

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2017, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by President Logan. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Councilman Boozer, President Logan, Pro Tem Sullivan, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and Interim City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Mayor Aaron presented a proclamation to Mr. Walter Turner on behalf of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Mr. Turner thanked Mayor Aaron and invited everyone to attend the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony on Friday, September 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 6022.

Mr. Richard LeCroy, with LeCroy, Hunter & Co. presented the 2016 Municipal Audit.

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **approve the agenda for the September 11, 2017, Council meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Visitors to Address the Council

Mr. Ron Price, on behalf of Bill Lunsford Construction came before Council to ask for consideration and approval of a change in a site plan for a retail center located at Wildcat Drive and Rose Blvd. The item under consideration is changing the site plan from a retaining wall to a sloped elevation that will encroach on City property. He explained that all the slope work, drainage and landscaping would be the responsibility of Lunsford Construction and said they would provide a storm water plan to the Engineering Department as requested. He asked the Council to visit the site, review the changes and get back with him on a decision.

Mr. Edgar Calloway, Mr. Casey Sears on behalf of NorthStar EMS, and the American Heart Association presented Northport Fire and Rescue with the 2017 Mission Lifeline Gold Award. This award is for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. Chief Bart Marshall thanked NorthStar for presenting the award. He also thanked the Northport citizens, and this administration for providing the necessary tools for this award.

Councilman Davis offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Amending and Establishing Speed Limits along all U.S. & Alabama Highways within the City Limits of Northport.

Motion by Councilman Boozer, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 17-80 authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with HCC Insurance Company and Cobbs-Allen for Stop Loss Insurance.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Boozer, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **adopt Resolution 17-81 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Copier Lease Agreement with Cannon Solutions American for the lease of five (5) new multi-function printers for City Hall and the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$23,517.60.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 17-82 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for parking underneath Hugh Thomas Bridge.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 17-83 accepting the 2016 Audit Report.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **adopt Resolution 17-84 re-appointing Mr. Jeff Redding to the Northport Civil Service Board for a six (6) year term.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **adopt Resolution 17-85 reappointing Mr. Terry Woods to the Northport Civil Service Board for a six (6) year term.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the Consent Agenda for the September 11, 2017 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, August 21, 2017, Regular Meeting; August 31, Special Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Operator Certification Training Course, Grades I-IV, Oct. 4th, Tuscaloosa, AL \$500.00 - Utilities
4. Travel/Training 1 employee, Child Passenger Safety Certification, Sept. 6-8th, Northport, AL \$0 - PD
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Title IX Training: Sexual Assault Investigations, Dec. 5-6th, Birmingham, AL \$70.00 - PD
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Spillman 2017 Conference, Sept. 17-22nd, Park City, UT \$0 – PD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Practical Homicide Investigations Class, Nov. 13-15th, Phenix City, AL \$888.95 – PD
8. Travel/Training 1 employee, Wastewater Operator Certification Course, Sept. 21st, Irondale, AL \$960.00 – Utilities
9. PO Requisition, Replacement Pump for Pump Station No. 2, Morrow Water Technologies, Inc. \$9,862.86 – Utilities
10. PO Requisition, In-House Engineering Services, (Invoice No. 16, 17, 21, & 22), Varnon Engineering, in the total amount of \$14,605.00 – Engineering
11. PO Requisition, 2018 Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show, City of Tuscaloosa, \$75,000.00 – Admin
12. PO Requisition, New Security Door System at the Public Works Department, Building Specialties, \$13,945.00 – PW
13. Travel/Training, 1 employee, ARC Application Workshop, Sept. 22nd, Cullman, AL \$0 - Planning

Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Pro Tem Sullivan announced that there will be another Air Show in 2018 and said he is looking forward to it.

Public Comment:

Ms. Geneva Lewis, 5619 Union Chapel Terrace, Northport came before Council to invite them to the ARSEA/APEAL (Alabama Retired State Employee Association and Alabama Public Employees Advocacy League) President's dinner meeting for the convention on Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Hotel Capstone. She explained that these groups represent retired employees of the state as well as city and county governments. Ms. Lewis said they are welcome to attend the meeting, and asked them to let her know after

the meeting if they would be interested in attending so that she can get their contact information.

Departmental Business:

City Attorney Ron Davis explained that he is requesting an Executive Session to discuss retail development and potential litigation involving the City. Mr. Davis asked for a ten-minute break after the regular meeting before the Executive Session so that the Council can talk with Ms. Lewis and let her know if they will be attending the ARSEA/APEAL meeting and have time to meet with the media. Mr. Davis said the Executive Session should last approximately one hour or longer.

Mayor and Council Member's Business:

Councilman Boozer, District 1, announced that there will be an Administrative Committee Meeting tomorrow at 3:30 pm at City Hall.

President Logan, District 2, gave a brief update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Improvement Project. He said that today's meeting scheduled with the BKI design team along with representatives from ALDOT was cancelled due to the weather, and said that he hopes the meeting will be rescheduled soon so that they can move forward with the public involvement meeting.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, announced that the City will hold the annual 'Twas the Night Before Christmas 5K Run on December 1st and said all of the proceeds will go to the local DHR Office and that he will have more information soon.

Councilman Davis, none

Councilman Hogg, District 5, asked everyone to pray for Texas due to Hurricane Harvey; and Florida, due to Hurricane Irma; as well as the remembrance of September 11th. He asked everyone to be thankful for what you have and remember everyone in their thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Aaron, expressed her sympathy and prayers for everyone in Texas and Florida due to the Hurricanes. She also said that the City of Northport recently partnered with High Socks for Hope for donations for the hurricane victims and thanked them for distributing the donations to Texas and said she hopes to do the same for Florida. Mayor Aaron suggested to Council that they consider Interim City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham as the permanent City Administrator. She said that he has done an outstanding job and asked for their consideration to appoint him as the permanent City Administrator for the City of Northport.

Motion by Councilman Boozer, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 17-86 removing the "Interim Term" from Mr. Bruce Higginbotham's position, and that he be named to the Non-Civil Service position of City Administrator to be effective immediately, and that he retain his Civil Service status so that if he is removed as City Administrator at any time in the future, he will revert back to his current Civil Service position. The Mayor is authorized to negotiate the terms of his contract with the City.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Boozer, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Reports of Special Committees of Council:

President Logan, and Councilman Hogg on behalf of the Retail Development Committee gave a presentation updating everyone on potential retail development in the City of Northport.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg, **to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:18 pm to discuss retail development and potential litigation involving the city. The session should take no longer than one hour and thirty minutes and the Council will take no action after the Executive Session is concluded.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Council reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Bruce Higginbotham, Interim City Administrator