

The regular called meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on March 16, 2020 at 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: President Logan, Councilman Roberts, Councilman Hinton, Councilman Davis, and Pro Tem Hogg. Also present was Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum and Mayor Donna Aaron.

Motion by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the agenda for March 16, 2020**. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hinton, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mr. Bobby Herndon, addressed Mayor and Council about a concern he had on the issue of Northport's ladder truck. Mr. Herndon had heard that Northport was considering getting rid of the ladder truck and contracting all ladder calls through the City of Tuscaloosa. Pro Tem Hogg and President Logan assured Mr. Herndon that neither of them had heard this news and the ladder truck was an asset to the City.

President Logan : Opened the floor for a Public Hearing for this agenda item, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 4501 Lakeshore Drive.

President Logan: Closed the floor for a Public Hearing for this agenda item, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 4501 Lakeshore Drive.

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Ordinance 2036 ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 4501 Lakeshore Drive**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to **approve Resolution 20-17 authorizing the City Administrator to renew a two (2) year support and maintenance agreement with Alien Vault in the amount of \$17,447.40 per year and authorize the City Administrator to approve all requisitions and documents related to said agreement**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Resolution 20-18 awarding the bid , Buckhead Drainage Way Clean-Up, (Bid File #20-02) to the low bidder, Red Oak Outdoor Services, LLC. and to authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions using prices from said bid file**. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 20-19 awarding the bid , Furnishing of Grounds Maintenance for Williamson Cemetery, (Bid File #20-03) to the low bidder, Red Oak Outdoor Services, LLC. and to authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions using prices from said bid file**. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Resolution 20-20 authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with Fitts Architects for design services in the amount of \$5,000.00 associated with the new roof at the Northport Public Safety Building and authorize the City Administrator to sign all requisitions and any other documents pertaining to said agreement**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Davis **to adopt Resolution 20-21 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with TTL, Inc. in the amount of \$7,762.70 for the completion of paving services for Northwood Estates Drive and authorize the City Administrator to approve all requisitions and documents pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Councilman Roberts **to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 16, 2020 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, March 2, 2020, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Reginald Seminar, April 2-3, 2020, Birmingham, AL, \$390.00- Court
4. PO Requisition, Annual Office 365/ Azure Licenses for 265 Users, SHI International Corp., \$80,226.10-IT
5. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Sexual Assault Investigations in the Cyber Age, April 7, 2020, Birmingham, AL, \$30.00-PD
6. PO Requisition, Electrical Repairs to Shirley House, Premier Service Company, \$4,500.00-PW
7. DELETED
8. DELETED
9. DELETED
10. PO Requisition, SCBA, batteries, and accessories, and training for all units at all fire stations, Sunbelt Fire/HGAC Buy, \$247,659.50-FD
11. PO Requisitions, Carbon Black License Renewal for 280 users, CDW-G, \$9,203.60-IT
12. PO Requisition, Chevrolet Tahoe, Donohoo Chevrolet, \$36,890.00-PD
13. Travel/Training, 3 employees, Water Certification Training, April 7-8, 2020, Tuscaloosa, AL, \$975.00-Utilities
14. PO Requisition, Recycle Bins, Busch Systems, \$19,984.03-PW

Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Reports of Special Committees:

Councilman Davis stated the Projects Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at 10:00 am.

City Administrator's Business:

Mr. McCollum commended staff for working hard to provide confidence in the citizens. He stated that all of our services are essential, and that staff is working hard and diligently to continue providing services that Northport citizens expect.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Heather Dill and Mr. Steven Strickland submitted comments for public comment that Councilman Davis stated he will handle. For the record, Mrs. Dill and Mr. Strickland will be contacted by Councilman Davis.

Mr. Ward McFarland, 846 Pin Brook Lane, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406, representing K.B. Patel, addressed Mayor and Council regarding bringing a Sleep Inn Inn/Mainstay Suites to Northport. This is considered a 3-star hotel. It is proposed to go in with the 1871 Development just west of Lowe's. According to Mr. McFarland, this is a combination of regular stay along with extended stay option. He stated this is currently the hottest trend among hotel development. Mr. McFarland provided photos of the proposed project. The time frame of the projected project would be 12-15 months from start to finish. Mr. McFarland stated this is one tick lower on the scale than a Comfort Inn, just a slightly different concept.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron thanked the City's staff for their jobs in preparation for COVID-19. This is an ever-changing and developing event. Staff needs to be commended for what is happening in our society right now.

Councilman Roberts, District 1, addressed the fact that people are concerned about our roads. Suggested that Northport get something published rather quickly on what the plan is for paving of the roads.

Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum assured Mayor and Council they are working on these issues and working with the County Engineer and looking for solutions and to take corrective actions.

President Logan, District 2, President Logan mentioned they had solid plans to help bring a solution to the issues on Tom Taylor Road and Jones Road in Councilman Davis' district and he also mentioned he had been involved in several meetings concerning the bridge on MLK Blvd. He stated that Council had been very supportive of the MLK Project. He also stated he was meeting with Tuscaloosa Ministerial Lines to help talk through ways to increase safety in funeral processions in Northport City Limits. This meeting will be taking place at New Zion Baptist.

Councilman Hinton, District 3, Councilman Hinton stated that it is evident work is beginning again at the intersection of Union Chapel Road. He hopes that it will not be too long before work is completed on this project because it is a concern of many people residents.

Councilman Davis, District 4, Councilman Davis addressed Mr. Steve Strickland's road, the chip and seal of the road. The biggest hurdle is acquiring the right of way on Jones Road. This will be discussed at Projects Committee Meeting on Wednesday. He also touched base of Mrs. Dill's email regarding the City's lack of response on the COVID-19 virus. Mr. Davis has full faith in the City's staff to address this virus when the time comes.

Pro Tem Hogg, District 5, Pro Tem addressed Mayor and Council concerning the Water Park presentation he presented to Council at last meeting. He asked the Council if they had any other questions and if anyone on the Council was completely opposed to the Water Park. He wanted to know so he could know whether to continue to conduct research or drop this projected project completely. Pro Tem Hogg also stated that he had received many emails of citizens in favor of this project and that a petition was circulating with over 2,000 names.

Councilman Roberts stated he was opposed to this project as it is stated. He does not believe the City should be taking on a water park considering the City is still paying back Public Works for money where we needed to make payroll. Northport is a community of 200,000 that gets visitors regularly combined of several communities. It should be a joint project.

Councilman Hinton stated the water park project should be turned over to the Parks Committee and as of this time he is not in favor of this project.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Warren H. McCollum, Interim City Administrator