

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:

Councilor Smith recognized the 2016 6U World Series Champions for their outstanding achievement and contributions to the community. Mayor Phillips presented a proclamation recognizing June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and encouraged community awareness and support for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved as printed.

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

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Larry Fowler, who had requested to address the Council regarding a noise ordinance issue, notified the City by email on the day of the meeting that he would be unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-112 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Ward Scott Morris Architecture to provide programming and initial concept generation for the potential relocation of City Hall. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute a contract with Ward Scott Morris Architecture for a potential new City Hall. The scope of the contract will be to provide programming and initial concept generation for a potential City Hall, not to exceed \$10,000.

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

Resolution 26-113 Authorizing an Application to the State of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for the Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Grant. This resolution will authorize the Engineering Department to apply for two Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security Grants. The first application is requesting funds for the purchase of items to support the Northport Police Department operations. The second application is requesting the purchase of items to support Northport Fire Rescue operations. If awarded, there is no required match from the City.

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

Resolution 26-114 Authorizing the Application to the Tombigbee Resource Conservation and Development Council. This resolution authorizes the application to the Tombigbee Resource Conservation and Development Council. The max award is in the amount of \$15,000.00 with no required match from the City. If awarded, the funding will be utilized to make improvements to the UCP playground.

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

Resolution 26-115 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Metro Animal Shelter Operating Agreement. This resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter Operating Agreement between the City of Northport, City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, and Metro Animal Shelter, Inc. The amendment is to increase the authority of the Advisory Committee to bind the parties to purchases, improvements or repairs to not exceed \$100,000 per annum without the permission of the governing bodies. For this year the additional

amount is \$2,800.

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

Resolution 26-116 Accepting End of Project Balancing Change Order #1 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Handling Improvements. On August 7, 2023, the City Council passed Resolution 23-145, which formally awarded the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Handling Improvements project to John Plott Company, Inc., who was the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications. The awarded project amount was \$3,531,622.00. Attached is the End of Project Balancing Change Order #1 for this project which decreases the amount by \$2,374.47, and increases the time of completion for the project by 400 days. The Utilities Department requests that the Council accept the End of Project Balancing Change order. The final contract price is \$3,529,247.53.

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

Resolution 26-117 Awarding Bid for Hightown Tank Rehabilitation Project. On June 3, 2026, the Utilities Department accepted bids for the Hightown Tank Rehabilitation Project. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Dixie Painting and Sandblasting, Inc., in the amount of \$361,786.00. This project is part of the approved 2025 Water & Sewer Capital Budget.

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

Resolution 26-118 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC to perform a Total Compensation Plan Update. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Evergreen Solutions, LLC to perform a Total Compensation Plan Update.

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 June 1, 2026 – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition: Rick's Service Company, LLC., in the amount of \$5,950.00, is for the annual preventative maintenance for the generators and transfer switches at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
4. Purchase Requisition: Central Alabama Training Solutions, Hoses for Engine 4, \$11,834.00.
5. Purchase Requisition: FY23 Northport First funds approved and allocated by City Council on March 20, 2023 (Consent Agenda Item 9.b.10) to be transferred to the Northport Redevelopment Authority. Transfers will be individual specific, occurring when grant applications have been awarded and approved by the Northport Redevelopment Authority.
6. Purchase Requisition: Fire Alarm Panel for the Public Safety Compound; Central Station, \$10,000.00. The control panel of the fire alarm system at the Public Safety Compound is obsolete and not compatible with the newer components of the system that have been replaced. Several options to rectify the problem have been researched, and the most practical solution is to replace the control panel with a newer one that is compatible with the old and new components. The \$10,000.00 amount includes the quote given to provide the necessary equipment, labor, programming, and required testing that installing a new control panel involves, as well as an additional \$813.00 in contingency for any unexpected issues that may be discovered during the installation.
7. Purchase Requisition: McKinney Electrical for the electrical service for the PreCast Restroom at Tiger Park, in the amount of \$8,200.00. This service will cover electrical for the restrooms and pavilions, including electrical receptacles on all.
8. Purchase Requisition: John Wayne Plumbing for the plumbing service for the precast restroom at Tiger Park, in the amount of \$4,500.00. This will include installation of water and sewer lines.
9. Purchase Requisition: Yearly license renewal for ESRI, Inc., in the amount of \$15,295.00. This payment is split between the Engineering and Utilities departments and was included in the FY2026 budget.
10. Purchase Requisition: CDW-G, Server Licensing Software, \$11,556.00. License renewal of software needed to operate the city's server cluster, which hosts our virtual servers.
11. Purchase Requisition: Rehrig Pacific Company for \$29,850.00 to purchase 510 new residential garbage carts. This amount includes the cost of the carts, the fee to have the City Seal imprinted on each cart, as well as shipping. This is a planned expense and was approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. This will be in place of the previously requested purchase of carts from Otto Environmental Systems, who said they would no longer honor the quote they provided for the order due to rising costs. The new carts will match the current carts' navy blue color and style, but will have the new City of Northport City Seal in place of the old version. The Public Works Department

stocks garbage carts on hand to replace carts that are damaged, stolen, or to fulfill requests from customers needing a new cart. Carts are kept in circulation and reused until they are no longer suitable for use. The last time new carts were ordered was in 2023.

12. **Purchase Requisition:** Four Thermal Imaging Cameras, MES, \$4,824.00. In 2012, the Fire Department purchased five (5) thermal imaging cameras for approximately \$40,000 (\$8,000 each). That model has been discontinued, and we are having issues with all "freezing frame". One new design has been purchased and is now in service. It meets standards and there is a need for four (4) more. The attached quote is for four (4) thermal imaging cameras for \$1,206 each, which includes a promotion for a free "truck charger" (which is a \$700 option).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: None.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: None.

PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Second Reading – Ordinance for Rezoning of approximately 1.5 acres located at 2415 5th Street from Conservation (CON) to Historic Neighborhood (HN). Gordon Gregory is requesting rezoning of approximately 1.5 acres located at 2415 5th Street from Conservation (CON) to Historic Neighborhood (HN). The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met on May 12, 2026 and made a favorable recommendation that the request for rezoning be granted.

There were no speakers to address the council.

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

Second Reading – Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1002 10th Street. The Chief Building Official found that the structure located at 1002 10th Street is unsafe and dangerous to public health. Staff recommended the structure be demolished. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. The City Council previously agreed to table the item to allow the owner sufficient time to demolish the structure on their own. They have completed the demolition but still lack one - two more loads of debris removal and haying and seeding the lot. Staff recommends tabling the item to allow owners time to complete the project.

There were no speakers to address the council.

TABLE to July 6, 2026

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

Second Reading – Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road. The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road is unsafe and dangerous to public health. The City Council agreed to table this item numerous times to give the owner time to remedy the deficiencies. During this time, the owner has obtained a building permit, submitted a list of repairs to be completed, and has begun work to bring the structure up to building code. The owner has made progress, but the work has not been completed. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. Staff recommends tabling the item to allow owners time to complete the project.

The owner of the property, Natilie Newman, addressed the council. She stated they are continuously working on the property and are proud of their improvement thus far. They plan to continue progress and request additional time.

TABLE to September 21, 2026

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Fourth on Main (July 4, 4–10 PM): Councilor Smith invited everyone to the Fourth of July celebration in Downtown Northport, highlighting live music, food, games for kids, a parade, and general festivities.

Small Business Forum (June 22, 5:30 PM): Councilor Conger reminded attendees of the second quarterly small business forum at City Hall, encouraging in-person attendance or submission of questions and concerns via email for discussion. The forum aims to address issues affecting local small business owners.

Rescheduling Council Meeting: Due to the observance of Labor Day, the regular City Council meeting originally set for Monday, September 7, 2026, was proposed to be moved to Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 5:57 p.m.

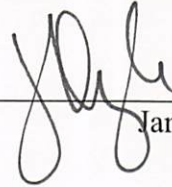
Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Washington

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Tera Tubbs, City Administrator



Jamie Dykes, It's President