

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on March 16, 2015, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by Mayor Herndon. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Councilman Sullivan, Pro Tem Acker, and Councilwoman Hayes. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Herndon. Absent and failing to vote was Councilman Harper.

Mayor Herndon presented a proclamation to Mr. Greg Wood for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Mayor Herndon presented a proclamation to Ms. Kevil Tice for Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness).

Mayor Herndon presented a proclamation to Mr. Walter Turner for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

Mayor Herndon announced that he would be participating in the Honor Flight this year on May 6th. He also invited everyone to “Prayer at the Flag Pole” on March 25th, at noon at Northport City Hall.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker to **approve the agenda for the March 16, 2015 Council Meeting**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Pastor Tyshawn Gardner, Plum Grove Baptist Church, came before council to invite them to the Crusade for Christ “Good Friday Extravaganza” on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Central High School. He said President Logan will be recognized at the program for his dedication to our local youth programs, and he invited everyone to attend.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilwoman Hayes to **table the rezoning request of Lots 1, 2, & 3, of JA Mitchell Survey from RM-3 to NC-C until the April 6, 2015 council meeting at the request of the petitioner**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Resolution 15-16 declaring certain items surplus and authorizing their disposal**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Resolution 15-17 awarding Bid File 15-01, Tree Removal Services to Ellison’s Tree Service and authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions for tree removal using the hourly prices from said bid file**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Abstain, Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the Consent Agenda for the March 16, 2015, Council Meeting**.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, March 2, 2015, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 3 employees, Revenue Officer Training, April 8-10th, Tuscaloosa, AL \$690 - Finance
4. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Revenue Examiner Training, May 20-22nd, Hoover, AL \$250 - Finance
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Revenue Examiner Training, June 5th, Hoover, AL - \$150 - Finance
6. PO Requisition, City of Tuscaloosa, \$60,000 - Admin
7. PO Requisition, Krebs Engineering, Professional Services for the WTP Sludge Removal Project, \$18,700 – Utilities

8. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Urban Counterterrorism Operations, Marc 16-17th, Calera, AL \$0 – PD
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Public Safety Leadership and Management Certificate, April 16h, Florence, AL \$69 – PD
10. Travel/Training, 3 employees, Leadership Training, March 19th, Florence, AL \$616.00 - Admin

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

Public Comment:

Mr. Mark Norris, with Norris Limb and Brace came before council to discuss his disappointment with ALDOT's proposed improvements to McFarland Boulevard. He said he feels as though this project is being rushed and he has concerns that the potential changes could have a negative impact for not only local businesses, but emergency response vehicles as well. He asked for the Council's help in resolving this issue. Mayor Herndon said he also felt this project is being rushed and respectfully requested to Council if he could draft a letter to ALDOT stating the concerns of the City Council, the local business owners, as well as the Northport citizens, in hopes to resolve the issues. Council concurred.

Mr. Dennis Hambright, 5109 Azalea Trail came before Council on behalf of the TCHS Alumni Association Board of Directors to thank Mayor Herndon and President Logan for being judges in the TCHS Alumni Sock Hop Beauty Walk on March 7th. He said they did a great job and he appreciated their support.

Mr. John Earl, 709 20th Avenue, Tuscaloosa came before council and inquired as to what city staff employee is responsible for recording and transcribing the city council minutes, public comments, and questions from the public and council members to be included in the official minutes reflecting the true and accurate content of the comments. City Administrator Collins said the compilation of those minutes is his responsibility and the voting and approval of the minutes is the responsibility of the City Council. Mr. Earl inquired as to why the statements he read on behalf of Councilwoman Hayes at the March 2nd meeting were not included in the official minutes. City Administrator Collins explained that was an oversight on his part and has discussed this with Councilwoman Hayes and said it was her choice as to have them attached as a document or have her read them at the meeting and it be included that way. Councilwoman Hayes said that she and City Administrator Collins discussed that the comments Mr. Earl read at the March 2nd meeting would only be attached to the official minutes and not incorporated into the minutes unless she actually read them at the meeting. City Administrator Collins explained that it could certainly be included into the minutes if she so chose. Councilwoman Hayes decided that she would read the comments at the next council meeting, so that they will be incorporated into the minutes and not attached as a document.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, none

President Logan, District 2, thanked Mr. Hambright for inviting him to be a judge for the Sock Hop Beauty Walk. He said he enjoyed being a judge and would be glad to do it again next year. He also thanked Fire Chief Marshall and the Fire Department for doing the "Project S.A.F.E." throughout Northport, which consists of providing new smoke detectors and refreshing batteries in current smoke detectors. Fire Chief Marshall said the project is funded through a grant by Wal-Mart and March 21st will be the last Saturday to go door to door. He also said that NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) recommends that if your smoke detector is over 10 years of age you should

replace it. Chief Marshall mentioned if you need help with changing a smoke detector or do not have a working smoke detector, you can contact the Northport Fire Department at 205-333-3020.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, none

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, none

Councilman Harper, District 5, absent

Mayor Herndon, thanked all the city staff for what they do, and said it's an honor to be the Mayor of Northport. He thanked the Salvation Army for attending the meeting and asked if she would like to say anything. She said hopefully the new shelter would be finished in October, and invited the Council to the dedication, and thanked them for their support of the Salvation Army.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator