

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Council President Dykes.

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

ROLL CALL: The following members were present:

- Councilor 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:

Two proclamations were presented, recognizing the Hunter Whitley Butterfly Initiative and honoring the Tuscaloosa County High School Boys Basketball Team as 7A State Champions.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved as printed.

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

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: None.

David Allgood – 615 26th Avenue Northport, AL 35476. Resident raised concerns about a recently approved development at 519 and 513 26th Avenue, originally presented as two single-family homes but now appearing as two four-bedroom, four-bathroom houses designed for student occupancy. Questioned whether these homes comply with the city's zoning ordinance, specifically the definition of "family" (no more than three unrelated persons living together). Highlighted that the development is within a historic neighborhood district, which requires new construction to be compatible in scale, massing, and character with existing homes. Raised issues about potential increased density, parking, traffic flow, and emergency access on a narrow historic street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – Ordinance approving a Conditional Use for property located south and west of 300 River Run Park. TTL, Inc. is requesting conditional use approval for upper-story dwellings in a Recreational zoning district for the property located south and west of 300 River Run Park South. The proposed development would include a hotel with 144 rooms with an additional 54 hotel rooms that could be converted into 18 condominium units, for a total of 198 bedrooms. The Planning Commission met on April 14, 2026 and held a public hearing after which they voted to give a favorable recommendation to the City Council.

Offered by: Higdon

Resolution 26-78 Establishing the Fee for Vacation of a Public Right-Of-Way in the City of Northport. This will authorize the fee for vacating a public right-of-way in the City of Northport, the right-of-way being 71st Avenue. The portion of the street requested to be vacated is 0.17 acres. Austin Scott Murphy and Bobby D. Acker have filed with the City of Northport, a Declaration of Vacation of Public Right-of-Way. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Acker will be responsible for the legal fees in the amount of \$550.00, advertisement cost in the amount of 1114.20, and the value of the ROW cost in the amount of \$824.89. The total amount that Austin Scott Murphy and Bobby D. Acker will be responsible for paying the City of Northport is \$2489.09. There will be no fiscal impact on the City.

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

Resolution 26-79 Amending Resolution 26-63 Requesting Classification of Hospital Drive, a portion of 3rd Street, and including a portion of Bridge Avenue under the Highway Functional Classification. This will amend Resolution 26-63 Requesting Classification of Hospital Drive. The City of Northport is requesting the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to reclassify Hospital Drive, a portion of 3rd Street, and a portion of Bridge Avenue. The request includes a classification of minor arterial for Hospital Drive from McFarland Boulevard to Rice Mine Road, a length of 6,113 feet. The request also includes a classification of minor collector for Hospital Drive from Rice Mine Road to 3rd Street, a length of 1,201 feet, for 3rd Street from Bridge

Avenue to Hospital Drive, a length of 2,028 feet, and for Bridge Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street, a length of 460 feet.

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

Resolution 26-80 Authorizing Application to the Alabama Department of Transportation for FY2027 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Grant (TAP Grant) for Downtown Sidewalks and Streetscape, Phase V. This will authorize an application to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for the FY2027 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Grant (TAP Grant) for the Downtown Sidewalks and Streetscape, Phase V. The match for the City will be \$200,000.00.

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

Resolution 26-81 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Company, LLC for Dirt Road Surface Treatment and Asphalt Patching. The Engineering Department solicited bids for the Dirt Road Surface Treatment - Asphalt Patching Phase, with the lowest responsible bidder being Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$77,840.00.

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

Resolution 26-82 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 16238 Brownville Road. Mr. Jeff Voegle has property located at 16238 Brownville 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. 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 26-83 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 16200 Brownville Road. Mr. Charles Lyons, Jr., has property located at 16200 Brownville 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. 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 26-84 Awarding Bid for 9th Street Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project. On April 8, 2026, the Utilities Department accepted bids for the 9th Street Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The lowest responsible bidder, meeting specifications is Apex Civil Construction, LLC., in the amount of \$233,536.23, as shown in the attached bid tabulation. This project is part of the approved 2025 Water & Sewer Capital Budget.

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

Resolution 26-85 Authorizing City Administrator, City Attorney, and Finance Director to Engage with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. for Underwriting Services. This Resolution authorizes the City Administrator, City Attorney, and Finance Director to engage with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. for underwriting services. This engagement will be at no cost to the City. Any fee-for-services agreement will be negotiated and brought to Council as needed.

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 April 6, 2026 – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition: CivicPlus, annual fee for agenda & meeting management software, \$9,504.65.
4. Purchase Requisition: Misc Metals & Fabrication LLC., in the amount of \$5,017.50, is for sewer line work that was done near 3300 McFarland Blvd. The sewer line was blocked near this location and the Utilities Department needed assistance in clearing the line.

5. Purchase Requisition: Bradley, Arant, Boult, Cummings, LLP, in the amount of \$40,162.50. Outsourced legal services through March 31, 2026 in relation to public finance and related advice.
6. Purchase Requisition: Ervin's Workwear & Boots, in the amount of \$6,920.60, is for boots for the Utilities Department employees.
7. Purchase Requisition: Engineers Professional Liability Insurance Renewal, USI Insurance Services, LLC \$12,246.18. This is for the renewal of additional liability insurance coverage for the City of Northport Engineers and Building Inspectors. Due to recent Alabama Supreme Court cases, there could be a \$100,000 limit on professional liability for certain City employees. This will provide extra coverage for the Engineers and Building Inspectors during these instances. Other municipalities provide similar coverage for their Engineers and Building Inspectors.
8. Purchase Requisition: CivicPlus for annual dues for the cityofnorthport.org website, the Northport Municipal Court website, and all SSL management and DNS hosting for these websites in the amount of \$14,659.20.
9. Purchase Requisition: Annual subscription to Mitchell1 in the amount of \$5,448.00. Public Works Mechanic Shop uses Diagnostic Software provided by Mitchell1 to identify problems and review real-time repair information. This tool is critical for the Shop to operate efficiently and is what our mechanics have used for several years.
10. Purchase Requisition: Zero-Turn Mower; Tuskaloosa Lawn Equipment; \$17,695.86. The Public Works Department relies on a fleet of zero-turn mowers to maintain the City of Northport's various properties, right-of-ways, and parks. An additional zero-turn mower will help to keep up with the City's expanding portfolio and to compensate for aging equipment. The new mower will enable us to cut more effectively, as well as use the older mowers on a more limited basis and as backups. Public Works is respectfully requesting your approval to purchase one new zero-turn mower and two airless tires (tweels) from Tuskaloosa Lawn Equipment for a total of \$17,695.86. This expense has been designated as a Capital Funds budget item. Tuskaloosa Lawn Equipment offered the lowest price for these items. Four vendors were contacted and provided specifications specific to the type of equipment we need. Of those four vendors, only two provided quotes.
11. Purchase Requisition: Rivertree Systems Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00. This is for 80 audit hours on a taxpayer for a business license audit. The audit resulted in a proceed check of \$14,358.89.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: None.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

Resolution 26-86 (second reading) consenting to the Vacation of Public Right-of-Way for a portion of Bridge Avenue in the City of Northport. Green Acres Capital, LLC is the owner of property located on Bridge Avenue. The owner has filed with the City a Declaration of Vacation of Right-of-Way for a portion of Bridge Avenue, as attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Code of Alabama requires that the Council, after advertising in a paper of local circulation, conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider written objections prior to taking action on the proposed vacation. The notice of public hearing was published in the Northport Gazette for four (4) consecutive weeks as required and the petitioner, as well as the various utility companies, and adjacent property owners have been notified of the hearing date. To vacate a public right-of-way, the Council must adopt a resolution of permanent nature which requires a first and second reading. The first reading was March 23, 2026. There were no speakers to address the council.

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

PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS:

Invited everyone to attend a meeting with Main Street Alabama, scheduled for tomorrow, April 21, 2026 from 8:30 to 10:30am. The meeting will focus on community-wide discussion about revitalization goals, opportunities, and priorities for the city.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS' BUSINESS

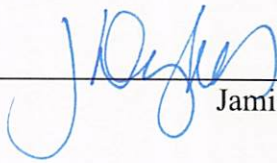
Mayor Phillips reminded everyone of the Mayor's Events Group meeting on April 30, 2026. Discussion will center on planning for the Fourth of July celebration.

Councilor Smith thanked the Hunter Whitley Butterfly Initiative for their contributions, encouraged community engagement via their Facebook page and website. He also announced an open invitation to a town hall meeting this Thursday at 5:30pm in the same room, with live streaming available. Topics to be discussed were not specified, but the event is open to all.

Councilor Conger expressed gratitude for community support following a family bereavement and explained a break in usual posting routines.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 5:58 p.m. **Motion:** Higdon | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.



Jamie Dykes, It's President

ATTEST:



Tera Tubbs, City Administrator