The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, October 20, 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 Interim City Administrator Tubbs.

**PRESENTATIONS**
Mayor Hinton presented two proclamations, one recognizing Pursuit of Tree City USA Designation and recognizing Arbor Day and one recognizing Down Syndrome Awareness Month. He also made a presentation reviewing the term of the 2020 – 2025 City Council's achievements.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
**Motion** by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to approve the agenda for October 20, 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**
There was none.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**
**Motion** by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-197 authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at Tilly Branch Rd Lot 2.** Ms. Karen Jacobs has property located at Tilly Branch Road Lot 2, 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.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-198 accepting donation from Bryant Bank for park equipment at Tiger Park.** Bryant Bank has offered a monetary donation to the City of Northport specifically for the purchase of a memorial park swing for Tiger Park. The City will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the swing, and it shall be kept in reasonable condition by the City. The price quote for the swing is $2,334.00. Therefore, the monetary donation from Bryant Bank is in the amount of $2,334.00. **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 25-199 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 1 with CivilCON, LLC for Contract A: Hwy 82 Pump Station, Gravity Sewer, and Force Main.** On July 15, 2024, the City of Northport awarded CivilCON, LLC the contract for the repairs needed for Contract A: Highway 82 Pump Station, Gravity Sewer and Force Main. This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 1 with CivilCON, LLC for Contract A: Hwy 82 Pump Station, Gravity Sewer and Force Main project. This change order request includes repairs and improvements due to unknown field conditions in the amount of $110,983.24, as well as an 80-calendar daytime extension. **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 25-200 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Revised Reimbursable Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for HWY 43/82 Improvements.** On September 22, 2025, the City Council authorized the City Administrator to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for the HWY43/82 project. The Engineering Department has received a revision of the agreement and requests the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute the revised agreement with ALDOT for this project. The scope of the project and funds will remain the same. **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 Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-201 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Amendment No.1 with TTL, Inc for Professional Services for the Main**

**Avenue Revitalization project.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 with TTL, Inc. for Professional Service for the Main Avenue Revitalization project. The scope of Amendment No. 1 includes additional services during the design phase and the addition of C E & I services, in the total amount of $654,959.97. The project will be funded with MPO with an 80/20 split. The fiscal impact to the City will be $126,770.66. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the October 20, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, October 6, 2025, Regular Meeting – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition, Outsourced Legal Services rendered July to September 2025 in connection with economic development projects, Trussell Funderburg Rea Bell & Furgerson, PC, $14,736.90.
4. Purchase Requisition, West Alabama Regional Commission, 2026 Member Dues, $12,450.00.
5. Purchase Requisition, Tiger Park Pavilion, Lowe's, $4,769.10. Purchase of a third pavilion for Tiger Park. The pavilion will be installed by Public Works.
6. Purchase Requisition, London Foggers high-output, ultra-low volume (ULV) aerosol generator from Veseris for $18,000.00. Veseris provided the lowest quote for this equipment and is a company that we use for other mosquito control products. The fogger system that is currently being used to spray for mosquitoes throughout the City of Northport during the summer needs to be replaced. The cost to maintain it now exceeds its value.
7. Purchase Requisition, Magna5, Software Renewal, $27,810.00. This software provides the city with internet services, including reviews of network and server systems, among other services.
8. Purchase Requisition, CDWG to purchase AutoElevate software. This software is used to manage the local administrator accounts. Total cost $7,660.00.
9. Purchase Requisition, Premier Polysteel for a 4' Swing that is being donated by Bryant Bank for Tiger Park. Bryant Bank has donated the funds for the purchase of this swing, in the amount of $2,334.00.
10. Purchase Requisition, Tuscaloosa Tire & Service Center to purchase tires on an as-needed basis for police vehicles. Due to the amount of wear and tear tires on Police vehicles are subjected to, they frequently need to be repaired or replaced. Having prior purchasing approval allows us to do so without delay, which is crucial to getting these vehicles back in service in a timely manner. Based on the amounts spent in the past two fiscal years on tires for Police vehicles, we are estimating the need to spend approximately $20,000.00 from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. This $20,000.00 planned expense for Police vehicles is part of the $100,000.00 allotted to the Police Department's Vehicle Maintenance and Repair account fund in the City Council-approved Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and is in lieu of the previously approved Purchase Requisition for the same amount for Southern Tire Mart. Payments would be made once the product is received.
11. Purchase Requisition, Brian Prince Transmissions up to $6,174.09 for a full transmission replacement for the Police Department's 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe #5244. The cost includes all parts and labor as well as a 3-year/100,000-mile warranty.

**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. **First Reading,** Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter a Franchise Agreement with Uniti Fiber GulfCo, LLC.
        i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.b.1.
        ii. Allison Franklin, Uniti Fiber GulfCo, LLC representative, spoke regarding the need for expedition. There will be no cost to the City.
        iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.b.1.

    **Motion** by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to suspend the rules to allow an immediate vote on this ordinance. **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 2285 Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter a Franchise Agreement with Uniti Fiber GulfCo, LLC**. On April 7, 2025, by Ordinance 2262, the City Council granted Southern Light, LLC a non-exclusive franchise to construct and operate a fiber optic transmission line in the City. Southern Light is a subsidiary of Uniti Fiber Group. GulfCo, LLC is also a subsidiary of Uniti Fiber Group.

Uniti Group Inc. is seeking another franchise for GulfCo, LLC to secure an asset backed securities lending facility ("ABS"). Southern Light's services and operations would remain the same and franchise payments would come from both Southern Light and GulfCo, LLC in proportion to their respective gross revenue generated to the City. The agreement attached as Exhibit "A" was negotiated on behalf of the City by franchise experts, Local Government Services, LLC whose services were authorized by Resolution 24-15 on January 23, 2024. **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 was **one** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
   1. **Second Reading,** Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 2801 17th Avenue.
      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 **TABLE Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 2801 17th Avenue.**
   Jason Lightsey, owner has made significant progress in the demolition process. Table to November 17, 2025 to allow him to complete. **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**
There was none.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**
There was none.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS**

**Mayor Hinton** – No official business to discuss.

**President Bobo, District 1** – Thankful for the opportunity to serve.

**Pro Tem Washington, District 2** – Presented a proclamation to Mayor Hinton, President Bobo, Councilman Wiggins, and Councilman Aiken recognizing them for excellent service to the City of Northport during their term.

**Councilman Wiggins, District 3** – Thankful for the opportunity to serve.

**Councilwoman Dykes, District 4** – No official business to discuss for District 4.

**Councilman Aiken, District 5** – Thankful for the opportunity to serve.

**Motion** by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken 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 **6:11 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Tera Tubbs, Interim City Administrator

Jamie Dykes, President