

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on December 17, 2012 at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by John Pritchett with Grace Baptist Church. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Councilwoman Hayes, Councilman Sullivan, Pro Tem Acker, and President Logan. Absent and failing to vote was Councilman Harper. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins & Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by President Logan **to approve the Agenda for the December 17, 2012 Council Meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Hayes to ban both the sale and use of fireworks within the city limits and the police jurisdiction of the City of Northport. **Motion failed due to a lack of a Second.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker **to approve Ordinance 1795 Amending the Municipal Code Prohibiting the Sale and Discharge of Fireworks within the City Limits.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, No; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker **to approve Resolution 12-175 Declaring Certain Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing their Disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve Resolution 12-176 Requesting a Time Extension for Pump Station No. 1 Rehab Project.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by President Logan **to approve Resolution 12-177 authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Two-Year Agreement with Charter Communications.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker **to approve Resolution 12-178 Re-Appointing Wayne Williams as the City Judge.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 17, 2012 Council meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, December 10, 2012, Regular Meeting
2. PO, Emergency Sewer Line Repair, LWB, \$15,500 – Sewer
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, 2013 EDAA Winter Conference, \$589 Jan 21st – 23rd, Montgomery, AL – Retail Development
4. Bill Listing

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

Reports of Special Committees of Council

President Logan is on the Administrative Committee and said they discussed providing more coverage for city vehicles, city property, and are considering combining some of those services to provide more coverage for Police, Fire and Public Works. He also said they are considering expanding the “Loss of Revenue” coverage for the city in the event of a tornado. The committee also discussed a Cyber-Liability Coverage Policy due to the fact that on-line water payment accounts include the customer’s personal information.

City Administrators Business

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to change the January 7th Council Meeting time to begin at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. due to the National Championship Game.** The pre-meeting will remain at the same time which is 5:00 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker **to move the regularly scheduled Council Meeting from Monday, January 21st, to Tuesday, January 22nd due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, 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.

The Finance Department report will be presented at a later date.

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

The Retail Development Department report will be presentation at a later date.

Public Comment

Ms. Tameria Madison came before the council on behalf of her 73 year old aunt Annette Whitfield from 904 15th Street. Ms. Madison said her aunt came to the Water Department to pay her water bill on December 11, 2012 and had to wait over 30 minutes. She said there were two (2) clerks in the office that were on the phone at the time. President Logan apologized to Ms. Madison and said he appreciated her taking the time to come to the council meeting. He also said that is not common practice and will assess the problem.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Herndon, said to please continue to pray for Officer Jason Guin's family. He also asked everyone to pray for Officer Doug Grant with the City of Tuscaloosa Police Department. Officer Grant recently lost his mother and his wife. Mayor Herndon asked everyone to remember the Heflin Police Officers that were recently shot and also the first responders and the families of the victims in Newtown, Connecticut that were involved in the elementary school shooting. He asked that everyone be aware of their surroundings and urged them to contact the Police Department if they thought something was wrong.

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, said there will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, at Civitan Park on Main Avenue at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Hayes said there are several citizens concerned about the increase in crime in the area and hopes that eventually all districts will have an active Neighborhood Watch Program, and this program is a good way to get information to the Police Department.

President Logan, District 2, wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He said the PAL Program has several projects planned throughout the community for next year and he said he is hopeful they will come to fruition, and he is looking forward to them.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked everyone to stay safe. He also thanked everyone for all the hard work throughout this year.

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and also urged anyone that sees anything strange to contact Police Department.

Councilman Harper, District 5, Absent

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **adjourn the meeting**. Roll call vote was as follows: 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 6:26 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator