The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on May 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, Councilman Rose, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham. Absent and failing to vote was Pro Tem Sullivan. Mayor Aaron was also absent.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Rose to **approve the agenda for the May 21, 2018 Council meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Visitors to Address Council:**

Mr. Ted Sexton, candidate for Probate Judge, addressed the Council seeking nomination for the seat of Republican Candidate for Probate Judge in Tuscaloosa County. Mr. Sexton revealed he has 22 years of previous public service, serving as Sheriff of Tuscaloosa County. Mr. Sexton stated he feels he has the experience the community needs; he has managed large budgets, and opportunity to administer policy for personnel up to 1500. He believes citizens are looking for 3 things: a constitutional conservative candidate who is accessible, accountable, and transparency. Mr. Sexton believes expanding the Workforce Development Program is key to success in Tuscaloosa County. Mr. Sexton thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to visit and speak. He encouraged everyone to go and vote on June 5th on the Republican Ballot.

Item 7a1 of the agenda was tabled until a future date, due to not having sufficient number of Council Members to vote because virtue of City Ordinance there needed to be 5 members to vote. According to City Attorney, Ron Davis, there will need to be a new survey completed. The baseball field will not be sold; it will be stay with the City. It will be maintained by a lease agreement. Mr. Washington will take on the responsibility of the slopes of the property that go down to the ballfield, the Hasson Community Center, parking, and playground. Mr. Washington has completed the upgrades of the Community Center and has received the Code Compliance Certificate of the property as of today, May 21, 2018.

**Councilman Davis offered for 1st Reading an Ordinance Rezoning approximately 3.9 acres located at Smithfield Blvd and Hwy 43 N from RS-1 to RS-SD.**

**Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading an Ordinance Rezoning approximately 2 acres located on the west side on Watermelon Road and north of Beverly Drive.**

**Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading an Ordinance Rezoning approximately 2 acres located on the west side on Watermelon Road and north of Beverly Drive from agriculture to commercial.**

**Motion** by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the Resolution 18-31 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a 3-month agreement into ESO Solutions, Inc. replacing FIREHOUSE reporting software for NFIRS reporting and approve requisition costs.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Rose to **approve the Resolution 18-32 authorizing the City Administrator to Maintain the annual contract with Vertiv Services, Inc. and approve the requisition for the cost to not exceed $5,000.00.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the Resolution 18-33 authorizing the City Administrator to Maintain the annual contract with the USDA for Wildlife Services and not to exceed $7,500.00.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis **to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 21, 2018 Council Meeting with exception of item #9 to be voted on separately.**

**Consent Agenda**

1. April 27, 2018, Special Called Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, boots for PW Employees, Ervin's, $6,949.00-Public Works
4. PO Requisition, Outsourced Legal Services, Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson & Fowler, LLP, $21,107.50 – Legal
5. PO Requisition, Emergency Replacement Pump at Biscayne Hills Pump Station, Hunnicutt, Inc. $5074.00- Utilities
6. PO Requisition, Annual Maintenance on Spillman, Spillman, $54,913.21-PD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Digital Evidence Examination and Processing, July 19-21, 2018, Tuscaloosa, AL, $0-PD
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Gangs and Drugs Training, August 7-9, 2018, Meridian, MS, $0-PD
9. Removed
10. PO Requisition, Professional Services for Union Chapel Road Realignment, Invoice #1, Burk- Kleinpeter,Inc., $54,730.13- Engineering
11. Travel/Training, 1 employee, How to Deal with Unacceptable Employee Behavior, June 08, 2018, Birmingham, AL, $199.00- PW
12. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Overcoming Negativity, July 18, 2018, Birmingham, AL, $199.00-PW
13. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Creative Leadership, August 07, 2018, Birmingham, AL, $149.00-PW
14. Travel/Training, 1 employee, FBI National Academy July 9-September 14, 2018, Quantico, VA, $0- PD
15. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Understanding the Dark Web, May 24, 2018, Tuscaloosa, AL, $0- IT
16. PO Requisition, Water Main Relocation at Highway 69 N and Martin Road, McGiffert & Associates, $1,992.50- Utilities
17. PO Requisition, Water Main Relocation at Highway 69 N and Martin Road, Price Construction, $ 4,895.00- Utilities
18. PO Requisition, Cost to house prisoners for October, November, and December, Tuscaloosa County Commission, $37, 342.08-PD
19. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Alabama Wastewater Energy Management Initiative Workshop, May 23, 2018, $0- Utilities

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

**Motion** by President Logan **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve item # 9 from the Consent Agenda for May 21, 2018 which was agreed to be voted on separately.**

> 9. PO Requisition, Professional Services for MLK, Jr. Blvd. Improvements
>    Invoice #4, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc. ,$37,290.00-Engineering

Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Rose, Abstained; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Reports of Special Committees to Council:**

President Logan stated he will be working with staff on amending and revamping several ordinances.

**City Administrator's Business:**

City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham recommends moving forward with the position of Director of Infrastructure with an internal posting of seven days.

**Motion** by President Logan **Second** by Councilman Davis to **accept the recommendation from the City Administrator's Office regarding Director of Infrastructure moving forward to post internally for no more than seven days.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Rose, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Jody Jobson, 1534 Bellwood Lane, Northport, AL 35476, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding some of his concerns. He stated on January 22, 2018 he submitted both orally and written 48 questions and asked that these questions be answered. He pointed out these questions have not been answered nor has he been given any indication these questions will be addressed.

President Logan remarked to Mr. Jobson that most of the questions were personnel questions and the City could not legally answer those questions because they were specific to personnel issues.

Mr. Jobson gave thanks for posting the agenda in a timely manner in over a year. Mr. Jobson posed questions concerning the appraisal of City Hall. He presented the questions: does the appraisal of City Hall include the property and building or just the property?

President Logan did not feel comfortable answering this question without having the information in front of him because he did not want to tell Mr. Jobson the incorrect information.

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Mr. Jobson posed a second question to Council; asking if the appraisal is 3.5 million, what is the cost to replace City Hall and Firestation #1? President Logan stated that is a factor being worked on right now. President Logan pointed out that it is one of the reasons the six-month extension was granted to Beeker Properties. Mr. Jobson also asked if the price to rebuild these structures was over 3.5 million, what was the plan for paying for construction? President Logan and Councilman Hogg both responded with ideas, but all were simply speculative ideas.

Mr. Jobson shared he would like to have the future City Hall at the old Boy's Club or in the middle of East Circle. President Logan stated we do not own East Circle, but we do own Boy's Club. Mr. Jobson indicated Boy's Club would be perfect because it is the first thing you see as you come into the City.

**Mayor & Council Member's Business:**

**District 1- Councilman Rose, District 1,** No Business

**President Logan, District 2,** Trucks by the Tracks event will be on Thursday 11:00-1:30 pm. Parking will be handled by David Pass in his lot that he so graciously donated. Thank you to Whitney Bostick, April Hoffman, Whitney DuBose, Brooke Starnes, Public Works, Chief Marshall, Chief Burton. It is Public Works Appreciation Week. This Tuesday we are hosting an appreciation luncheon for our Public Works Department. A big thanks to Chuck Gerdau and Friends of Historic Northport and the great luncheon. New Summer hours will begin Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

**President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3,** Absent

**Councilman Davis, District 4,** No Business

**Councilman Hogg, District 5,** No Business

**Mayor Aaron,** Absent

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**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; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator