

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on March 18, 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 & Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Mayor Herndon presented a proclamation to Second Season Outdoor Consignment for the business of the month for March.

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve the Agenda for the March 18, 2013 Council Meeting with the addition of item 7 (a) 2, Ordinance Amending Section 70-169 of the Northport Municipal Code Regarding Parking on the Roadway.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilwoman Hayes **to approve Ordinance 1801 Amending Ordinance 1779 of the Northport Zoning Ordinance Regarding Article VI, Section 603.03 (E) Multiple Unit Development.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilwoman Hayes **to approve Ordinance 1802 Amending Section 70-169 of the Northport Municipal Code Regarding Parking on Roadways.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve Resolution 13-24 Approving the Annual Report of the Identity Theft Prevention Plan.** 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.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 13-25 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Walker & Associates for Engineering Services for Mitt Lary Road Improvement Project.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve Resolution 13-26 Appointing Captain Kerry Card as Police Chief.** 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 Councilman Harper, **Second** by President Logan **to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 18, 2013 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, March 4, 2013, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Repair Control Panel @ Intake Structure (Insurance Claim), Black Electrical, \$70,000 - WTP
4. PO Requisition, Purchase 1 Heat Pump Unit, Gregg Service Co., \$5,250 - WTP
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Managing Inventories and Cycle Counts, Birmingham, AL June 10th, \$249 - PW
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Certified Municipal Revenue Officer Training, Tuscaloosa, \$225 - RD
7. PO Requisition, for (10) 2" Octave Meters, Empire Pipe, \$12,000 - Water

8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Supervisory Fundamentals, \$300 - Admin
9. PO Requisition, Winston Trailers, \$10,086 – PW
10. PO Requisition, Rotary Mower, Hall Manufacturing, \$8,575 – PW
11. PO Requisition, Army Corps of Engineers, \$50,750 – Admin
12. PO, Requisition, Southland International, \$238,000 - PW

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.**

Departmental Business

The report for the Finance Department will be given at a later date.

Chief Kerry Card presented a report for the Police Department.

Chief Wheat presented a report for the Fire Department.

Larry Ingram presented a report for the Water/Wastewater Department.

Alan Harper presented a report for the Retail Development Department.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kenneth Walters from 4813 Allums Avenue, Northport, came before council to discuss the proposed city school system. He said he is opposed to the idea of creating a school system for the City of Northport. He understands that the city has reserve funds but, in his opinion, the city should be using that money to take care of the current employees, and not on a new city school system. He said the economy is weak and he stressed that the extra money the city has should be saved or spent on current employees.

Jeff Thompson, 4701 Pin Oak Trail, came before council to discuss the hiring of Chief Card. He said he went to last week's Council Work Session so that he could form his own opinion to which candidate he felt was best for the Northport Police Chief. He said he also asked several black and white police officers their opinion of how Interim Chief Card was doing; everyone had very positive things to say and no one said anything negative. He said it was odd to him that the negativity is only being reported to one council person, and is leery of anyone that continually brings up negativity. He said Northport should be looking forward to greater things and not dwelling in the past. He is in support of Chief Card and the decision that the Mayor and Council has made to hire him as Chief of Police. He said he learned a new quote this week, "I don't want easy, I just need possible" things are not always easy, but if we can see a possibility, then we can get to where we need to get to.

Councilwoman Judy Hayes said that Mr. Jeff Thompson was her opponent in the last election and she voted in favor of Chief Card, and congratulated him on his new position as Police Chief.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Herndon thanked all city staff and said he appreciates their hard work. He also said he is looking forward to the Comprehensive Plan that may include the proposed Northport City School System, and commended the Council for doing it. He said it's good to have a plan to follow and investigate the possibilities to see if it will be beneficial to the city to have a new school system. Mayor Herndon also congratulated Chief Kerry Card for being chosen as Northport Police Chief.

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, None

President Logan, District 2, encouraged everyone to attend the public involvement meeting for the MLK Project. It will be held at the Northport Civic Center on March 26, 2013, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, None

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, wanted to clear any confusion on the Comprehensive Plan Study. He said that is not just for the proposed school system. He would not support a \$250,000 plan just for the study of a school system.

Councilman Harper, District 5, None

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator