

The regular Called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on May 18th, 2020, at Northport City Hall, in the Council Chambers located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Councilman Roberts, and Pro Tem Hogg. Also present, were Mayor Aaron and Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum. Absent and failing to vote were Councilman Hinton and Councilman Davis.

The meeting was conducted pursuant to Governor Ivey's March 18th proclamation adhering to all safe social distancing practices. Temperatures were taken at the door and seats were placed at least 6 feet apart.

Motion Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to approve the agenda for May 18, 2020. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; and President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Logan: Opened the floor for a Public Hearing for the next agenda item: Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1722 19th Street.

Mr. Lorenzo Freeman, 1504 Juniper Ridge Lane, Northport, AL., addressed Mayor and Council regarding this council agenda item. He was notified of the status of this structure through letter by the City of Northport. Mr. Freeman's concern if he tears down the house is there will not be enough to build another home on that same lot with the current City setbacks and guidelines. Mr. Freeman stated is requesting time to repair the home. He applied for a permit on Monday, May 18th, 2020 and the permit is awaiting approval.

Councilman Roberts suggested that the demolition be voted on for 2nd reading tonight and a contingency plan be put in place. He suggested that 60-90 days be granted and that within that time period progress needs to be made.

Councilman Logan: Closed the floor for a Public Hearing for the next agenda item: Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 1722 19th Street.

Motion by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by President Logan to adopt Ordinance 2042 ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1722 19th Street with the caveat that within 90 calendars there must be evidence of the owner having made progress meeting the deficiencies specified and evidence the owner is currently doing work on this property. Also, the owner must meet with City staff and submit a timeline for the renovations on this project. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem, Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to adopt Ordinance 2043 amending Sections 66-78 and 66-79 establishing a Sales and Use Tax Holiday in the City of Northport, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on July 17, 2020 and ending at 12:00 a.m. on July 19, 2020. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There was discussion concerning the 1st Reading of the Conditional Use to allow a plant concrete plant including the outdoor storage of machinery and the storage of sand, gravel, and blocks in an M-1 located. There was not a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission on this item. Ballard Concrete is requesting that Council vote on suspending the rule and passing the ordinance at this evening's meeting.

Mr. Ross Wiggins, 119585 McPherson Landing Road, Tuscaloosa, AL., a representative of Ballard Concrete addressed the Council and answered questions from the Mayor and Council regarding this proposed Conditional Use. Mr. Wiggins stated the company anticipates to employ around 20 people at the site, 2000 30th Avenue. They also anticipate the gross revenue to be 1.5 -2 million dollars annually. It should increase dramatically after the first. They plan to stay at this location for 2-3 years. At the end of that time, they will have outgrown that location at 2000 30th Ave and then they will move elsewhere. However, they do plan on staying in Northport. Ballard Concrete, according to Mr. Wiggins, will be focusing 99% of their work will be residential. The hours of daily operation will be 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The footprint of the plant is small and there are buffers on all sides of the plant.

President Logan stated he is not comfortable with suspending the rules until there is more time for full consideration from the Council. Councilman Roberts also noted he was opposed to suspending the rules in order to pass this ordinance at this evening's meeting. It believes there is room for more conversation.

Mr. Rush Shaaban, lives on the corner of 24th and Main. Mr. Shaaban stated he is not the only citizen that is in opposition of the concrete plant. He stated that standing on one of the neighbor's property's, he can see the stalls of the concrete plant. He also said that dust is not safe and that all dust cannot be mitigated. He stated that roads will become caked with concrete dust once trucks begin transporting this material. Mr. Shaaban also had concerns with how soon the item was on the Council agenda and with it being proposed on suspending the rules.

President Logan offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Conditional Use to allow a plant including the outdoor storage of machinery and the storage of sand, gravel, and blocks in an M-1 located 2000 30th Avenue.

Councilman Roberts offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Rezoning of 3.07 acres from RS.3 and RS.3 & C.3 located on Robert Cardinal Airport Road.

Councilman Roberts offered for 1st Reading, Amendment to Design Review Standards pertaining to Sidewalks.

Motion by President Logan, Second Councilman Roberts to approve Resolution 20-32 authorizing the City Administrator to maintain the annual contract with Vertiv Services, Inc. and approve the requisitions for the cost. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Councilman Roberts to approve Resolution 20-33 declaring certain vehicles as surplus and authorizing their disposal. This vehicle is PD's 1992 Military truck. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, Second by Pro Tem Hogg to approve Resolution 20-34 adopting the Annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; and Councilman Roberts, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Roberts, Second by Pro Tem Hogg to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 18, 2020 Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, April 20, 2020, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Spillman Technologies Annual Maintenance Agreement, Motorola Solutions, \$61,284.20-PD
4. PO Requisition, Phosphate for WTP, Carus Corp., \$18,905.00- Utilities
5. PO Requisition, Lime for WTP, Carmeuse Lime & Stone, Inc., \$10,200.44- Utilities
6. PO Requisition, Alum for WTP, Southern Ionics, \$20,900.00-Utilities
7. PO Requisition, Fluoride for WTP, Service Chemical, \$5,000.00-Utilities
8. PO Requisition, Annual Instrumentation Calibrations at WTP, ICS Instrumentation Calibrations Services, \$6,700.00-Utilities
9. PO Requisition, Wastewater Plant Sludge Removal, Denali Water Solutions, LLC., \$50,000.00-Utilities

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

Reports to Special Committees to Council:

Councilman Roberts reported there will be a budget revision after May numbers come out on the 20th. Projecting to have a formal budget review in June.

City Administrator's Business:

Administrator Committee met and discussed appointing an Assistant City Administrator. This would simply be an appointment and designating someone to help carry out the day to day operations when the City Administrator is not in the office. It is not a new hire. It is someone to help facilitate day to day operations. Hopefully, after some formalized discussions it can be brought back to the Council as a full body.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Aaron, No business

Councilman Roberts, District 1, Councilman Roberts stated the City owes it to itself to take a look at the M-1 areas and see if they still belong there. The City owes it to the businesses that are still there to find a plan that will work.

President Logan, District 2, President Logan thanked Public Works for all the hard work they have been putting in and all the hard work they always do for our City. He said that our staff has done a really good job at delivering a service to our citizens. President Logan stated he is very appreciative to Northport Police Department and Northport Fire Department, as well the staff in Court.

Councilman Hinton, District 3 , Absent

Councilman Davis, District 4 , Absent

Pro Tem Hogg, District 5, No Business


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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:


W. Hardy McCollum, Interim City Administrator