

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on August 17, 2015, 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, Councilwoman Hayes, Councilman Sullivan, Pro Tem Acker, and Councilman Harper. Also present were City Administrator Scott Collins and Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker to **approve the agenda for the August 17, 2015 Council Meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The Northport Fire and Rescue Department, along with NorthStar EMS, was presented the 2015 Silver Award for the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline. This award is for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

President Logan opened the floor for a public hearing to discuss an ordinance approving the voting location for Council District 5 (Flatwoods Baptist Church).

There were no public comments.

President Logan closed the floor for public hearing to discuss an ordinance approving the voting location for Council District 5 (Flatwoods Baptist Church).

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by Pro Tem Acker to **approve Ordinance 1873 approving the voting location for Council District 5 (Flatwoods Baptist Church).** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Permanent Resolution 15-43 accepting for maintenance the municipal public improvements located in the recorded and dedicated rights-of-way and easements within said Glory Land Subdivision with maintenance to begin on or around September 1, 2015.** City Administrator added that Mr. Robert Owen, who is the owner of the property, has requested for water access so that he will be allowed to maintain water service along the parkway due to maintenance of the shrubbery and other landscaping that has been planted in the median. City Administrator Collins explained that this will be at no cost to the city and that Mr. Owen has agreed to pay the water bill and any infrastructure needs that would go there. Mr. Collins also stated that the city has no issue with granting him this request. Councilwoman Hayes asked what maintenance and municipal public improvements are. City Administrator Collins explained that our maintenance would be the same as any other street, which includes grass cutting, and any maintenance that we do on the city right-of-way of any public street. Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Harper offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Annexing a parcel located at 13512 Hwy. 43 N.

Councilman Harper offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Rezoning a parcel located at 13512 Hwy. 43 N.

Councilman Harper offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance authorizing Conditional Use Approval for a kennel at 4105 Flatwoods Road.

Councilman Harper offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance ordering demolition of an unsafe structure located at 2302 Deerhaven Drive to be demolished on or after September 21, 2015 if not brought up to City Code.

Councilwoman Hayes offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance ordering demolition of an unsafe structure located at 2015 28th Street to be demolished on or after September 21, 2015 if not brought up to City Code.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Resolution 15-44 declaring certain items as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Harper to **approve Resolution 15-45 declaring certain items as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by President Logan to **approve Resolution 15-46 approving amendment 15-01 of the General Fund Budget.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Acker, **Second** by Councilman Sullivan to **approve Resolution 15-47 approving amendment 15-01 of the Water and Sewer Fund Budget.** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Acker, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Harper, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by President Logan, to **approve the Consent Agenda for the August 17, 2015, Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. DELETED
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, Professional Development, Birmingham, \$300 - Finance
4. Travel/Training, 1 employee, OSHA Training, Tuscaloosa, \$195 - PW
5. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Communication Seminar, Birmingham, \$199 - PW
6. Travel/Training, 3 employees, Protecting Our Water Seminar, Tuscaloosa, \$600 - Engineering

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

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Collins reminded everyone that the September 7th Council Meeting has been rescheduled for August 31st due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Motion by Councilman Harper, **Second** by President Logan to **approve the ABC License for Northport Package Store dba Nothing Too Fancy.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Harper, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilwoman Hayes, Yes; Councilman Sullivan, Yes; Pro Tem Acker, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Public Comment:

Mr. Kenneth Walters, 4813 Allums Avenue, came before council to suggest that the next Mayor be provided a city vehicle. He also suggested donating the Shirley House to the Historical Society.

Mr. Dennis Hambright, 5109 Azalea Trail came before council on behalf of the TCHS Alumni Association. Mr. Hambright invited everyone to attend the TCHS Homecoming Festivities on October 2, 2015, which will honor First Responders and Military personnel.

Mr. Stephen Schwab, 2520 5th Street, came before Council to thank Mr. Swann and Councilwoman Hayes for responding to his recent request of painting the light poles in downtown Northport and has hopes that the clock will be repaired before the annual Kentucky Festival. Mr. Schwab said that he understood the Police Chief position was open, and urged the Council to hire Mr. Ted Sexton for the position.

Mr. Jeff Thompson, 4701 Pin Oak Trail came before council to express his disappointment with the Sons of the Confederacy using the right-of-way in front of Northport City Hall as the backdrop to display the Confederate Flag. He said he understands that the city can't deny the requested parade permit. However, he feels that Northport has come too far to tolerate this kind of foolishness in front of City Hall and that this display should have taken place elsewhere.

Mayor and Council Member's Business:

Councilwoman Hayes, District 1, read the following statement:

“There was a request for a \$10 million dollar emergency line of credit in March of 2013. The newspapers and the Council were told that the line of credit would be used for a natural disaster like the April 27th tornado. As a new council member, I accepted what I was told at the time. From what I now understand, it appears that the \$10 million dollar emergency line of credit could be used for just about any purpose that the City Administrator and the Mayor want without the approval of the Council. The line of credit could have been extended on a yearly basis without the council's consent or has the \$10 million dollar loan been paid off? If this line of credit were combined with other city bond issues since January 2009 the total amount involved would be approximately \$40 million dollars in credit. I would like to see, as I'm sure that other members of the Council would, the financial statements from Compass Bank, showing all withdrawals for the line of credit. I would like to know their purposes as well. I would like to know how much interest has been paid by the city thus far for this line of credit, or will my access to public documents continue to be illegally denied?”

City Administrator Collins addressed the Mayor and City Council and said he would love to provide her with this information. However, he said the issue with this is, there is no such \$10 million line of credit, and there has never been a withdrawal of a \$10 million dollar line of credit. He said the fact of the matter is, in 2009 the city issued a line of credit as part of a financial plan for safeguarding the city's financial future when the city did not have any reserves, and said we have taken several steps to follow up on that annually. He also said there was some discussion of renewing a line of credit last year from \$10 million to \$5 million dollars, again, as a way to safeguard funds for the city's future, and that action was never acted upon, and to this date there is no \$10 million dollar line of credit, there has never been a withdrawal on a \$10 million dollar line of credit, and there is no account of a \$10 million dollar line of credit with the City of Northport with any financial institution anywhere.

Councilwoman Hayes asked that this be on the record and City Administrator Collins concurred.

President Logan, District 2, thanked Interim Chief Burton, and Community Relations Officer Carrie Baker, as well as the Northport Police Department for doing a great job in reducing the crime rate in his district.

Councilman Sullivan, District 3, thanked the Northport Fire and Rescue personnel and said he appreciated all of them. He also announced the next Citizens Police Academy will take place at the Northport Police Department on Tuesday's from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning September 29th through November 10th and encouraged everyone to attend. He asked that anyone needing more information contact him or Interim Chief Burton after the meeting.

President Pro Tem Acker, District 4, none

Councilman Harper, District 5, none

Mayor Herndon, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked that everyone keep the first responders in their prayers. He also added that our city has been blessed with great employees, great citizens, and a great council. He said exciting things are happening in Northport and mentioned that some announcements are coming in the next few months that will hopefully make Northport an even better place to live. He said he is honored to be the Mayor of Northport and said sometimes this elected office can be difficult, and asked that everyone keep him in their prayers.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Scott Collins, City Administrator