

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 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 Roberts, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Mr. Chuck Gerdau with Northport's Bicentennial Committee gave a short powerpoint presentation that included information on what the Bicentennial Committee has planned and the outlook for the committee over the next year.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the agenda for the September 24, 2018 Council meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The Northport Fire and Rescue Department, along with NorthStar EMS, was presented the 2018 Gold Award for the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline. This award is for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading for Rezoning 0.22 acres located at 18th Street and 30th Avenue.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Resolution 71 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with HCC Insurance Company and Cobb-Allen for Stop-Loss Insurance.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 18-72 declaring certain equipment as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Resolution 18-73 awarding the Pest Control (Bid File No. 18-02) to DC Scientific, and to authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement with DC Scientific.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 18-74 authorizing the Mayor to execute a funding agreement with the State of Alabama.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 18-75 adopting the FY 2019 General Fund Budget with the exception of Agency Funding.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt the Resolution 18-76 adopting the FY 2019 Agency Funding portion of the General portion of the General Fund Budget.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, abstained; and Councilman Hogg, Yes; **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 18-77 adopting the FY 2019 Water/Wastewater Fund Budget.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Roberts to approve the Consent Agenda for the September 24, 2018 Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, August 30, 2018 Special Called Meeting; September 13, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, SSGT Defense Tactics Course, Oct.1-5 & 8-12,2018, Tuscaloosa, AL, \$0-PD
4. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Low Light Carbine, October 02-04, 2018, Tuscaloosa, AL, \$0-PD
5. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Certified Voice Stress Analysis Certification, October 1-5, 2018, Northport, AL, \$1,295.00-PD
6. PO Requisition, 2019 Bridge Inspection, Blake Galloway, \$6,350.00- Engineering
7. PO Requisition, Professional Engineering Services for FWPS HVAC System, Krebs Engineering, \$10,400.00-Utilities

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

Reports of Special Committees:

Councilman Hogg reported the Retail Committee had a meeting the with a developer and looked forward to seeing that comes to fruition from that meeting, hoping it is news that can be announced to the public in the near future.

Councilman Davis stated his respective committee will meet the 2nd Monday of October at 10:00 am to discuss bids on roads that need paving.

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham announced that the 2013 Feasibility report had been distributed to members of Council. He also wanted to thank April Hoffman, Councilman Sullivan, and Staff for all of the time put into the 2019 budget.

Departmental Business:

Motion by Councilman Hogg, Second by President Logan to approve the ABC License for J&S Bartending -Special Event- Kentuck Festival Art Show 2018. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes, Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, No. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, Second by Pro Tem Sullivan to approve the Claim 17-29 in the amount of \$4,470.00. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Public Comment:

Ms. Mary Wedgeworth addressed Council and crowd regarding an incidence of a pit bull attacking her cat on September 18, 2018. The dog attacked her cat in her own yard. She stated the pit bull has problems. It has already attacked a dog twice and now taken the life of a cat. Ms. Wedgeworth's concern is that next time the pit bull will attack a child. She stated she has court on October 24th, 2018.

President Logan assured her that Staff and PD are closely monitoring the situation and thanked her for following the proper legal channels.

Mr. Bobby Herndon, addressed the Council concerning Tuscaloosa County School System. He applauded the Council for breaking out the old feasibility study or entertaining the idea of a new study. He was adamant that Northport citizens need a Northport School System. Mr. Herndon also stated if the Council was considering looking at the feasibility study, it needs to be moved from the back burner to the front burner.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilman Roberts, District 1, Councilman Roberts thanked everyone in District 1 for their patience. He made one comment on the school system issue. He stated that this is a decision that all have to be behind, even parents who no longer have children in the school system. We do not want to tear the district apart. While the idea of wanting a Northport City School System is one we can all understand, Mr. Roberts believes it is something that everyone has to be behind or it will not pass.

President Logan, District 2, President Logan stated the house on 15th Avenue will get torn down. He also stated the lot at the corner of 18th Avenue and 19th Street, the City will begin working with that property owner.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, Pro Tem Sullivan thanked staff and Bruce Higginbotham for their hard work on the budget. He stated that once they get the budget correct, everything else will flow a lot smoother. Pro Tem Sullivan stated it makes it easier when out sales tax is up; it makes it so much easier. Pro Tem Sullivan also recognized Dr. Dickens and Crystal Buck in the audience.

Councilman Davis, District 4, None

Councilman Hogg, District 5, None

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron acknowledged the Northport Bicentennial Committee for their time and participation on the committee because it is strictly voluntary. She also thanked Staff and Pro Tem Sullivan for their hard work on the budget.

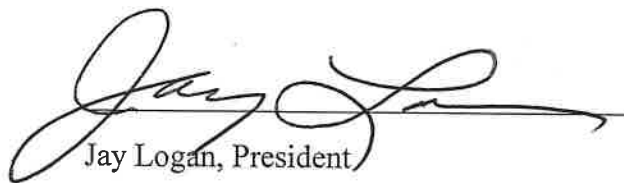
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Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan **to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator