

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on August 4, 2014 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 Harper, Councilman Sullivan, and Pro Tem Acker. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Bobby Herndon.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the Agenda for the August 4, 2014 Council Meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Ordinance 1840 amending the Northport Zoning Ordinance Article X, regarding half street improvements and sidewalks.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Ordinance 1841 amending the Northport Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Article VIII, regarding sign regulations.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**President Logan offered for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Ordinance Rezoning of 0.5 acres located at 2901 13<sup>th</sup> Street from RS-9 to M-1.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Resolution 14-66 declaring certain items and equipment as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Sullivan, **Second** by Councilwoman Hayes to **approve Resolution 14-67 awarding Bid File 14-19 to Viewu for Body Cameras and authorizing the City Administrator to approve any necessary purchase orders.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 14-68 declaring certain items and equipment as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote is as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 14-69 authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama for a Public Safety Communications Tower Site Lease.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the Consent Agenda for the August 4, 2014 Council Meeting.**

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes, July 21, 2014, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Emergency AC Replacement at Station 4, \$6,650., Turner & Schoel - Fire
4. PO Requisition, chairs for Communications Dept., Villa International \$7,220.64 - PD
5. PO Requisition, Changeable Message Sign, Jace Chandler & Associates, \$13,945 – Admin

6. PO Requisition, Alabama League of Municipalities Membership Dues, \$7,012.64 - Admin
7. PO Requisition, Dowdy & Associates, Inc., \$15,383 – Utilities

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

**City Administrator's Business:**

City Administrator Collins explained there is a bi-weekly publication of the Tuscaloosa News, the most recent being July 25<sup>th</sup>, which outlined the 2013 vs. 2012 crime reports in the State of Alabama, based on the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center. He said in February 2012 the Council, Mayor and staff took action to make much needed improvements within the Police Department. Based on this crime report from 2012 to 2013, state wide crime decreased 4% across the state; the City of Tuscaloosa decreased 1.5%, Tuscaloosa County decreased 5%, and the City of Northport decreased 12%. City Administrator Collins expressed his appreciation to the Police Department, Council, and staff to help turn the Police Department around.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Chauna Goodman, 11301 Evergreen Avenue came before council to discuss ATV's riding through her neighborhood. Ms. Goodman said they are accessing the creek behind her home with the utility vehicles. There was discussion. Chief Card will send extra officers to that area and will also work in conjunction with Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Department since some of this area is located in the county.

**Mayor & Council Member's Business:**

**Councilwoman Hayes, District 1**, thanked the staff for all their hard work. She also thanked the Police Department and Chief Card for lowering the crime rate, and expressed her appreciation for their hard work in doing so.

**President Logan, District 2**, announced there would be a Council Work Session at 6:45 tonight after the conclusion of the council meeting. He also thanked the Police Department and Chief Card for lowering the crime rate, and expressed his appreciation for their hard work in doing so.

**Councilman Sullivan, District 3**, thanked the Police Department and Chief Card for lowering the crime rate, and expressed his appreciation for their hard work in doing so.

**President Pro Tem Acker, District 4**, thanked the Police Department and Chief Card for lowering the crime rate, and expressed his appreciation for their hard work in doing so.

**Councilman Harper, District 5**, thanked the Police Department and Chief Card for lowering the crime rate, and expressed his appreciation for their hard work in doing so.

**Mayor Herndon**, also thanked the Police Department and Chief Card for their hard work in lowering the crime rate, as well as the council for making decisions that have resulted in a better city. He said he attended the swearing in ceremony of Mr. Fitzgerald Washington, which is the new Secretary of Labor and he was honored to be in attendance. He also asked everyone to pray for his daughter, Amanda Parker, who is in the hospital, and said he also has unspoken prayer request. He said he is always honored to be the Mayor of Northport.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

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Scott Collins, City Administrator