

The regular Called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on December 14, 2020, at Northport City Hall, in the Council Chambers located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by Mayor Herndon. President Hogg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Hogg, Councilwoman Bobo, Councilman Washington, Pro Tem Hinton, Councilwoman Dykes Also present were Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum and Mayor Herndon.

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.

Mayor Herndon and Councilman Washington presented Shedric's Hairstyle and Barber Shop a proclamation for December's Business of the Month.

Mayor Herndon read proclamation in memory of Mr. Carl Adams who recently passed away.

Mr. Darrell Williams, Principal at Tuscaloosa County High School, addressed the Mayor and Council requesting supplemental funds for the head football coaches' salary.

Motion Pro Tem Hinton, **Second** by Councilman Washington to approve the agenda for December 14, 2020. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Bobo, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes **to adopt Ordinance 2059 amending Sections 66-78 and 66-79 establishing a Sales and Use Tax Holiday in the City of Northport.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Hinton, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to adopt Ordinance 2060 amending Section 2-42 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to the Public Records Policy.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Bobo, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes **to adopt Ordinance 2061 amending Section 2-36 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to addressing the Council.** Roll call was as follows: Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Bobo, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes **to approve Resolution 20-113 accepting the 2019 Audit Report.** Roll call was as follows: Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Washington, **Second** by Pro Tem Hinton **to approve Resolution 20-114 authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with The Cassady Company, Inc., to assist with sewer improvements throughout the City, and to execute any necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said contract.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to approve Resolution 20-115 appointing Mr. Tony O'Rourke to serve in Seat Five of the Northport Planning Commission. Mr. O'Rourke's term would begin on January 1, 2021 and expire on December 31, 2026.** Roll call was as follows: President Hogg, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; and Councilwoman Dykes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Hinton, **Second** by Councilwoman Bobo **to approve Resolution 20-116 authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into an agreement with The Cassady Company, Inc. for professional engineering services for the development of a Hydraulic Model of the Water System, and to execute any necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes, and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington **to approve Resolution 20-117 authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate and to enter into an agreement with The Cassady Company, Inc. for professional engineering services for the Highway 82 Pump Station and Gravity Sewer Replacement Project, and to execute any necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call was as follows: Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** Councilwoman Bobo **to approve the Consent Agenda for December 14, 2020 Council Meeting.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes, November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, 2021 Membership Dues, West Alabama Regional Commission, \$7,465.60- Admin
4. PO Requisition, Run Off Election Expenses, Election Systems & Software, LLC, \$1,470.18- Admin
5. PO Requisition, Professional Services, J & J Telephone, \$50,000.00- IT
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Special Operations Supervisors Training, January 25-29, 2021, Nashville, TN, \$795.90- PD
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Advanced Vice and Narcotics Investigation, February 8-12, 2021, Nashville, TN., #335.00- PD
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Municipal Clerks Winter Conference, December 2-4, 2020, Huntsville, AL., \$ 375.00-Admin
9. PO Requisition, Replace Rails & Elbows at Meadowlake Pump Station, Hunnicutt, Inc., \$7,260.00- Utilities
10. PO Requisition, Replacement Pumps for Meadowlake Pump Station, Gulf Coast Pump & Equipment, Inc., \$14,208.00- Utilities
11. PO Requisition, 2021 Ford PI AWD Utility Vehicle, Stivers Ford Lincoln, \$ 40,390.00-FD
12. PO Requisition, 2021 Ford PI AWD Utility Vehicle, Stivers Ford Lincoln, \$ 37,500.00- FD

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Retail Committee- President Hogg stated he had been in conversations with the owner of Newk's. There has been some talk of Newk's expanding to this side of the bridge. This is not something that is on the table currently but something that is being discussed. President Hogg also mentioned Milo's Food Truck which came to Northport to try and gauge the interest of the community. He stated Milo's had a very successful day of business and plans on coming back with their food truck.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

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

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

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilwoman Bobo **to approve the ABC License for Starner and Starner Enterprises, LLC dba R & R Cigars.** Roll call was as follows: Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilwoman Bobo, Yes; Councilman Washington, Yes; Pro Tem Hinton, Yes; and President Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Mr. Darren McGee, Finance Director gave update on Northport First Fund.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

Mayor Herndon, Mayor Herndon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to remember the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Councilwoman Bobo, District 1, Councilwoman Bobo had no business for District 1 to discuss.

Councilman Washington, District 2, Councilman Washington had no business for District 2 to discuss.

Pro Tem Hinton, District 3, Councilman Hinton wanted the citizens to be aware that out of the Northport First Fund our Northport Schools were receiving over \$300,000.00. He wanted everyone to be aware the Mayor and Council support our local schools.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 , Councilwoman Dykes had no business for District 4 to discuss.

President Hogg, District 5, President Hogg wanted to clarify a statement he made earlier in the meeting regarding Mr. Williams' request for supplemental funding. He feels that Northport no longer needs to be the scapegoat of people needing money. There needs to be other avenues pursued when these groups are looking for funding. The City Council is not the Board of Education.

Motion by President Hogg, Second by Pro Tem Hinton to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at to discuss potential litigation. The meeting should last no longer than twenty (20) minutes, and it is anticipated the Council will not take action after session is concluded.


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

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Jeff Hogg, President

ATTEST:



Warren H. McCollum, Interim City Administrator