

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 2015, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by Mayor Herndon. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Councilwoman Hayes, Councilman Sullivan, and Councilman Harper. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Herndon. Absent and failing to vote was Pro Tem Acker.

Mayor Herndon presented a proclamation to Campus Collection for the January business of the month.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the agenda for the January 20, 2015 Council Meeting**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Ordinance 1860 amending Section 666-292 pertaining to Taxicabs**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **suspend the rules in order to consider for adoption an ordinance declaring a sales tax holiday**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Ordinance 1861 declaring a Sales Tax Holiday (Severe Weather)**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan, to **approve Resolution 15-06 declaring certain vehicles as surplus and authorizing their disposal**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Resolution 15-07 requesting the Alabama Legislature to amend the City of Northport Civil Service Act**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Abstain, Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the Consent Agenda for the January 20, 2015, Council Meeting**.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, January 5, 2015, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, 10-2" Master Meter Stainless Octave Meters, Empire Pipe & Supply, \$13,500 - Utilities
4. PO Requisition, Annual Service Contract, Hach, \$7,863.58 – Utilities/WTP
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, At Scene Traffic Homicide Investigation, Jacksonville, FL March 16-27th, \$850 - PD
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Drug Enforcement Training, Lincoln, AL Jan. 27-29th, \$0 - PD
7. PO Requisition, 70th Avenue Emergency Sinkhole Repair, L&D Moore Contracting, \$23,650 - PW
8. PO Requisition, Weight Room Equipment, Wright Equipment, \$13,762 - Fire
9. PO Requisition, Resurfacing Nicholas Avenue, Central Alabama Paving, \$11,750 - Engineering

Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Collins recognized former City of Tuscaloosa Councilman Bob Lundell, and thanked him for attending meeting.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, Thanked Interim Police Chief Burton for the increased traffic control in District 1. Councilwoman Hayes explained that a citizen had recently made her aware that several months ago he had talked with Pro Tem Acker and City Administrator Collins about the possibility of public storm shelters in Northport; however, he said no one got back with him. City Administrator Collins explained that there are many factors that go into providing public storm shelters such as cost, location, structure size, availability of funds, policing and manning the shelter, etc. He encouraged the council to move forward with caution and care, due to the number of issues that out way the simple construction of a shelter. Councilwoman Hayes said that some of those issues are fairly easily resolved, but would discuss this with City Administrator Collins at a later date.

President Logan, District 2, thanked council for taking the first step to amend the Civil Service Board act to include a city attorney. He said in his opinion, if you are trying to build a city, the staff needs to reflect the progressive manner of a city, and this speaks volumes as to how Northport has progressed in the last 20-30 years. He also recognized Mr. and Mrs. Willie T. Lewis, and congratulated them for their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary today.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, none

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, absent

Councilman Harper, District 5, none

Mayor Herndon, said he watched Deontay Wilder fight on Saturday night, and said he hopes to recognize him at a council meeting in the near future. He also said he recently attended the swearing in of Tuscaloosa County Sheriff Abernathy and said he will be praying for wisdom and guidance for him as he leads the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Department. Mayor Herndon discussed terrorist acts across the world and said he feels that eventually it will happen in the United States again. He recently learned there are thirty (30) Muslim training camps located in the United States and he encouraged everyone to speak up if they see or hear anything out of the ordinary, and to be cautious and aware of their surroundings.

Councilwoman Hayes said there are a lot of other groups that we need to be cautious about and didn't want to single out the Muslims. She said the New South Coalition has a publication that comes out several times a year that lists all of the terrorist groups they are following. She doesn't want everyone to assume that just because someone looks a certain way that they are a terrorist, because 99% of the time that is not the case.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **adjourn the meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator