

The regular Called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on October 19, 2020, at Northport City Hall, in the Council Chambers 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, Councilwoman Bobo, Councilman Hinton, Councilman Davis, and Pro Tem Hogg. Also, present, Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum and Mayor Aaron.

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, seats were placed at least 6 feet apart, and masks for all in attendance were required.

Karen Bucklew with Alabama Power presented the Friends of Historic Northport from the Alabama Power Company Foundation. The grants are to enhance economic development and beautification within Northport. The Alabama Power Company Foundation is committed to the success of Northport and are constantly looking for ways to be more than just Northport's energy provider. Ms. Bucklew stated that Alabama Power wants to be our partner in economic growth and community development. Ms. Bucklew presented Nini Jobson, President of the Friends of Historic Northport, a \$750.00 Good Roots Grant to purchase Crepe Myrtles to finish the drive of the Shirley Place Home.

The second grant, The Gateway Grant, was presented to Mayor Donna Aaron on behalf of the City of Northport. The \$2,500.00 grant is to be used to install a new welcome sign on Lurleen Wallace Blvd. The sign will help promote the City's new brand and help ensure the image that Northport is strong and sure in this busy place.

James Granger, Executive Director, with the Tombigbee RC&D presented a check for the levy walking trail and pavilion project. The program had about 70 grants in Alabama and 7 being within Tuscaloosa County. Mr. Granger stated the first grant presented in Tuscaloosa County is to Northport for \$10,000.00 for the levy walking trail and pavilion. Mr. Granger presented the check to Mayor Donna Aaron on behalf of the City of Northport.

Pro Tem Hogg questioned outside agency funding and asked to table the item, item 8a3. He wanted to hear presentations from 3 specific entities before money was given according to the passing of the budget. Interim City Administrator assured Pro Tem Hogg that the item still could pass and the withholding of the agency funding until final approval could be handled internally by staff. There was no need to prolong the approval of the 2021 General Budget due to these concerns.

Motion Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilwoman Bobo to approve the agenda for October 19, 2020 with the exception of 8b2. Item 8b2 was tabled. There were also stipulations agreed upon pertaining to item 8b3. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan opened the floor for a Public Hearing for item 7a1, the ordering of a demolition of an unsafe structure located at 3700 28th Avenue.

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Motion by President Logan **Second** by Councilman Hinton to adopt **Ordinance 2057 ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 3700 28th Avenue.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan opened the floor for a Public Hearing for item 7a2, the ordering of a demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1403 13th Avenue.

President Logan closed the floor for a Public Hearing for item 7a2, the ordering of a demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1403 13th Avenue.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis **to adopt Ordinance 2058 ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1403 13th Avenue.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis **to approve Resolution 20-87 adopting Police General Orders (PGO) Manual Revision date of January 1, 2020.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to approve Resolution 20-88 adopting the 2021 General Fund Budget with the agreement of review of the following outside agency funding: Warrior Baseball, PARA, and Tuscaloosa Public Library.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilwoman Bobo **to approve Resolution 20-89 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with a professional engineering firm to provide pavement and evaluation services in Northport, Alabama and approve all requisitions and documents pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Councilwoman Bobo **to approve Resolution 20-90 authorizing the City Administrator to employ outside legal counsel as needed.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Councilwoman Bobo **to approve Resolution 20-91 adopting the FY 2021 Water/Wastewater Budget.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to approve the Consent Agenda for the October 19, 2020 Council Meeting.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting, October 13, 2020 Special Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, Sludge Removal 1st Quarter FY21, Denali Water Solutions, \$60,000.00- Utilities
4. PO Requisition, Repair parts for # 1 Aeration Basin, Schreiber, LLC., \$6,910.00 - Utilities
5. Travel/Training, 3 employees, Threat Pattern Recognition-Use of Force Instructor, October 5-9, 2020, Birmingham, AL, \$735.00- PD
6. Travel/Training, 2 employees, 870 Armorer's Course, November 2-3, 2020, Tuscaloosa, AL, \$950.00- PD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, 700 Armorer's Course, November 4, 2020, Tuscaloosa, AL, \$250.00-PD
8. PO Requisition, Video Industrial Services for 48" CMP Storm Pipe Rehab under Cart Drive, Video Industrial, \$35,887.50- PW
9. PO Requisition, 2020 City of Northport Municipal Run-Off Election Expenses, Election Systems & Software, LLC, \$10, 839.98-Administrative

Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES TO COUNCIL

Councilman Hinton gave an update from the Administrative Committee. Councilman Hinton stated the committee met on October 13, 2020 and discussed the job descriptions of City Administrator and City Engineer as requested. In regard to the position of City Administrator, it was agreed upon a 4-year degree would be a minimum requirement coupled with 7-10 years of experience. There was also some discussion concerning the City Administrator position going back to a Civil Service Position, but this would need legislative action. No changes were made to the Engineering position. Councilman Hinton requested Mr. Rose to post these positions as soon as possible.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

Police Department

President Logan Opened the floor for a Public Hearing for this agenda item.

President Logan Closed the floor for a Public Hearing for this agenda item.

Motion by Councilwoman Bobo **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg approving the ABC License for Bravo Investments, LLC dba Bravo # 3. Roll call was as follows: Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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Motion by Pro Tem Hogg **Second** by Councilwoman Bobo approving the ABC License for Houchens Food Group, Inc. dba Save-A-Lot. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron expressed her appreciation for her time on the Council the last 4 years. She is very proud of the progress that this group made together. She stated that many of these projects have yet to come to fruition but on are on the way. She stated there has been growth on all ends of Northport. She is excited about the work they have done together, and she has greatly enjoyed representing the City over the last 4 years. She is proud of the staff the City has and the work they do. She said her time has been great.

Councilwoman Bobo, District 1, Councilwoman Bobo also wanted to thank staff for all the support and encouragement while getting acclimated to the new position.

President Logan, District 2, President Logan gave a brief update on the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Project and how it is in its final stages before work begins. President Logan also thanked the City for allowing him to be a public servant and serve the City of Northport. He said, "Change what you can." He thanked all the individuals that paved the way for him and where Northport is now.

Councilman Hinton, District 3, Councilman Hinton thank Mayor Aaron and Councilman Davis, and President Logan for their time served on Council.

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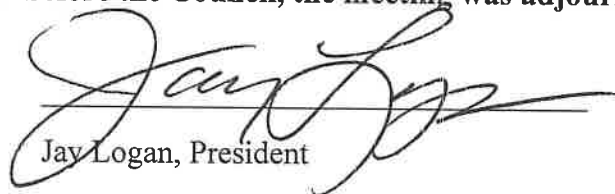
Councilman Davis, District 4, Councilman Davis thanked his family for the support over the last 4 years. He stated there has been much progress over the last 4 years and is excited to see what is to come. He also thanked the staff. He stated, “the pride of Northport is its employees.”

Pro Tem Hogg, District 5, Pro Tem Hogg expressed his appreciation for Mayor Aaron, President Logan, and Councilman Davis. He thanked each of them for their time given to the City and taken away from their families. He also stated that it is a service of love when you volunteer for a role in a public servant position.

Interim City Administrator presented Mayor Aaron, President Logan, and Councilman Davis with tokens of appreciation for their service to our community.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



W. Hardy McCollum, Interim City Administrator