

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on October 7, 2013 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, Councilman Sullivan, Pro Tem Acker, and Councilman Harper. Absent and failing to vote was Councilwoman Hayes. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Mayor Herndon presented a proclamation for Pro Bono Week to Chris Thigpen, Vice President of the Tuscaloosa Bar Association, and Kayla Griffin, Chairman of Pro Bono Day.

Mayor Herndon congratulated the Northport Wildcat Youth Cheerleaders for their accomplishments at the West Alabama Cheer Competition on September 29th. The Rookies Division won their age group and the Junior Division placed in the top three (3).

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by President Logan **to approve the Agenda for the October 7, 2013 Council Meeting with the deletion of item 8b7, Resolution Approving Retaining Wall Request.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Ordinance 1817 amending Section 42-261-42-268 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to Weed Control.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker **to approve Ordinance 1818 establishing the By-Laws for the Williamson Cemetery Board.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 13-92 declaring weeds at 3509 14th Street a nuisance.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 13-93 declaring weeds at 3600 14th Street a nuisance.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 13-94 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Harrison Construction as Construction Manager for the Proposed Fire Station No. 2.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve Resolution 13-95 authorizing Reimbursements from the Series 2014 Warrants.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper **to approve Resolution 13-96 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. as underwriter for Series 2014 Warrants and to contract with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLC, as bond counsel for the Series 2014 Warrants.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan **to approve Resolution 13-97 declaring certain items surplus and authorize their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by President Logan to **approve the Consent Agenda for the October 7, 2013 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, September 16, 2013, Regular Meeting
2. Deleted
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, to attend Forklift Operator Safety Training, Tuscaloosa, AL Nov. 4th, \$175 - PW
4. Travel/Training, 1 employee to attend Standards of Practice for Surveying in the State of Alabama, Pelham, AL, Nov. 1st, \$125 – Engineering
5. PO Requisition, Blanket PO for 2013 ThinkGard Backup Monthly Charges, \$6,000 - IT

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

Departmental Business:

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve the ABC License for Citgo Food Mart.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Public Comment:

Ms. Tina Oyler from 3617 36th Street came before council and asked why they removed the item from the agenda pertaining to the retaining wall at her property. President Logan explained that it was in Councilwoman Hayes District and he wants her involved in the decision process. He explained that since she was not in attendance that it was taken off the agenda so that she would have time to review the information that was given at the council pre-meeting and discuss it with the other council members so that they could come up with the best plan of action. Ms. Oyler asked when this issue would be resolved. President Logan said the item would be on the next a council meeting agenda provided that Councilwoman Hayes is in attendance.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, absent

President Logan, District 2, announced that on Thursday, October 10th at the Robert Hasson Center the West Alabama Food Bank along with the Northport Tigers will be having a second cycle food box giveaway from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On Thursday, October the 10th, also at the Robert Hasson Center, there will be a senior mixer from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and he invited anyone that was interested to attend. On Sunday, October 13th, he will be speaking at Porter St. Paul Church and invited everyone to attend. Thursday, October 31st at the Robert Hasson Center there will be a trick or trunk event and they invited any elected official or any member of the business community that would like to participate and bring candy for the children.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, announced a 5K race and 1 mile fun run that will be sponsored by The City of Northport. It will be called "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and will be Friday, December 13th at 7pm. The race will start and finish at Kentuck Park, and the cost will be \$20 for early registration and \$25 for registration the day of the event. All of the proceeds from the race will go to the local DHR to help the children during the Christmas season. He encouraged everyone to participate and said you can pick up registration forms at City Hall, Wagner's Run Walk Midtown, and The Athletes Foot in Northport.

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, Thanked Zoe and Allie for attending the meeting.

Councilman Harper, District 5, None

Mayor Herndon, thanked the city staff for all that they do for the city. He stated that five years ago he was elected Mayor and he is proud of the things that the council has accomplished and the things they are doing to move the city forward, such as building relationships with the City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, and The University of Alabama. He said they have broken down barriers that were there before and are now able to work with each of them to accomplish different things. He said they have worked hard encouraging businesses to come to Northport and recognizes them at council meetings as “Business of the Month”. However, as the Mayor of Northport, he feels that it is his duty to apologize to Care Ambulance Service, Mr. Bill’s Restaurant, Tuscaloosa Police Department, Tuscaloosa Transit Authority and Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox. He said that Councilwoman Hayes visited the Care Ambulance Service and embarrassed herself and he said in no way does her actions reflect the city council as a whole. Mayor Herndon said he received a phone call from Mr. Bill’s Restaurant that Councilwoman Hayes was “out of control” when she visited the restaurant. He apologized to Mike Parrish and the staff of Mr. Bill’s Restaurant for her actions. He apologized to the Tuscaloosa Police Department, and the Tuscaloosa Transit Authority for incidents that took place involving Councilwoman Hayes. Lastly, he apologized to Tuscaloosa Mayor Maddox, for comments made on Facebook by Councilwoman Hayes that said Mayor Walt Maddox was untrustworthy. He said he is upset that he has to do this, but as long as he is the Mayor of Northport he is not going to let any council person embarrass the City of Northport. He said as Mayor of the City of Northport, he apologizes.

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

Scott Collins, City Administrator