

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on February 18, 2013 at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by Ed King. 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 Headliners Barber Style Shop for the business of the month for February.

Mayor Herndon also announced that City Planner Katherine Ennis will be retiring at the end of February and expressed his appreciation for her and all that she has done for the City of Northport.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilwoman Hayes **to approve the Agenda for the February 18, 2013 Council Meeting with the addition of item 8(a)1, 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending Section 70-169 of the Northport Municipal Code.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Ordinance 1798, Amending Ordinance 1779 of the Northport Zoning Ordinance Regarding Text and Map Amendments.** 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 Ordinance 1799, Extending a Moratorium on Certain Types of Businesses.** 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.**

Councilwoman Hayes offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending Section 70-169 of the Municipal Code pertaining to on street parking.

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 13-17 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with ALDOT for Maintenance of Public Right-of-Way along McFarland Blvd.** 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 Pro Tem Acker **to approve Resolution 13-18 Re-Appointing Mr. LeGrand Hutchison of the Tuscaloosa Public Library Board.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve the Consent Agenda for the February 18, 2013 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, February 4, 2013, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Capitol Chevrolet, \$27,000 - PD
4. Travel/Training, 4 employees, Vehicle Fire Investigation, Biloxi, MS, 6-3-13 thru 6-5-13, \$2,074 - FD
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, ICSC Expo, Las Vegas \$1,590 - RD
6. Travel/Training, 3 employees – ARWA Conference, March 12, Montgomery, AL \$450 - Wastewater
7. Travel/Training, 2 employees, AWEA Conference, April 7-10th, Orange Beach, AL \$2,076.94 - Wastewater
8. PO Requisition, Emergency Lighting by Haynes, \$7,840.22 - PD
9. PO Requisition, Motorola Solutions, \$5,093.60 – PD

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.**

Departmental Business

Interim Chief Card presented a report for the Police Department.

Chief Wheat presented a report for the Fire Department.

Mark Powell presented a report for the Finance Department.

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

Alan Harper presented a report for the Retail Development Department.

Public Comment:

Reverend Jeff Thompson from 4701 Pin Oak Trail came out on behalf of his church, First Baptist Church of Northport, located at 1401 12th Street. Mr. Thompson thanked the council for doing a great job moving the city in a positive direction. He said his church members are concerned about the MLK Project not going forward. He asked for clarification on the project and that the citizens be directed to their city council representative for any information on the MLK Project so there will be no confusion on the status of the project. The Mayor asked Mr. Swann the status of the project. Mr. Swann said there will be a Community Involvement Meeting in March and said that President Logan has done a good job of pushing this project forward and keeping the community updated on the status of the project. The Mayor also urged everyone to attend the Community Involvement Meeting to get accurate information concerning the project. President Logan said the MLK Project has been on the books for 20 years and hopefully the project will come to fruition before 2016. He said the project will hopefully help Northport grow in this district in the future, and he is looking forward to the Community Involvement Meeting in March. Councilwoman Hayes said from her knowledge of the MLK Project there has been some controversy over the widening and/or re-routing of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and asked President Logan if they were still looking at the re-routing. President Logan said no, that was not the case, he said due to the contention of the last proposal it will basically be a road improvement project, and will possibly be one of the best in West Alabama. Mr. Swann said the re-routing was an issue of contention in the beginning of the project, but now the project is more of an improvement of the roadway, which will make it more pedestrian friendly by adding lighting, sidewalks, etc. City Administrator Scott Collins discussed the financials of the project. He said no federal funds for property acquisition or any other federal money are available for this project until the latter half of 2013; therefore, some of the discussions in 2004 about the project were very pre-mature due to the allocation of funds at that time. He also said that the majority of the city's portion of match money for this project is in the bank.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Herndon, thanked the staff for their hard work. He also asked Interim Chief Card to give an update on Randy Sumner, a police officer that was injured in a car accident recently. Interim Chief Card said that he has been released from the hospital and is progressively getting better and to continue to pray for him.

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, said the signs are up at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, however, the dumping is continuing. She said the police should be monitoring the area and she has also talked with the municipal judge concerning this issue so he would be aware of the situation. She also said the first week in March there will be another Organizational Neighborhood Watch meeting. She said the area south of McFarland

Blvd. to 5th Street has become a high crime area, and is hopeful that a Neighborhood Watch Program will deter the crime in those areas.

President Logan, District 2,

President Logan congratulated Katherine Ennis on her retirement, and said it has been a pleasure working with her. He also said when he gets more details on the Community Information Meeting concerning the MLK Improvement Project he will pass that information along to everyone.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, None

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, said best wishes to Katherine Ennis on her retirement.

Councilman Harper, District 5, thanked Katherine Ennis and said it was a pleasure working with her on the Planning & Zoning Board.

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; Pro Tem Acker, 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