

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on September 19, 2011 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, Pro Tem Logan, Councilman Webb, Councilman Acker, and Councilman Harper. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Herndon.

Motion by Councilman Acker, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan to **approve the Agenda for the September 19, 2011 Council Meeting with the deletion of item 8 (b) 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with HCC Life Insurance Co. for the Renewal of Stop Loss Coverage for the City's Health Insurance Plan.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acker, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Ms. Janet Zannah, and Mr. Scott Holmes with FOCUS on Senior Citizens appeared before the Council to ask for funding. They wanted to thank the Council for the funding that was provided in the past and asked that they consider funding this year. Money is needed for driving senior citizens of Northport to doctor's visits. Mr. Holmes said last year FOCUS provided 1,560 trips to doctor's offices for senior citizens in Northport. Mr. Holmes asked the City Council to help with funding so in turn they can continue to help the senior citizens of Northport.

Ms. Joan Comas with the League of Women voters came to speak on behalf of the Public Library to discuss funding. Ms. Comas was involved with a study on the Public Library and the study revealed that funding is down and utilization of the library is up. The study looked at all aspects of the library and revealed three primary areas where funding is paramount: facilities, employee salaries, and computer capabilities. Ms. Comas thanked the Council for the support they have provided in the past and wanted to encourage them to provide funding for the public library because it is a vital essential public service.

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Webb to **approve permanent Resolution 11-98 authorizing the Kennedy Snow Drainage Improvements Project and authorizing the City Administrator to obtain any easements necessary for said project.** 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 President Tunnell, **Second** by Councilman Acker, to **approve Ordinance 1760 annexing property into the city limits located at 1195 Union Chapel Road.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Tunnell, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Tunnell offered **1st Reading, Ordinance annexing property into city limits located on the north side of Twin Oaks Road, west of Colburn Road in a RS-1 (Single Family) zone.**

Councilman Webb offered **1st Reading, Ordinance annexing remaining portion of 38th Street ROW into City Limits.**

Pro Tem Logan offered **1st Reading, Ordinance rezoning approximately 1.93 acres from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-6 (Highway Commercial) located at 6375 McFarland Boulevard.**

Councilman Harper offered **1st Reading, Ordinance amending Section 005 "Permitted Signs" of the Northport Zoning Ordinance regarding Reader Boards.**

Councilman Acker offered **1st Reading, Ordinance amending Section 6-14 of the Northport Zoning Ordinance regarding Group Homes.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 11-99 declaring the equipment and items listed in Exhibit “A” as surplus and authorize the City Administrator to sell or dispose of said equipment.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Webb, to **approve Resolution 11-100 approving the Itemized Report of Weed Removal Costs at 1417 19th Street.** 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 President Tunnell, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan, to **approve Resolution 11-101 awarding the bid for the Indian Lake Emergency Siphon Project to the low bidder, BW Hobson Construction in the amount of \$25,700 and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and any necessary requisitions for said services.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Tunnell, Yes; Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan, to **approve the Consent Agenda for the September 19, 2011 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, September 6, 2011 Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 4 Administrative Assistants, Conference at Marriott Shoals Conference Center, Florence, Alabama, October 21, \$450.00 – Eng., Planning, PW, Fire Dept.
4. PO, Turn-out Gear for 5 New Firefighters, Emergency Equipment Professionals, \$6,101.39 FD

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

President Tunnell opened the floor for the public hearing concerning ordering the abatement of weeds nuisance at 1618 29th Avenue, 3015 5th Street, 1719 19th Street, and Vacant lot located in the 1700 block of 19th Street.

President Tunnell closed the floor for the public hearing concerning ordering the abatement of weeds nuisance at 1618 29th Avenue, 3015 5th Street, 1719 19th Street, and Vacant lot located in the 1700 block of 19th Street.

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper, to **approve Resolution 11-102 ordering the abatement of weeds nuisance at 1618 29th Avenue.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 11-103 ordering the abatement of weeds nuisance at 3015 5th Street.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 11-104 ordering the abatement of weeds nuisance at 1719 19th Street**. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 11-105 ordering the abatement of weeds nuisance at the vacant lot in the 1700 block of 19th Street**. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Webb, Yes; Councilman Acker, Yes; President Tunnell, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Webb, **Second** by Pro Tem Logan to **approve the ABC License for Smokers Outlet 8, LLC**. 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.**

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilman Webb, District 1, none

President Pro Tem Logan, District 2, none

President Tunnell, District 3, wanted to thank Mr. Swann, Mr. Davis, Mr. Collins, and the city staff that were involved with the Indian Lake Project for all the help and work they provided for this project.

Councilman Acker, District 4, thanked all the residents of District 4 for attending the council meetings.

Councilman Harper, District 5, none

Mayor Herndon said tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. he and the staff of Merrill Gardens Retirement Village will be recognizing the first responders in our area for their efforts during the tornado and what they do throughout the community. He encouraged everyone to attend.

President Tunnell announced that immediately following the meeting there will be a Council Work Session in the east conference room.

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 Webb, 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 6:30 p.m.

William Tunnell, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator

