The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 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.

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **approve the agenda for the October 15, 2018 Council meeting.** 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 **adopt Ordinance 1977 Rezoning from RS to C-3 for Eighth Street Properties of approximately 0.22 acres located on 18th Street, West of 30th Ave.** 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 Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 18-82 accepting maintenance for municipal public improvements of the final layer of asphalt for property located at Glen Crest Subdivision, Phase 1.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, abstained. **Motion Carried.**

Councilman Davis offered for 1st Reading Permanent Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City property located on the SW Corner of Main Avenue.

Councilman Roberts offered for 1st Reading Rezoning 16 acres located on 38th Street from AG to RM-2.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 18-83 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc, for NFIRS and HER compliant reporting software for a period of 1 year.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 18-84 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Taylor power Systems for the generator preventative maintenance at Fire Station 1.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 18-85 declaring certain equipment and items as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Resolution 18-86 authorizing the Mayor to execute a funding agreement with Alabama Historical Commission.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 18-87 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Capital Software, Inc. for the purchase and yearly maintenance agreement for the GovCollect software license and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents, requisitions, and payments pertaining to this agreement.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan**, Second** by Councilman Davis **to adopt the Resolution 18-88 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Energy Systems Southeast (ESSE) for the generator preventative maintenance at Fire Stations 2,3, and 4.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by President Logan to **adopt the Resolution 18-89 declaring the city property located at the Southwest Corner of Main Avenue next to wooden trestle as surplus.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Roberts **to approve the Consent Agenda for the October 15, 2018 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, October 01, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 2 employees, 2018 ADEM Surface Water Meeting, October 25, 2018, Montgomery, AL., $0-Utilities
4. PO Requisition, Water Treatment Plant Residuals Removal & Disposal, Merrel Bros. $192,763.88-Utilities
5. PO Requisition, Testing at Water Treatment Plant, TTL, Inc. $8,500.00-Utilties
6. PO Requisition, Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Removal, Denali Water Solutions, LLC., $100,000.00-Utilities
7. PO Requisition, 3 Replacement Police Vehicles, Stiver Ford, $111,357.00-PD
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, LE Supervisor Management and Leadership Skills for Challenging Times, December 11-13, 2018, Birmingham, AL., $325.00-PD
9. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Investigation of Motorcycle Crashes, November 26-30, 2018, Jacksonville, FL., $2,454.15-PD
10. Travel/Training, 2 employees, ADEM "Understanding & Complying with Sanitary Sewer Overflow Permit Requirements", Oct. 18, 2018, Livingston, AL., $0-Utilities
11. PO Requisition, Phosphate for WTP, Chemrite, $6,161.76-Utilities
12. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Overview of Public ROW Accessibility Workshop, November 7, 2018, Pelham, AL., $175.00-Engineering
13. PO Requisition, Furnish and Install VFD Cable to Return Sludge Pump, Stone, & Sons Electrical Contractors, $8,775.00-Utilities
14. Travel/Training, 1 employee, 2018 Fall Law Conference, October 18-20, 2018, Orange Beach, AL., $300.00-Court
15. Travel/Training, 2 employees, AAPPA Federal& State Laws Course, November 8-9, 2018, Auburn, AL., $874.88-HR
16. PO Requisition, Outsourced Legal Expenses, Jason Neff, $11327.00-Legal
17. PO Requisition, 1 vehicle, Stivers Ford, $35,058.00-Court
18. PO Requisition, MLK, Jr. Blvd. Improvements Project, Invoice #9, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc., $62,590.00-Engineering
19. PO Requisition, Union Chapel Rd/Hwy 69 Project, Invoice #13, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc., $7,988.00-Engineering
20. PO Requisition, Charlie Shirley Rd/Hwy 69 Project, Invoice #10, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc., $14,421.00-Engineering
21. PO Requisition, Yearly Contract Payments on Ladder Truck, US Bancorp Government Leasing & Financing, $117,467.87-FD
22. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Northport Alabama Code Officials, November 1-2, 2018, Decatur, AL., $425.00-Planning

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23. Travel/Training, 2 employees, "Improving Cross Cultural Communication" and "Recruiting, Selection, Retention, and Employee Relations" Nov. 21, 2018, Florence, AL., $396.00-PD

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

Reports of Special Committees of Council:

Councilman Sullivan reported from the Finance Committee stating the Bond Rating for the City has been reaffirmed as a AA-, reflecting a strong positive outlook for the City

City Administrator's Business:

Motion by Councilman Hogg, Second by Councilman Roberts to adopt the Resolution 18-90 authorizing the Human Resources Department to begin the search for a permanent Planning Director. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Departmental Business:

a. **Police Department**

1. **Motion** by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan **to approve the ABC License for Frida's Mexican Grille, LLP dba Frida's Mexican Grille.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Legal Department

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hogg **to approve Claim 18-35 in the amount of $1,361.22.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment:

Shawn Brown, 9100 Baptist Campground Road, addressed the Council stating he had lived in Baptist Campground area for about 20 years. Mr. Brown alerted the Council of issues he has been experiencing with his water pressure. He stated he has called the Water Department numerous times, receiving no help. The Water Department simply tells him what the current water pressure is. Currently Mr. Brown's water pressure is registering 22-23 PSI and that is coming off the line.

He reached out to the Water Department again and they informed him that the pressure would be about the same coming off the water tower. Mr. Brown questioned the Council if there were any plans to remedy this issue?

President Logan and Councilman Davis noted Mr. Brown's contact information and assured him someone would be reaching out to him regarding this problem.

Ms. Lisa Wedgeworth, 4203 Smith Street, Northport, AL, addressed the Council again regarding the situation where her cat was attacked and killed by a pit bull. Ms. Wedgeworth advised the Council that Stacy Gordon, the owner of the pit bull, has not rehomed the animal. She has let the pit bull back in the home. Ms. Wedgeworth is concerned that Ms. Gordon's pit bull will get loose again. Ms. Wedgeworth was adamant that next time the pit bull will end up hurting a child. She stated there are several young children and elderly people that live in her neighborhood that she fears for their safety. Ms. Wedgeworth stated that Ms. Gordon has already been warned to get rid of the pit bull.

President Logan stated that there does not need to be a rescue shelter in the City Limits. That is the reason Northport pays into the Metro Animal Shelter. He advised Ms. Wedgeworth that animal control would begin doing random checks.

Ms. Charlotte Harvey Paige, 9645 Charlie Shirley Road, Northport, Al., addressed the Council regarding an issue she is experiencing with an electrician she hired to do work in her home. The Paige's were doing renovations in their home and needed electrical work completed for this renovation. The electrician advised there would need to be rewiring and other electrical work completed. When it came time for inspection, it was discovered the electrical work was not stubbed in, electrical wires rolled in the top of the home, wires were not labeled, and the main wire was not adequate to accommodate the addition. The garage was the only place that was wired. When the Paiges asked the contractor about this, he stated it was for "safety reasons." The building inspector came out for one inspection and that inspection passed. Ms. Paige wanted to know if there should have been another inspection to check that the wires were stubbed in properly. Also, she questioned if there is a violation due to the electrical subcontractor leaving and never finishing the work.

President Logan stated, from what he had heard, it sounded like a bad contractor, maybe he did not know exactly what he was doing. He requested Ms. Paige's contact information, so he could do a little research on the situation.

Mr. Stephen Schwab, 2520 5th Street, Northport, AL., addressed the Council concerning 2 topics. His first topic was expressing his pleasure with the grant for Shirley Place from Alabama Historical Commission. He suggested that maybe Shirley Place be renovated into a coffee shop or something that is used on a daily basis. His second concern was the traffic light at 5th and Main. He stated that two friends, Doris and Ridge Marriot were struck by a distracted driver when crossing that intersection. The driver was distracted by her dog. He suggested that the City install a flashing red light at the intersection of 5th and Main. He expressed his opinion on the intersection of 5th and Main, stating it was not a safe intersection and something needed to be done.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilman Roberts, District 1, None

President Logan, District 2, President Logan invited everyone out to the Kentuck Festival of the Arts this upcoming weekend. He also updated the citizens on the MLK Project. He stated that ALDOT has 30% plans in his possession. Everything is on track and moving along. President Logan stated there would be another update next Council Meeting.

Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, Pro Tem Sullivan invited everyone to the 5th annual Christmas 5K. He announced the run would be November 30th, 2018 at 7:00 at Kentuck Park. He encouraged people to come out and enjoy the fun.

Councilman Davis, District 4, None

Councilman Hogg, District 5, None

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron discussed the current status of the Hasson Center and the role Mr. Woodrow Washington has played in getting that building up to code. She stated that time had passed where a vote could not be taken due to a vacancy in District 1. During that time Mr. Washington has been holding successful events for the community at the Hasson Center along with helping children in the area with the tutoring through Academic in Motion. With the possibility of a vacancy coming back on the Coucil, Mayor Aaron felt it important to bring the vote up for a first reading.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading a permanent Resolution authorizing the sale of the Hasson Community Center to Academics in Motion, Inc.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator