

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 2013 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, Pro Tem Acker, and Councilman Harper. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Mayor Herndon presented Lt. Tim Sullivan with a retirement plaque. Lt. Tim Sullivan has served 27 years with the Police Department and the Mayor thanked him for his dedicated service.

Mayor Herndon presented a proclamation to Fernando's Mexican Grill for the business of the month for September.

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve the Agenda for the September 16, 2013 Council Meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Ms. Janet Zeanah with Focus on Sr. Citizens came before Council to thank the City for the funding they have provided in the past and asked if the City would continue the funding. She said they now have dedicated a driver for the Northport area five (5) days a week and they have three (3) backup drivers to carry senior citizens to the nutrition site, doctor's appointments and basic needs shopping trips. She thanked the council for past funding and said they couldn't have done it without their help. She said last year they provided two (2) days of free tax preparation in City Hall and she would like to expand it this year to include more than two (2) days. Ms. Zeanah also explained that they are going to be involved in the "Yellow Dot Program" which is a first responder program that anyone can participate in. When you participate in the Yellow Dot Program, you will have a yellow sticker placed on the back windshield of your vehicle. Emergency contact information, medical information, and a photo will be in the glove box of the vehicle so in the case of an emergency, first responders will have that information readily available. Ms. Zeanah also introduced Dr. Rebecca Allen, which is a Focus Board Member.

Mr. Kenneth Walters came before Council to discuss the city's need for a full time Mayor. He said the current administration is doing a great job; however, in the future he would like to see the city with a full time mayor, such as the City of Tuscaloosa, Mobile, and Huntsville. Mr. Walters said he wanted to get the word out to the citizens to consider this type of government and explained that in his opinion it would be beneficial to the city in the future to have a full time Mayor for long term stability.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve Ordinance 1816 annexing a 50 foot parcel of land adjacent and East of Turtle Bay Subdivision and North of Dollar Road.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance for Weed Control.

Councilwoman Hayes had a comment concerning the 1st Reading for the Weed Control Ordinance. She said that seven (7) days is not enough time to give someone an opportunity to have their yard cut. She said someone could be ill, out of town and would not be able to get it cut in seven (7) days and that it would be too much to expect from the citizen. City Attorney Ron Davis explained that this ordinance will not be for citizens that have not cut their grass in a week, but will be for the extreme cases where there is obvious neglect and has an overgrowth of 12 inches of grass or weeds. President Logan said this is a 1st reading and the proposed ordinance can be discussed and changed before the 2nd reading.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 13-87 approving the itemized report of weed removal costs for Lot 177 Green Village and 1105 Vestavia Circle.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 13-88 declaring weeds at 1905 Hudson Bay Drive a nuisance.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 13-89 declaring weeds at 3501 14th Street a nuisance.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes, **Second** by President Logan to **approve Resolution 13-90 authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by President Logan to **approve Resolution 13-91 awarding Bid File 13-08 to Bama Builders, Inc. for the installation of a Main Frame Free Span Roof System and to authorize the City Administrator to approve the purchase requisitions for said items.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve the Consent Agenda for the September 16, 2013 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, September 9, 2013, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 4 employees, Auto Brake Training Clinic, Sept. 24th, Northport, AL - \$119,80 - PW
4. PO Requisition, Local Government Corp., Annual Support Contract, \$11,430 - IT

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.**

Departmental Business:

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the ABC License for Las Tarascos Grille.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Herndon, asked everyone to remember the shooting victims at the Washington Navy Yard and he also expressed his appreciation for the city staff and the great job they do for the city.

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, said there will be a public meeting for District 1 and anyone else that would like to attend. The meeting will be at the Civic Center on Thursday, September 26th at 6:15 and invited everyone to attend. She said she wants to hear the concerns of the citizens in her district so that she can start working on those concerns. She said her goal is to make District 1 the best district in the City of Northport.

President Logan, District 2, thanked Ron Davis and Flora Gay for their help with the 1st Reading on the Weed Nuisance Ordinance. He said he thinks this will be beneficial to the city to streamline this process to help address and mitigate our weed ordinance.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, None

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, None

Councilman Harper, District 5, None

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator