



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Council-member Terry Adams gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Jimmie Robinson, Janice Anderson, Terry Adams, Reginald Wilson and Velma Johnson. Tameeka Ephriam acted as clerk. A quorum being present, the meeting opened for transaction of business.

Approval of published minutes from last Council meeting: Council-member Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Council-member Jimmie Robinson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay October # 1 bills for 80,438.11. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve the payment of October #1 bills for \$80,438.11. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-52: Opposing Sewer Rate Increase. Council-member Terry Adams made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-52 awarding the Opposing Sewer Rate Increase. The motion was seconded by Council-member Jimmie Robinson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-53: Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-53. The motion was seconded by Council-member Jimmie Robinson to approve Resolution No. 2011-53. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No.2011-54: Public Hearing for the following addresses: A. 911 8th Avenue, B. 33 Hoadley Street, C. 906 12th Avenue. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-54. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2011-54. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2011-5 Employee Bereavement Policy: Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2011-5. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Holiday Schedule. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business License for Earnest Mobile Foods to be located at 399 Midfield Street at the Citgo Service Station. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the business license for Earnest Mobile Foods. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Peddlers Business License for Slim Meat Wagon. Tabled.

Approval of New Business License for Dream, Inc. to be located at 101 Bessemer Super Hwy. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the business license for Dream, Inc. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-55: Accepting Donations of Stuffed Animals for Midfield Fall Festival Day. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-55. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor thanked everyone for their overwhelming support for the resolution adopted in response to the sewer rate increase stating, “I appreciate the council and how we work together for the common good of our constituents.”

Report from the Council: Council-member Terry Adams announced that the Midfield Fall Festival is scheduled for October 27, 2011 between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm, and solicited public support and volunteers. Council-member Adams also thanked the mayor and council for passing a bereavement policy for City of Midfield employees. In response, Mayor Richardson stated that he appreciates Council-member Terry Adams bringing the need for such a policy to the attention of the Mayor and council.

Council-member Reginald Wilson introduced Judge Tracie Todd and yielded his report time to her. Judge Todd petitioned the public to vote for her for Circuit Judge Jefferson County in 2012. Judge Todd stated that she brings fairness, balance and integrity to the bench and developed alternative programming for repeat offenders.

Open Meeting to the Public: State Representative Merika Coleman remarked that she appreciated the opportunity to see how the Sewer Rate Resolution goes. “I am your representative and we heard from you tonight. You let your peace be known and that is what representative democracy is all about. Thank you for bringing it before the people so they can let their peace be known to their representative.”

State Representative John Rogers stated, “Thank you for being men and women enough to stand up for the poor people in this county. I guarantee you that we will not lay down in Montgomery. The County wants to raise taxes and tax us to death. They desire to put up smoke screens to fool you. There will be a lot of things coming down the pipeline to hurt you.”

Eric Majors stated, “The journey of 1000 miles starts with the first step.” Majors thanked the mayor and council for taking the first step.

Sheila Tyson stated, “As a concerned citizen, I thank you for passing the resolution. I thought I might have to get my picket signs. I am also concerned about the “unearmarking” of county funds. The county desires to tax us to death.”

Wendell Major, Gilda Walker, David Russell, James King, Ronnie Williams, and Irene Johnson thanked the mayor and council for standing up for the people and passing the Resolution in Opposition of the Sewer Rate Increase.

Adjournment: Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council-member Jimmie Robinson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.