

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on June 18, 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, Councilman Hogg. Also present was City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham and Mayor Arron. Absent and failing to vote was Councilman Rose and Councilman Davis.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **approve the agenda for the June 18, 2018 Council meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt the Ordinance annexing approximately 2 acres located on the west side of Watermelon Road and north of Beverly Drive.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by President Logan to **adopt the Ordinance Rezoning approximately 2 acres located on the west side of Watermelon Road and north of Beverly Drive from agriculture to commercial.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan opened the floor for a Public Hearing Authorizing the Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1100 15th Court.

There were no public comments.

President Logan closed the floor for the Public Hearing.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt the ordinance ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1100 15th Court with the specific provision allowing the owner 30 days from today, June 18, 2018, to demolish the house. After the 30 days, staff will alert Council the status of the structure.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan opened the floor for a Public Hearing Authorizing the Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 2207 26th Avenue.

There were no public comments.

President Logan closed the floor for the Public Hearing.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt the Ordinance ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 2207 26th Avenue with 90 day extension from today, June 18, 2018, extended to new owner. City of Northport staff will check on status of structure at end of 90 day period and relay to City Council the status.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes, and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt the Permanent Resolution accepting maintenance for municipal improvements (sidewalks and sewer improvements) for property located at the corner of Hendrix Avenue and Rose Blvd., Lot 1 Hendrix Addition.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading on an Ordinance Annexing approximately 1.6 acres located at 3522 38th Street.

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Pro Tem Sullivan offered for 1st Reading an Ordinance Rezoning approximately 4 acres located at 4286 Watermelon Road.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading an Ordinance Authorizing Conditional Use approval for Hasson Center on 12th Street.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, Second by President Logan to adopt the Resolution 18-38 declaring certain items surplus and authorize their disposal. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Hogg to adopt the Resolution 18-39 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with ESRI, Inc. for the yearly maintenance agreement for the GIS Software and authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents and requisitions pertaining the said agreement. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, Second by Pro Tem Sullivan to adopt the Resolution 18-40 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Lawrence, Hitt, & Pugh, LLP to audit the financial statement of the City of Northport for the 2017 fiscal year. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and President Logan, Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Hogg to approve the Consent Agenda for the June 18, 2018 Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from June 04, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Triaing, 3 employees, News Media Training for Law Enforcement, August 14-16, 2018, Birmingham, AL., \$0-PD
4. PO Requisition, 24" Drain Valve for Filter at WTP, Ferguson Enterprise, \$8,943.17, -Utilities
5. Travel/Training, 3 employees, AWPCA Conference, September 17-19, 2018, Orange Beach, AL, \$2,051.08-Utilities
6. Travel/Training, 3 employees, PATC Training, June 18, 2018, Bessemer, AL, \$1,200.00-FD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Auburn University Economic Development Training Course, July 9-13 and September 10-13, Auburn, AL, \$1,850.00- Planning

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

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Higginbotham suggested checking July 2nd meeting date does not need to be changed due to it being so close to the July 4th holiday. It was decided to keep the July 2nd meeting date as long as there was enough for a quorum and adequate representation.

Public Comment:

Ms. Holly Nguyen, 5027 Campus Drive addressed the Council asking them to place under consideration the rezoning of her building at 3912 Hwy 43 N. She feels she has all of the qualifications compared to all of the buildings along 43N such as Hick's BBQ. She would like to open a nail salon.

Planning Director, Scott Stephens, offered further information. He stated this case went before the Planning Commission last Tuesday night, June 12, 2018 and had a negative recommendation with a 5-3 negative vote. He suggested that Ms. Nguyen come and speak to the Council since this would be the first time many of them would be hearing about it and to get a little feedback.

Councilman Sullivan gave his feedback and stated the Commission's greatest concern was that side of the Highway was strictly residential. Also, ALDOT would be the one who would have to answer many of those concerns.

She was encouraged to put together some detailed information and then come back to the Commission.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

District 1- Councilman Rose, District 1, Absent

President Logan, District 2,

Motion by President Logan **Second** by Councilman Hogg to appoint John Powell as Director of Infrastructure. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan stated he has received the letter requesting speed bump tables on 12th.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, No Business

Councilman Davis, District 4, Absent

Councilman Hogg, District 5, No Business

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron stated that over the last several months there has been dissention in the Fire Department and complaints have been made. She went to say that specific complaints of current employees have been addressed and the City Administrator is in the process of addressing each one of these complaints. She stated it is time to move forward. She believes that each employee of the Northport Fire Department must be committed to moving forward, together, for the benefit of the citizens of Northport and the Northport Fire Department. All employees should follow the chain of command. If there are issues that need to be addressed, this should be happen in a timely manner and through the proper chain of command. All firefighters

should be treated with dignity and respect. We need to treat each other as we would want to be treated. I appreciate, and I am sure all other elected officials appreciate, what the Fire Department does to keep our City and citizens safe.

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, and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator