

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on July 24, 2017, 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: Councilman Boozer, President Logan, Pro Tem Sullivan, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and Senior Administrative Assistant, Kim Braughton. Absent was Interim City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Mayor Aaron presented a proclamation to the Schoolyard Roots Project. Ms. Karen Daggert, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Flatwoods Elementary, and Mr. Sam Daggert, a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at Flatwoods Elementary shared their positive experience working with the Schoolyard Roots Project.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **approve the agenda for the July 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting with the addition of item 8c14 PO Requisition, Union Chapel Road/Hwy. 69 Realignment Project ROW Appraisals, BKI, Inc. \$14,500 – Engineering.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Ms. Jessica Beckwith, representing Tuscaloosa Chapter of People First of Alabama, came before Council to explain the benefits of their program.

**Motion** by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **suspend the rules in order to immediately consider amending the Northport City Code pertaining to Interest and Delivery License.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **adopt Ordinance 1934 amending the Northport City Code pertaining to Interest and Delivery Tax within the City of Northport.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Boozer, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 17-71 authorizing the City Administrator to enter an agreement between the City of Northport Fire Rescue and Physio-Control, Inc. for Extended Service of Lifepak 15 and authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents and requisitions pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Boozer, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 17-72 declaring certain items and equipment as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **approve the Consent Agenda for the July 24, 2017 Council Meeting with the addition of item 8c14, PO Requisition, Union Chapel Road/Hwy. 69 Realignment Project ROW Appraisals, BKI, Inc. \$14,500 – Engineering.**

#### Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, July 10, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Professional Consulting Services, Varnon Engineering, \$8,970.00 - Engineering
4. PO Requisition, Audit Expenses, LeCroy, Hunter & Co., P.C. \$31,305.00 - Finance
5. PO Requisition, Outsourced Legal, Phelps, Jenkins, \$10,000.00 – Legal

6. PO Requisition, Quarterly Required Testing at WWTP, TTL, Inc. \$8,000.00 – Utilities
7. Travel/Training, 2 employees, AWPCA Annual Conference, Sept. 18-20<sup>th</sup>, Orange Beach, AL \$1,332.54 - Utilities
8. PO Requisition, Asphalt Repair, Mallory Burkhalter Paving, Inc. \$7,425.00 - Utilities
9. PO Requisition, Emergency Jet Truck Rental, Vacuum Truck Rentals, LLC, \$14,000.00 – Utilities
10. PO Requisition, LifePak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator, Physio-Control, \$33,893.15 – Fire
11. Travel/Training, 4 employees to attend the Hands-On Electrical Fire & Arson Investigation, \$2,000.00 – Fire
12. PO Requisition, Sansom Equipment Co., Repairs to Jet Truck, \$7,608.41 – Utilities
13. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Training Overview of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Auburn, AL \$300.00 – PW
14. PO Requisition, Union Chapel Road/Hwy. 69 Realignment Project ROW Appraisals, BKI, Inc. \$14,500.00 - Engineering

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

#### **Reports of Special Committees of Council: Finance Committee**

Pro Tem Sullivan explained that the Finance Committee met with several banks to discuss the banking services and needs of the City. The Finance Committee recommends BBVA Compass Bank for the banking services for the City of Northport.

**Motion** by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 17-73 selecting BBVA Compass Bank for banking services for the City of Northport and authorize the City Administrator and Director of Finance to proceed as necessary to complete this change.** Pro Tem Sullivan commented that the first step would be to meet with BBVA to create a transition plan, and that it may take approximately six to eight months before the process is completed. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

#### **Departmental Business: Legal Department**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **approve Claim 17-16 in the amount of \$1,370.35.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

#### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Tony Roberts, 5109 Oak Way, Northport, came before Council to discuss the City of Northport's vision for the future pertaining to Planning and Zoning regulations. Mr. Roberts went over a few of the Articles listed in the Planning and Zoning Ordinances and Regulations pertaining to green spaces, variances, etc. He explained that some of the rules and regulations pertaining to green spaces in subdivisions can be circumvented by developers. Mr. Roberts urged the City Council, Engineering Department, and Planning and Zoning team to review the current regulations pertaining to green space in subdivisions.

Pro Tem Sullivan expressed his appreciation to Mr. Roberts for expressing his concerns. Pro Tem Sullivan said that the regulations on green spaces are just a few of the issues the Planning and Zoning Board wishes to review and adjust.

Mr. Stephen Schwab, 2520 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Northport, came before Council to discuss community emergency training. Mr. Schwab explained that this training teaches communities the skills of how to react during emergency situations. Mr. Schwab said he has been concerned with community emergency training since the 2011 tornado that devastated the Tuscaloosa area. He said that he and his wife will be attending the “Community Emergency Response Team” training class in August and urged everyone to participate.

**Mayor and Council Member’s Business:**

**Councilman Boozer, District 1,** none

**President Logan, District 2,** announced that there will be a meet and greet for Councilman Boozer immediately after the Council meeting. President Logan explained that due to the recent passing of Councilman Hambright, he would like to address and reassign the Committees of Council. President Logan told Mr. Terry Ware that he and Planning Director Scott Stephens will get with him next week to discuss trees and grass that need to be cut.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 17-74 Re-appointing members to Committees of Council.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3,** welcomed Councilman Boozer to the City Council and said he looks forward to working with him.

**Councilman Davis,** none

**Councilman Hogg, District 5,** none

**Mayor Aaron,** said that she is happy to have Councilman Boozer on the City Council and encouraged everyone to attend the meet and greet immediately following the adjournment of the Council meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

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Bruce Higginbotham, Interim City Administrator