

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on January 3, 2012 at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by Pro Tem Logan. President Tunnell led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Tunnell, Councilman Webb, Pro Tem Logan, Councilman Acker, Councilman Harper. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Motion by Councilman Webb, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan to **approve the Agenda for the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Webb, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Ordinance 1771 amending Section 2-189 of the Northport Municipal Code.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Harper offered **1st Reading, Ordinance Changing the Single Member Council District Lines.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 12-1 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for Supplemental Agreement Number 1 for the Hunter Creek Road Bridge Replacement.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes, Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 12-2 awarding the bid for Concrete to the bidder meeting specifications and having the lowest unit price as itemized in the attached bid tabulation and to authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions for concrete using the unit price from said bid file.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 12-3 awarding the bid for Drainage Pipe to the bidder meeting specifications and having the lowest unit price as itemized in the attached bid tabulation and to authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions for drainage pipe using the unit prices from said bid file.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 12-4 awarding the bid for Stone and Rip Rap to the bidder meeting specifications and having the lowest unit price as itemized in the attached bid tabulation and to authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions for stone and rip rap using the unit prices from said bid file.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Webb to **approve Resolution 12-5 rejecting all bids for the Lakeview Estates (Highway 69) Detention Basin Project and authorizing the Engineering Department to rebid the project after revisions to the plans and specifications.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Webb, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan to **approve Resolution 12-6 authorizing the City Administrator to provide temporary sewer service to the 38th Street area and to purchase property suitable for relocating the Biscayne Hills pump station.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Webb, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, Second by Councilman Webb, to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting, December 22, 2011 Special Meeting
2. PO, Coagulant Charge Analyzer, to Norman Sales Co. for \$6,065 – WTP – Mr. Swann
3. Travel/Training AACOP Conference - PD
4. Travel/Training Wage-Hour & FMLA Seminar for Alabama Public Agencies
5. PO, for 2012 Bridge Inspections, \$9,750 – Mr. Swann
6. Bill Listing

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

City Administrator's Business

City Administrator Collins thanked the Mayor, Council, staff and everyone for the condolences offered since his father's death last week.

President Tunnell opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Jeanette Estes spoke in opposition of the closing of 36th Street. Ms. Estes said she observed the traffic along this street and the majority of the traffic is from people that live on the street. She also suggested cross walks be installed for the church pedestrians. Ms. Estes was also concerned with a "conflict of interest" for any council members that attended the church adjacent to this street and asked that they recuse themselves from voting on this issue.

Ms. Virginia Baines also addressed the council in opposition to the closing of 36th Street. She is a bus driver and is concerned with the safety of the children that will be picked up on 38th Street due to the closing of 36th Street. She said there is a blind spot there and it would be dangerous. Also she said her parents are elderly and is concerned with emergency vehicles getting in and out of the area if 36th Street is closed.

Mayor Herndon said a traffic study on 36th Street has never been done and asked that the city staff complete a study before this issue is voted on.

President Tunnell closed the floor for public comment.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilman Webb, District 1, None

President Pro Tem Logan, District 2, None

President Tunnell, District 3, None

Councilman Acker, District 4, None

Councilman Harper, District 5, None

Mayor Herndon, wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mayor Herndon asked that everyone pray for his family, because they are going through a difficult time. The Mayor also addressed the *Northport Gazette* concerning a recent article that was published concerning an ethics complaint that was filed against him. The article printed was from an “anonymous source” and speculated as to who turned the Mayor into the Alabama Ethics Commission. Mayor Herndon said it is totally false and is disappointed with the *Gazette* for printing something of that nature. He then officially announced his candidacy to run for Mayor in this election year.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

William Tunnell, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator