

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council President Dykes at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by President Dykes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Dykes.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present:

- Council Pro Tem Washington
- Councilor Smith
- Councilor Conger
- Councilor Higdon
- Council President Dykes

A quorum was declared present.

Mayor Phillips and City Administrator Tubbs were also present.

PRESENTATIONS: Proclamations were presented in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month and honoring Herndon, Hicks & Associates as Business of the Month.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved as printed.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger | **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-67 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the cooperative maintenance of the public right-of-way with reimbursement. This authorizes the City Administrator to execute the Alabama Department of Transportation Agreement for the Cooperative Maintenance of Public Right-of-Way with reimbursement. The agreement, prepared by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), transfers the responsibility of maintaining the right-of-way along AL State Route 6 (AL-6), also known as US Route 82, and along AL State Route 13 (AL-13), also known as US Route 43, that fall within the Northport city limits from ALDOT to the City of Northport. The agreement requires the City of Northport to keep the specified areas clean and attractive in appearance, including mowing, herbicide treatments, and litter pick-up as needed. The agreement requires that the areas be serviced at least four times a year, beginning May 1, 2026, for which ALDOT will reimburse the City of Northport \$13,480.73 per service, not to exceed a total of \$53,922.96, regardless of if the areas are serviced more than four times. The Public Works Department maintains all the City's rights-of-way, including these ALDOT rights-of-way, on a continuous rotation throughout the year, particularly during the growing season. While this leads to the City servicing the ALDOT areas more than the agreement provides reimbursement for, the frequency has been deemed necessary to keep all roadways throughout the City of Northport neat and attractive for its citizens and visitors.

Motion: Conger | **Second:** Higdon | **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-68 Authorizing City Administrator to Execute a Master Services Agreement with Garver for Engineering Services. This authorizes the City Administrator to execute a Master Services Agreement with Garver to provide engineering services. This agreement will allow Garver to perform studies, investigations, surveys, evaluations, assessments, consultations, reviews, inspections, recommendations and reports, and designs for the Utilities Department as set forth in specific Task Order Directives. No funding source is needed for the Master Services Agreement. Each Task Order Directive will be funded through an Operational or Capital budget account.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger | **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-69 Authorizing City Administrator to Execute Task Order Directive No. 1 to the Master Services Agreement with Garver. This authorizes the City Administrator to execute Task Order Directive (TOD) No. 1 to the Master Services Agreement with Garver. This TOD will cover Phase I of the Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Master Plans for a total amount of \$600,000.00. These Master Plans were approved in the 2026 Water and Sewer Capital Budget ordinance.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger | **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-70 Declaring An Emergency and Authorizing An Emergency Public Works Contract for Water Main Repair on McFarland Blvd to Apex Civil Construction. This resolution is declaring an emergency and authorizing an emergency public works contract with Apex Civil Construction, for a 12" water main repair between 51 McFarland Blvd., and 225 McFarland Blvd in the amount of \$15,932.26.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-71 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 7671 Smith Jackson Road. Mr. Caleb Little has property located at 7671 Smith Jackson Road, that cannot presently be annexed into the city because the property is not contiguous. The address is outside of the city limits and inside of the planning jurisdiction. He 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.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Washington

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-72 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Rivertree Systems Inc. This resolution will allow the City Administrator to extend our contract with Rivertree Systems Inc. for examination services. We have been in contract with Rivertree Systems Inc. for several years for auditing/examination services. Rivertree Systems Inc. is a private auditing and collecting firm that conducts audits for several municipalities throughout the State of Alabama. This is a three-year contract with no changes from the prior year's contracts.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Washington

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-73 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with LexisNexis for Legal Software. This authorizes the City Administrator to enter a three (3) year agreement with LexisNexis, a division of RELX, Inc. for approval of legal software. This software aids in legal research and includes an AI component. After consideration of other legal software trials and pricing, the Legal Department determined that LexisNexis would be the best software to meet the needs of the department.

Motion: Conger | **Second:** Higdon

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-74 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Master Service Agreement and Task Order Directive No. 1 with Tom Joiner & Associates, Inc. for 2026 Pavement Assessment Program. A proposal has been received from Tom Joiner & Associates, Inc. for a Master Service Agreement for the City of Northport 2026 Pavement Assessment Program with Task Order Directive No. 1. The scope of the master service agreement includes professional services for pavement management, road evaluation, engineering design, and construction-phase services. Task Order Directive No. 1 scope will include pavement condition assessment and pavement management program development from reviewing pavement condition scores updated to reflect roadways that have been resurfaced or reconstructed. The Task Order Directive No. 1 fee is not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Conger

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Awarding Bid File No. 26-06 for the Furnishing of Custodial Services for the Northport Community Center. The Public Works Department advertised and received bids for providing specified custodial services at the Northport Community Center as needed, beginning April 14, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027. The lowest bidder was Your Next Real Step, charging \$75.00 per Service Visit and \$25.00 per hour Emergency Call-out rate.

Motion: Washington | **Second:** None

Vote: Motion Failed

Resolution 26-75 Rejecting all bids received for Bid No. 26-06 Furnishing of Custodial Services for the Northport Community Center. The City duly advertised and solicited sealed bids for Bid No. 26-06, the Furnishing of Custodial Services for the Northport Community Center. Bids were received and opened in accordance with applicable laws and policies of the City of Northport and the State of Alabama. All bids received were determined to be nonconforming and did not meet the specifications and requirements set forth in the bid documents. The City Council wishes to reject all bids received for Bid No. 26-06 and re-advertise the project.

Motion: Conger | **Second:** Higdon

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-76 Revoking the Award of Bid File No. 26-01 to Rotolo Consultants, Inc. for the Furnishing of Grounds Maintenance for Williamson Cemetery per Resolution No. 26-48. The council passed Resolution No. 26-48 to award Bid File No. 26-01 for Furnishing of Grounds Maintenance for Williamson Cemetery to Rotolo Consultants, Inc. on Monday, March 2, 2026, per the

recommendation of the Public Works Department, and based on the fact that they submitted the lowest qualified bid. Rotolo Consultants, Inc. (RCI) has since serviced Williamson Cemetery three different times, and each time the work was inspected by multiple Public Works Department employees and deemed unsatisfactory. Specific details of what needed to be addressed to achieve acceptable results were shared with pictures and descriptions with multiple RCI management level employees via phone calls, text messages, emails, and onsite meetings. In addition to the subpar quality of work, RCI has failed to correct the problems in a timely manner or show a commitment to improving their service in order to meet the City's expectations. RCI has also neglected to provide a schedule of the dates of their planned service visits as required as part of the job. This resolution will terminate Rotolo Consultants, Inc.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-77 Awarding Bid File No. 26-01 for Furnishing of Grounds Maintenance for Williamson Cemetery to Great Outdoor Services. The Public Works Department advertised and received bids for the maintenance of the Williamson Cemetery grounds at a frequency of every 14 days, between the periods of March 1 through September 30, beginning with the award of the contract and ending December 31, 2028. A total of eight proposals were submitted. The bid was originally awarded to the lowest bidder, but due to that company's failure to meet job specifications, we are respectfully requesting the approval to award Bid File No. 26-01 for the Furnishing of Grounds Maintenance for Williamson Cemetery to the second-lowest qualifying bidder, Great Outdoor Services, for the price of \$19,600.00 per year and totaling \$58,800.00 over the three-year service period.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved as printed. **Motion:** Higdon | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Items included:

1. Minutes of March 23, 2026 – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition: Bion, new router, for advanced threat protection. This is approved as a capital expense for \$15,606.00.
4. Purchase Requisition: Stivers Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$479,623.00 to purchase eight (8) police interceptors. This purchase was approved in the Capital Budget.
5. Purchase Requisition: Dell Technologies, 3 Dell Pro Rugged 14 laptops for PD vehicles, \$5,855.48.
6. Purchase Requisition: Trussell, Funderburg, Rea, Bell & Furgerson, PC, outsourced legal services rendered in connection with economic development projects from December 2025 through February 2026 in the amount of \$24,394.65.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: None.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: None

PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Second Reading – Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1002 10th Street. The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 1002 10th Street is unsafe and dangerous to public health. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. Staff confirmed the certified letter was sent to the address on the Tuscaloosa County tax records. However, the letter was returned to the City as unclaimed at the post office. Recommending to table for 60 days to allow owner to obtain a permit, hire contractor, and demolish the structure. There were no speakers to address the council.

TABLED until June 15, 2026.

Motion: Washington | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Councilor Smith wished everyone a Happy Easter and invited all community members to the District 1 Town Hall scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd at 5:30 PM. The invitation is open to attendees from any district, not just District 1.

The Food and Wine Festival is scheduled for April 19th. VIP tickets are sold out, but a limited number of general admission tickets remain available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Economic Development

Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss economic development. The session is expected to take 30 minutes, and the council will take no action after executive session is concluded.

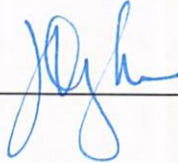
Time: 6:02 p.m. Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened in regular session at **6:54 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:54 p.m. Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.



Jamie Dykes, It's President

ATTEST:



Tera Tubbs, City Administrator