The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on July 20, 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, Councilwoman Hayes, Councilman Sullivan, Pro Tem Acker, and Councilman Harper. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the agenda for the July 20, 2015 Council Meeting with the deletion of item 8b4, Resolution regarding Animal Shelter Agreement – Mr. Collins.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Ordinance 1872 amending Chapter 34 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Reserve Fund Accounts.** Councilwoman Hayes commented that she could not, with good conscious vote to increase the water reserve fund without reducing the water bills. She explained that there are several people in her district that have asked her numerous times to do something to reduce the water bills, therefore, she can't support this ordinance unless it involves a reduction in water fees. President Logan offered clarification that this proposed ordinance is not raising water rates, only increasing the emergency reserve fund. City Administrator Collins explained that the emergency reserve funds are vital for the City to be able to operate in the event such as the 2011 tornado, or any emergency weather event. He said we are attempting to ensure to the public through this funding that no disruption in their services would take place, and no increase in rates would take place as a result of an emergency in which we have the funds to provide those. This is an effort to safeguard the low rates that they have and preserve our ability to act in an emergency in the future. President Logan reiterated that this proposed ordinance is not increasing the water rates. Councilwoman Hayes stated that the water rates will increase by 3% this fall, and said we may not be increasing them today, but will be increasing them in the fall of every year. She said if we have enough money to have a reserve fund we should take that money and lower water bills. She said sometimes we need to reach out and do something positive and good hearted for the people that live in Northport. City Administrator Collins said that is Councilwoman Hayes would like to introduce a plan to lower water rates, it would be well received. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, No; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **suspend the rules in order to immediately consider Ordinance Amending Section 66-292 and 66-293 of the Municipal Code.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Ordinance 1873 Amending Sections 66-292 and 66-293 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Business License for City Sponsored Events.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilwoman Hayes **to approve Resolution 15-35 fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing the filing of a lien at 1814 10th Street.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Resolution 15-36 fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing the filing of a lien at 3107 68th Avenue.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker, to **approve Resolution 15-37 authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute**

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

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper, to **approve the Consent Agenda for the July 20, 2015, Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. DELETED
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Bill Taylor Construction, Door Replacement, $20,416.60 - PW
4. PO Requisition, McGiffert & Associates, LLC, $29,000, Lift Station No. 1 Rehab Project - Utilities
5. PO Requisition, KREBS Engineering, Intake Support Inspection, $13,845 - Utilities
6. PO Requisition, Alabama League of Municipalities, Annual Dues, $7,012.64 - Admin

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

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Collins announced that the reception honoring the Civil Service Board Retiree, Mr. Paul Hubbard, has been rescheduled to the next council meeting, which is Monday, August 3rd. He said the reception will immediately follow the council meeting adjournment.

Public Comment:

Mr. John Earl, 709 20th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, came before Council to express his disapproval of the recent ordinance that was passed regarding Shirley Place. He said that Councilwoman Hayes had repeatedly asked for documents and was not provided all the documents she requested and he was astounded that this resolution was passed. He said he also talked with another citizen of Northport that is having problems getting access to public information. He encouraged the council to come up with a solution to make viewing and receiving of city records more accessible for citizens.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, thanked her constituents in District 1 for their continued support. She said she enjoys working with them, and happy she can continue to help them.

President Logan, District 2, announced that there will be a Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 8th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Hasson Community Center that will include distribution of school supplies to students that attend Matthews & Crestmont Elementary Schools.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, asked everyone to pray for the family of Sgt. Scottie Swindle, with the Northport Fire & Rescue who recently passed away.

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, none

Councilman Harper, District 5, none

Mayor Herndon, said with the recent shooting of the Marines that happened in Chattanooga, he asked that everyone be aware of their surroundings and to not be afraid to report anything that looks suspicious. He announced that there will the Alabama Wakeboard Tournament will take place on August 1st & 2nd at Lake Lurleen State Park and encouraged everyone to attend.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator