

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on November 4, 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 a proclamation to Turner & Schoel, Inc. for business of the month for November.

**Motion** by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve the Agenda for the November 4, 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.**

President Logan opened the floor for public hearing concerning the Ordinance for rezoning of approximately 3.6 acres of land located on the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Court.

Mr. Howard D. Mayfield, 1207 15<sup>th</sup> Street Court, objected to the rezoning due to it being in a residential neighborhood. He said anytime you change the residential zoning to commercial in a predominately residential neighborhood, that is a signal for things to come. He said that if this is approved, he feels there will be more requests in the future and said that would be a drastic change in the future for the neighborhood.

Mr. Lorenzo Freeman, 1504 Juniper Ridge Lane, spoke on behalf of the church and was in favor of the rezoning. Mr. Freeman explained they are trying to bring the church in compliance with the City Codes to make it better for the community. He said this zoning change will help the church enhance the community by offering GED Classes, tutoring for children, and spreading the Word of God. Mr. Freeman thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Vincent L. Brown, 10131 Magnolia Court Tuscaloosa, spoke in favor of the rezoning. Mr. Brown said the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been a staple in the community since 1923 and everything they do as a church has the community in mind. He said the church chose to stay in this community and they want to protect their investment, and not to harm any of the residents. He thanked the council for the opportunity to speak.

President Logan closed the floor for public hearing concerning the Ordinance for rezoning of approximately 3.6 acres of land located on the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Court.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker **to approve Ordinance 1820 Rezoning Approximately 3.6 acres of land located on Martin Luther King Jr., Boulevard, 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and 15<sup>th</sup> Court.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve the Consent Agenda for the November 4, 2013 Council Meeting.**

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes, October 21, 2013, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Evolution of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit & Program Requirements, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Pelham, AL \$125 - Engineering
4. PO Requisition, West Alabama Regional Commission Dues, \$9,798.60 - Admin

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.**

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Dennis Hambright, 5109 Azalea Trail said he missed the last meeting, when the Tuscaloosa County High School Homecoming was discussed. He said he is the President of the TCHS Alumni Program, and wanted to thank President Logan for doing an excellent job speaking at the festivities, due to Mayor Herndon being out of town. He also said as long as he is the President of the Alumni Program he will come before the council and thank them for their support.

Ms. Tamaria Colemon-Madison, 4412 Northwood Lake Dr. W., asked if someone from the Engineering Department could come by and look at a sinkhole that has formed in her front yard. She said a sinkhole has recently been repaired there; however, it is sinking again. Pro Tem Acker asked Public Works Director, Ms. Brooke Starnes to look into this issue.

Ms. Debbie Blake, 2966 Meadowlake Lane addressed the council as a Northport citizen and on behalf of CARE Ambulance Service concerning Councilwoman Hayes. Ms. Blake is the Operations Manager for CARE Ambulance Service and said that Councilwoman Hayes came to her ambulance base on August 1<sup>st</sup> and interrogated her for several minutes. Ms. Blake said CARE Ambulance Service is a new business to Northport and Councilwoman Hayes told her that the Council, Mayor, and City Administrator are dirty. Councilwoman Hayes denied the allegations. Ms. Blake said she recorded the entire conversation and would distribute it to the Tuscaloosa News. Ms. Blake went on to say that Councilwoman Hayes owes her, the Northport Citizens, Mayor, Council, and City Administrator an apology for what she said.

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

**Councilwoman Hayes, District 1**, invited everyone to attend the Neighborhood Watch Training Program on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The meeting will be held in the Civitan Building located at Civitan Park and everyone is welcome to attend.

**President Logan, District 2**, None

**Councilman Sullivan, District 3**, reminded everyone about the 5K Run "Twas the Night before Christmas". He said it will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and he encouraged everyone to spread the word. You can get registration forms at Northport City Hall, the city's website, Wagner's Run Walk, and the Athlete's Foot in Northport.

**President Pro Tem Acker, District 4**, None

**Councilman Harper, District 5**, None

**Mayor Herndon**, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed new businesses such as the Pet Supply Store and Tuesday Morning to Northport. He said the sales tax, business license, and building permits have increased in the last several months, and gave all the credit to the citizens of Northport, he said they are attracting people and businesses to Northport and he thanked them.

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

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

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Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

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Scott Collins, City Administrator