



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Councilmember Reginald Wilson gave the invocation.

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

Approval of published minutes from last Council meeting: Councilmember Janice Anderson made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reginald Wilson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of payment with unanimous consent. Councilmember Janice Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous consent. Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the payment of the November #1 bills totaling \$21,040.47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reginald Wilson.

Approval of Resolution No. 2008-62: Notice of Public Hearing: Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-62. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reginald Wilson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

- a. 407 Highland Drive
- b. 901 9th Ave
- c. 504 10th Ave
- d. 68 Wilkes Circle
- e. 1014 7th Ave
- f. 1319 8th Ave

Approval of Resolution No. 2008-63: Appointing Saber Construction Company as the City Engineer: Councilmember Reginald Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-63 with the contingency that before the Mayor signs a contract for services the council must by majority vote approve the terms and conditions of the proposed contract between the City of Midfield and Saber Construction Company. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson. A roll call vote resulted as Councilmember Janice Anderson- aye, Councilmember Reginald Wilson- aye, Councilmember Jimmie Robinson- no and Councilmember Velma Johnson aye. The motion passed.

Approval of Resolution No. 2008-64: Appointing Debra Winston as the City's Municipal Judge. Councilmember Reginald Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-64. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2008-66: Appointing Sheppard and Harris to perform accounting and financial services for the city. Councilmember Reginald Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-66. Mayor Gary Richardson used his executive privilege to vote and seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in Councilmember Janice Anderson –no, Councilmember Reginald Wilson- aye, Mayor Richardson –aye, Councilmember Jimmie Robinson – no and Councilmember Velma Johnson –no. The motion failed.

Approval of Resolution No. 2008-67: Appointing Emory Anthony as the City Prosecutor. Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-67. The motion was seconded by Reginald Wilson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2008-68: Appointing David Sullivan as City Attorney. Councilmember Reginald Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-68. Mayor Gary Richardson used executive privilege to vote. The motion was seconded by Mayor Richardson. A roll call voted resulted as Councilmember Anderson –no, Councilmember Wilson –yes, Mayor Richardson –yes, Councilmember Robinson-no, Councilmember Johnson- no, The motion failed for lack of majority vote.

Approval of Resolution No. 2008-69: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ncourt LLC for online court payments. Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-69. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance No. 342 A: To Establish Rules of Procedures. Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 342A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reginald Wilson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Budget for fiscal year Oct. 1, 2008 thru Sept. 30, 2009. Died for a lack of motion

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor made a motion to open nominations for Mayor Pro-tem. The Mayor recommended Councilmember Reginald Wilson and Council member Janice Anderson. Mayor Richardson made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jimmie Robinson. A roll call vote for Councilmember Janice Anderson resulted in Councilmember Velma Johnson –aye, Jimmie Robinson –aye, Janice Anderson- aye. Councilmember Janice Anderson named Mayor Pro-tem by majority vote.

Report from the Council: No report

Open Meeting to the Public: Jeff Parson spoke to the council concerning the library financial conditions. Jeff said that the city has not made an appropriation to the library since September 2008. Jeff further stated that if the city did not remit a payment to the library by the 15th of November, 2008 they will have to close the library. The Mayor stated that this is his first time hearing about the conditions of the library and did not appreciate being blind sided at council meeting. The Mayor also stated that the library will receive a payment by the end of the week. Buck Williams addressed the Mayor and said that 2 months after he took office the Mayor came to council meeting and criticized him for the city's finances. Buck Williams also stated that he left the city in good standing financially. The Mayor responded by saying that he does not control the economy and that if he did he would run for president.

Adjournment: Mayor Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.