

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on November 7, 2011 at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by Mayor Bobby Herndon. Pro Tem Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Pro Tem Logan, Councilman Webb, Councilman Acker, and Councilman Harper. Those absent and failing to vote, President Tunnell. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Herndon.

Mayor Herndon recognized the Northport Wildcat Football Team for winning their Championship and also the GMC Youth Football Cheerleaders for winning a national competition to be in a national magazine.

Mayor Herndon presented a Proclamation to Mr. Bills Restaurant for the Business of the Month for November.

Motion by Councilman Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve the Agenda for the November 7, 2011 Council Meeting with the deletion of item 8 (b) 5 Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Lease with The Lamar Companies.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mr. Darren Morris came before the Council to express his opposition to some of the restrictions listed in the Group Home Ordinance. Mr. Jeff Ridgeway also spoke to the Council thanking them for removing the language concerning the distance requirement. He also said he feels like this could have been avoided with the correct understanding of people with disabilities.

Motion by Councilman Webb, **Second** by Councilman Harper, to approve **Ordinance 1767 Amending Section 6-14 “Group Homes” of the Northport Zoning Ordinance.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Pro Tem Logan offered **1st Reading, Ordinance Declaring Certain Structures Unsafe at 1711 17th Street.**

Pro Tem Logan offered **1st Reading, Ordinance Declaring Certain Structures Unsafe at 404 30th Avenue.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 11-121 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with ALDOT for Maintenance of ROW along McFarland Blvd.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes, Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Webb, **Second** by Councilman Acker to **approve Resolution 11-122 Declaring certain items surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 11-123 Awarding the bid for Public Works uniforms to Aramark in the amount of \$4.05/week/employee and to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute an agreement with Aramark.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Webb, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 11-124 Declaring weeds on certain property within the City of Northport a nuisance on 37th Street Lots 3 and 4.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Webb, **Second** by Councilman Acker, **to approve the Consent Agenda for the November 7, 2011 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting
2. Deleted
3. P.O. Requisition for HVAC Automation System Replacement for Public Safety Bldg. \$8,825 to Southeastern Temperature Controls, Inc. – PW
4. P.O. Requisition for repair to 18L Pump Station to Southwest Water, \$5,562.60 – Eng.
5. Travel & Training, 1 Employee to attend Continuing Education Training, Basic Retaining Wall Design, November 9th, \$125 – Eng.
6. P.O. Requisition for Radio System at Jackson Tank, Booster Station and WTP, \$24,791.50 – Eng.
7. P.O. Requisition to West Alabama Regional Commission for Member Dues, \$9,798.60 – Admin.
8. P.O. Requisition to Hometown Dodge for PD Units, \$325,200 – Admin.
9. P.O. Requisition to Emergency Lighting by Haynes, \$144,000 – Admin.
10. P.O. Requisition to Chuck Stevens Automotive, \$24,000 – Admin.

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

Pro Tem Logan opened the floor for the public hearing concerning ordering the abatement of weeds a nuisance at 1211 Bridge Avenue.

There were no public comments.

Pro Tem Logan closed the floor for the public hearing concerning ordering the abatement of weeds a nuisance at 1211 Bridge Avenue.

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Webb **to approve Resolution 11-125 ordering the abatement of weeds a nuisance at 1211 Bridge Avenue.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

City Administrator Scott Collins said the City Hall renovations and the Fire Department renovations are complete and he wanted to thank the Council, Chief Wheat and Fire Department Staff, and Julie Ramm for all the work they did to help with the renovations. He also wanted to thank David Ball for the great job he did for the recent Holiday Event held at the Civic Center. City Administrator Collins said he received numerous compliments from the event coordinators about what a great job David did for the event.

Public Comment:

Ms. Beth Blalock appeared before the Council and expressed her appreciation for the decision the Council made concerning the Group Home Ordinance and how they handled the situation with integrity and character. She also thanked the Council for supporting individuals with disabilities.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilman Webb, District 1, none

President Pro Tem Logan, District 2, none

President Tunnell, District 3, absent

Councilman Acker, District 4, wanted to thank the Mayor, Council and City Staff for their thoughts, prayers and kind words in the recent death of his father. He said it meant a lot to him and his family and wanted to thank everyone.

Councilman Harper, District 5, none

Mayor Herndon encouraged everyone to attend the annual State of the Community Breakfast to be held at the Capstone Hotel at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8th.

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