council for their support through grants over the past five years.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the agenda for September 22, 2025, **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

Walter Poole – 3001 Paddlecreek Lane address the council regarding poor signage and frequent U-turns at the Highway 69 and Northwood Lake intersection. President Bobo informed him that ALDOT and city staff were aware of the complaint.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2280 Adopting the FY2026 General Fund Operational Budget**. Ordinance approving the FY2026 General Fund Operational Budget. These budget appropriations are for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. It was approved by the Finance Committee on August 18, 2025. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Ordinance 2281 Adopting the FY2026 Water & Sewer Fund Operational Budget**. Approving the FY2026 Water & Sewer Fund Operational Budget. These budget appropriations are for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. It was approved by the Finance Committee on August 18, 2025. **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 **Ordinance 2282 amending Chapter 74, Article IV pertaining to Water and Sewer Rates.** This ordinance updates Chapter 74, Article IV as part of the FY26 operational budget. A summary of the changes include updating the fee schedules to reflect CPI adjustment; amending language in Sec. 74-209 (k) regarding returned check fee to returned payment fee, to cover all returned payments; updating unauthorized connection fee from $100 to $250; and amending language in Sec. 74-207 (a)(3) to remove the monetary cap on residential sewer and replace it with a gallon cap. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Offered by President Bobo, **Ordinance repealing Section 2-38 of Chapter 2 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to Council Committees**. The incoming City Council has requested the repeal of this code section to allow them to operate by Work Sessions rather than by Council Committees. This repeal will not become effective until the incoming City Council is sworn in on November 3, 2025.

First Reading, Offered by Councilwoman Dykes, **Resolution fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing filing a lien for the parcel located at 1203 EJ James Jr Parkway**. authorizing the filing of a lien for the property located at 1203 EJ James Jr. Parkway. The demolition was done at the City's efforts and expense.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-173 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 14661 Bone Camp Road.** Ms. Victoria Stough has property located at 14661 Bone Camp Road, 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. She 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.**

Resolution 25-174 authorizing the Human Resource Department to advertise for the position of City Administrator. The current and newly elected City Council members have requested that the City begin accepting applications for the position of City Administrator due to the retirement of City Administrator Glenda Webb. Motion by Councilman Wiggins, Second by Pro Tem Washington to amend resolution to add to paragraph 1 as follows: "utilizing the job description as approved by the administrative committee on September 22, 2025 removing full time residency in Tuscaloosa County preferred. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion To Amend Resolution Carried Unanimously.** Motion by Pro Tem Washington, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt the amended resolution. **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 Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-175 authorizing the City Administrator to sign the Settlement Agreement and Release pertaining to the DP Holdings, LLC Claim.** The City of Northport has been involved in a dispute with DP Holdings, LLC for breach of contract. The City of Northport has reached a Settlement Agreement with DP Holdings, LLC. The Settlement Agreement and Release are finalized and ready to be executed. The Legal Department respectfully requests the City Administrator be authorized to sign the attached Settlement Agreement and Release pertaining to the DP Holdings Claim in the amount of $52,500.00. **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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-176 authorizing the City Administrator to sign the resolution complying with Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 as outlined in the National Incident Management System (NIMS).** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to sign a resolution adopting the concepts and principles as outlined in the National Incident Management System. The National Incident Management System provides the structure and mechanisms for federal support to state and local incident managers. The Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 requires adoption of the National Incident Management System by local organizations as a condition for federal preparedness assistance (through grants, contracts, and other activities) beginning in FY 2005. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-177 authorizing an additional three-year term Lease Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for parking underneath Hugh Thomas Bridge.** In the past, the City of Northport developed a public parking area beneath Hugh Thomas Bridge under a lease with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to be used by patrons utilizing the City's walking trail. By Resolution 22-190 the City Council authorized a three-year lease agreement with ALDOT which expires in January 2026. The agreement allows for an option to renew for an additional three-year term. The department respectfully requests the City Administrator be authorized to execute a letter to ALDOT exercising the right to renew the lease agreement at no cost to the city for parking underneath Hugh Thomas Bridge for an additional three-year term. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-178 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Special Authority Loan Conditions Agreements with the Alabama Drinking Water Finance Authority and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Relating to Lead Service Line Inventory.** The City Council authorized the City Administrator to submit an application to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for

Supplemental Funding to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program for Lead Service Line Inventory in an amount of $235,082.00. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management notified the City of Northport of its intent to forgive the loan amount of $235,082.00. This resolution is a request to execute a Special Authority Loan Conditions Agreement which indicates the forgiveness of the full principal amount of the previously authorized loan amount of $235,082.00. **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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-179 Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Reimbursable Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for Relocations of Utilities for Highway 82 & Highway 43.** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement with ALDOT for the relocation of utilities for the Highway 82 and Highway 43 intersection. The reimbursable agreement will include the relocation of 4,000 linear square feet of water main and associated valves, fittings, and appurtenances. The funds for this are 100% reimbursable. **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 Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-180 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Amendment No. 1 with CSL Services, Inc. for TwoMile Creek Flow Study Contract.** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 with CSL Services, Inc. for the TwoMile Creek Flow Study. The scope of the amendment is for the 6 flow meters ito remain in place for an additional 30 days due to lack of rainfall within the original 30-days, in the amount of $9,900.00, resulting in a total cost of $27,700.00. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-181 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 1 with Alatech Computer Solutions, LLC for River Run Park.** On June 6, 2025, City Council approved Alatech Computer Solutions, LLC for the Installation of Network Solutions for Maintenance and Monitoring of Network Services for River Run Park. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 1 with Alatech Computer Solutions, LLC for the River Run Park. The scope of the change order is due to the removal of industrial switches to field enclosures being reduced from 9 to 7, adding UNIFI switches to the Audio/Video Racks for each grandstand (including a 5-year warranty), adding additional shelves for support, additional surge protection to expand the number of power plugs for 7 enclosures, and labor, in the amount of $5,654.00. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-182 Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into Negotiations with Trident Development, LLC and 1871, LLC for an Economic Development Agreement**. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to enter into negotiations with Trident Development, LLC and 1871, LLC for an Economic Development Agreement for a future Mixed-Use commercial development, approximately 52- acres located east on McFarland Boulevard. Once negotiations have been made, staff will bring back the Economic Development Agreement for City Council consideration. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-183 authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Southeastern Network of Athletic Professionals (SNAP) Sports Tourism Consulting for Representation of the Sports Complex at Northport Shore.** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute an agreement with Southeastern Network of Athletic Professionals (SNAP) Sports Tourism Consulting for representation of the sports complex at Northport Shore. The proposal total is $42,000.00. Prior to roll call vote, Councilwoman Dykes requested whether Legal had reviewed the agreement and also requested to table the vote for further review. With no second to being offered to table, the roll call on the motion to adopt Resolution 25-183 was as follows: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, No; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the September 22, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, outsourced legal services rendered in connection with an employee matter., The Law Office of Kathy McCracken, LLC, $7,560.00.
4. Purchase Requisition, employee reimbursement for Mason Sessoms in the amount of $175.00 for the cost of taking the National Registry test to acquire his Paramedic License.
5. Purchase Requisition, Election Supplies and Ballots, Election Systems & Software, LLC, $10,494.13.
6. Purchase Requisition, annual license fee, Placer Labs demographic and psychographic data annual license fee to increase from $23,000.00 to $24,150.00 starting October 23, 2025.
7. Purchase Requisition, The failure of an underground storm sewer pipe caused the sinkhole at Main Avenue and Park Street. The pipe must be cleaned and lined before the sinkhole can be filled in. Attached is an estimate from Video Industrial Services to provide all equipment, materials, and labor required to repair the storm sewer pipe for $13,290.00.
8. Purchase Requisition, Stone & Sons, in the amount of $6,600.00, is for replacing the motor circuit conductors for water pump #2 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current conductors have reached their useful life and need to be replaced in order to continue normal operations at the plant.
9. Purchase Requisition, University of Alabama Printing Services, District Notification Postcards, $12,055.13. The 2020 federal census indicated a change in population distribution within each existing single member district that warranted a modification of the district boundaries for the City of Northport. Postcard notifications were sent to all registered voters in the City of Northport to ensure awareness of their polling locations before the August 26, 2025 Municipal Election.
10. Purchase Requisition, On June 3, 2024, Item 9b7 was approved for a Master Agreement with Vision Security Technologies for cameras, equipment, labor, and licensing for a city-wide security project. Resolution 24-94 was approved. Vision Security has now completed the Security Project and has invoiced TOD#1 for $77,457.84, and TOD#2 for $28,473.78. Payment of these two invoices will close out the project.

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 items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
    1. **Second Reading, Resolution fixing the cost of weed abatement and authorizing filing a lien for property located at 824 McFarland Blvd.**
        i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.b.1.
        ii. There were no speakers.
        iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.b.1.

    Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-184 fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 824 McFarland Blvd.** The nuisance was abated at the City's effort and expense, and the property owner has failed to reimburse the City after multiple notices of the nuisance and abatement. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
C. There were **five** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
    1. **Second Reading, Resolution fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing filing a lien for the parcel located at 5118 Azalea Trail.**
        i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.1.
        ii. There were no speakers.
        iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.1.

    Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-185 fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing the filing of a lien for the property located at 5118 Azalea Trail.** The demolition was done at the City's efforts and expense. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes;

Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

2. **Second Reading, Ordinance of Conditional Use approval for pet grooming in a Residential/Commercial/Institutional (RCI) zone for the property located at 703 Main Avenue.**
    i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.2.
    ii. There were no speakers.
    iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.2.

Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2283 of Conditional Use approval for pet grooming in a Residential/Commercial/Institutional (RCI) zone for the property located at 703 Main Avenue.** Nellie Mae and Company, LLC is requesting to operate a pet grooming service in a RCI zoning district. The request was considered by the Planning Commission on August 19, 2025, and a recommendation for approval was made to the City Council. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. **Second Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road.**
    i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.3.
    ii. John Newman, 4005 Hunter Creek Road owner of property at 3905 Hunter Creek Road. Thanked council for the time they have been giving and requested additional time to complete project.
    iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.3.

Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **Table Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road to the January 5, 2026 agenda.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road is unsafe and dangerous to public health. The City Council agreed to table this item on June 2, 2025, for a 90-day extension. During this time, the owner has obtained a building permit, submitted a list of repairs to be completed, and has begun work to bring the structure up to building code. The owner has made progress, but the work has not been completed. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. **Second Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1603 7th Street.**
    i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.4.
    ii. There were no speakers.
    iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.4.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **Table Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1603 7th Street.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 1603 7th Street is unsafe and dangerous to public health. The City Council agreed to table this item on June 2, 2025, for a 90-day extension. During this time, the owner has obtained a building permit, submitted a list of repairs to be completed, and has begun work to bring the structure up to building code. A Final Inspection has been performed. However, there were several deficiencies that were found during the inspection. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. **Second Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 2801 17th Avenue.**
    i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.5.
    ii. Jason Lightsey, 2711 16th Avenue. Jason has a contract on the property and is scheduled to close on October 1, 2025. He is requested the item be tabled so he can complete the purchase and have the property demolished himself.
    iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.5.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **Table Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 2801 17th Avenue to the October 6, 2025 agenda.** If sale of property is completed October 1, 2025, Jason Lightsey must pull a demolish permit before October 6, 2025. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem

Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Northport.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – No official business to discuss.

President Bobo, District 1 – No official business to discuss for District 1.

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 – Thanked Glenda Webb for her service.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **adjourn the meeting. Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned** at **6:26 p.m.**

Christy D. Bobo

Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:

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Tera Tubbs, Interim City Administrator