

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

Mayor Herndon welcomed Mary Cartee and Northridge Fitness to the City of Northport. Her business is moving from Tuscaloosa into Northport.

Mayor Herndon recognized the Northport Wastewater Treatment Plant for winning the 2012 Best Operated Plant Award from AWPCA (Alabama Water & Pollution Control Association), and also for winning the AWPCA Third Year Award for winning the Best Operated Plant Award three consecutive years.

Mayor Herndon presented proclamations to the 2012 six (6) year old Northport Nationals All-Star Baseball Team, 2012 eight (8) year old Northport Americans All-Star Team, and the 2012 eight (8) year old Northport Nationals All-Star Baseball Team.

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve the Agenda for the August 6, 2012 Council Meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper, **to approve Resolution 12-98 declaring property located at 175 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Dam Road) as surplus.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan **to approve Resolution 12-99 declaring certain equipment and vehicles as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 12-100 awarding the bid for the WWTP Bleach System to Double Diamond Construction in the amount of \$104,312 and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary contract documents to move the project to construction.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 12-101 awarding the bid for the 38<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project to Mallory Burkhalter and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary contract documents.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 12-102 declaring weeds on property located at 11630 Ashley Avenue a nuisance.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 12-103 declaring weeds on property located at 1719 19<sup>th</sup> Street a nuisance.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 12-104 declaring weeds on property located at the 1700 block of 19<sup>th</sup> street a nuisance.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 12-105 awarding the bid for the 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sewer Extension to BW Hobson Construction Company in the amount of \$27,750 and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary contract documents to move the project to construction.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Acker, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan to **approve Resolution 12-106 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a renewal contract with HCC Life Insurance for Stop-Loss Coverage.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acker, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan to **approve Resolution 12-107 deferring the Water and Sewer Tap/Development fees for the Tuscaloosa County Farmers Market.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 12-108 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an Indemnity Agreement with Glory, LLC.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 12-109 establishing the fee for the right-of-way vacation of the eastern 275 feet of School Street at \$0 and authorize the City Administrator and City Engineer to take the necessary steps to vacate the ROW.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 12-110 appointing individuals to serve as election officials for the 2012 Municipal Elections.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve the consent agenda for the August 6, 2012 Council Meeting.**

#### Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, July 16, 2012, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition to Automatic Ice & Beverage Co., \$5,576  
Replacement Ice Machine at PW – PW
4. Deleted
5. PO Requisition, Cleaning of HVAC Units at PD, ServPro \$6,930 – PW
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee to attend Land Title Surveys & Professional Ethics for Surveyors and Engineers Class, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Pelham, AL \$125 – Engineering
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee to attend Design & Accessibility for Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Class, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pelham, AL \$125 – Engineering
8. PO Requisition for Valve & Actuator for Filter No. 6 @ WTP – Water
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, AWWA Conference, Oct. 14-16<sup>th</sup>, Mobile, AL \$734.18 – Water

10. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Computer Forensics School, August 13-17<sup>th</sup>, Hoover, AL – PD
11. PO, Double Diamond Construction, \$20,651, Sewer Main Repair – WW
12. PO, ALALM Dues, \$6,656.52 - Admin

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

President Tunnell opened the floor for the public hearing ordering the abatement of weeds a nuisance at 711 Old US 82.

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**Motion** by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan to **approve Resolution 12-111 ordering the abatement of weeds a nuisance at 711 Old US Highway 82.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**City Administrator's Business:**

City Administrator Collins went over a brief list of some of the changes that has already taken place at the Police Department as a result of the audit that was performed, and they are as follows: all the Field Training Officers have been sent to 40 hour training at the University of North Alabama; a new Supervisor has been assigned to the Field Training Officers; a new Supervisor has been assigned to the Communications Division; the Office of Internal Affairs has been changed to the Office of Professional Standards. He also said changes in the near future will include but not be limited to: Comprehensive change in Organizational in Command Structure of the Police Department; Supervisors will receive leadership training at the Law Enforcement Academy, all city employees will be required to complete an online training program that will certify them with the State of Alabama Ethics Commission; add a Community Services & Business Outreach Officer position to the Police Department; and also upgrade the In-Service Training Program.

**Motion** by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan **to approve the ABC License for 43 North Texaco.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Departmental Business:**

**Human Resource:** Rodger Fisher presented a report for the Human Resource Department.

**Engineering:** Charles Swann presented a report for the Engineering Department.

**Planning/Zoning/Inspection:** Katherine Ennis presented a report for the Planning/Zoning/Inspection Department.

**Public Works:** Brooke Starnes presented a report for the Public Works Department.

**Information Technology:** Michael Ramm presented a report for the Information Technology Department.

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

**Councilman Webb, District 1, Absent**

**President Pro Tem Logan, District 2, None**

**President Tunnell, District 3,** explained the property located on Watermelon Road that was rezoned for the purpose of Northridge Fitness locating there. However, Northridge Fitness has found an alternate location in Northport for their business; consequently the Watermelon Road property is no longer in consideration for the business. He said the community is interested in changing the zoning back to what it was prior to the city annexing it and rezoning it and hopefully this could be accomplished at a council meeting in the near future.

**Councilman Acker, District 4, None**

**Councilman Harper, District 5, None**

**Mayor Herndon** thanked the staff for all the hard work they do for the city and expressed that he is very appreciative of them.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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William Tunnell, President

ATTEST:

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Scott Collins, City Administrator