



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday November 5, 2012 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Pastor Patrick Sellars presented the invocation.

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

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2012-64: Appoint Debra Winston Municipal Judge. Councilor Jimmie Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-64. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance No. 342-B: Establishing Rules and Procedures for Council Meeting. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 342-B. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of 2012-2013: Fiscal Year Budget. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adams. The mayor opened the floor for discussions. Councilors Terry Adams and Velma Johnson inquired about the Grant Writer (Clara Prevo) official title and salary. The City Clerk stated, “Ms. Prevo’s salary will remain the same without any additional responsibilities.” Councilor Velma Johnson inquired about the part-time employee salary changing from \$12,000.00 to \$19,197.67. The City Clerk stated, “The new salary amount equates to approximately \$9.22 an hour.” It will be difficult to find qualified individuals to accept this rate of pay. It would not be advisable to lower the rate of pay. With no further questions, the mayor called for vote. All members voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

The Mayor presented his assignment of committees. Councilor Janice Anderson- Administration & Finance, Councilor Terry Adams-Community & Economic Development, Councilor James Reasor- Public Safety, Councilor Jimmie Robinson- Park & Recreation and Velma Johnson - Public Works. Councilor Jimmie Robinson declined his assignment. The Mayor stated he requested all council members to send him an email request of their areas of interest. The only people that sent him a request were Councilors Anderson & Reasor. Councilor Velma Johnson was dissatisfied with her assignment. The mayor stated the council may swap areas if they mutually agreed. After discussions, Councilor Terry Adams swapped with Councilor Velma Johnson.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor requested a motion to amend the agenda to vote for Mayor Pro-tem. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jimmie Robinson. All members voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Councilor Velma Johnson requested the Mayor Pro-tem position be changed to rotate annually instead of every 4 years. The Mayor stated, “The Mayor Pro-tem position requires that person to be flexible.” The Mayor Pro-tem has to be available any time the Mayor is not. It does not make sense to appoint someone to that position if the individual’s work schedule is not flexible to allow availability. For the aforementioned reason, we will not rotate annually.

Councilor James Reasor made a motion to appoint Councilor Janice Anderson as Mayor Pro-tem. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to appoint Councilor Terry Adams as Mayor Pro-tem. The mayor called for a vote, all in favor of Councilor Terry Adams-Councilors Anderson, Johnson and Robinson. The mayor called for a vote, all in favor of Councilor Janice Anderson -Councilors Reasor, Adams, and Richardson. The vote resulted in a 3 way tie.

The council decided to allow a coin toss to determine the Mayor Pro-tem position. Councilor Anderson was heads and Adams tail. The mayor tossed the coin and the coin landed on heads. Councilor Janice Anderson won the coin toss and was appointed Mayor Pro-tem for a second term. The mayor congratulated all the council for another term.

Report from the Council: Councilor Terry Adams announced basketball registration has started at Midfield Community Center. Please remember the fallen victim in Midfield.

Councilor Janice Anderson congratulated everyone for another term.

Councilor James Reasor thanked his family and friends for their support.

Councilor Jimmie Robinson congratulated everyone on their new term.

Councilor Velma Johnson congratulated and reminded everyone the Neighborhood Association meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at Midfield Community Center.

Open Meeting to the Public: None

Adjournment: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

