



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm. with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Council member Velma Johnson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Reginald Wilson, Janice Anderson, Terry Adams, Velma Johnson and Jimmie Robinson. 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 Terry Adams made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Jimmie Robinson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Council member Velma Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay December #1 for \$39,962.07. The motion was seconded by Council member Jimmie Robinson to approve the payment of December #1 bills for \$39,962.07. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Attached Cost Report Notice 12-14-09: Council member Jimmie Robinson made a motion to approve the attached cost report notice 12-14-09. The motion was seconded by Council member Velma Johnson to approve attached cost notice report 12-14-09. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2009-67: Authorizing the Mayor to apply for the Safer Grant for Midfield Fire Department. Donating surplus hose to neighboring volunteer Fire Departments. Council member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-63. The motion was seconded by Council member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2009-63. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2009-65: Midfield Fire Department declaring fire hose as surplus. Council member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-65. The motion was seconded by Council member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2009-65. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2009-66 Public hearing for 225 2nd Ave., 930 16th St. and 924 Woodward Rd.

Council member Janice Anderson made a motion to Resolution no. 2009-66. The motion was seconded by Council member Terry Adams to approve Resolution no. 2009-66. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Appointment of Geary Terrell to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Council member Janice Anderson made a motion to appoint Geary Terrell to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Council member Terry Adams. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Fiscal Year October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 Budget. Failed for lack of unanimous consent.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor stated that the council had three budget hearings and that the council agreed to pass the budget. Council member Jimmie Robinson stated that he would like to see more cushion in the budget. The Mayor stated that we trimmed over \$600,000.00 from the budget. The Mayor stated that the council put the budget together through budget hearings. The Mayor further stated that the Mayor is responsible for the projection of revenue only and that the council is responsible for passing a balanced budget.

Report from the Council: Council member Terry Adams stated that he is glad to see Midfield-Hueytown Youth Sports. Council member Terry Adams congratulated the three teams that made it to the state playoffs. Council member Terry Adams announced that the Christmas parade is scheduled for December 12, 2009 at 10:00 am. Council member Janice Anderson reported that the Halloween Carnival was a success. Council member Reginald Wilson thanked the Midfield-Hueytown coaches and parents for their contribution to the teams and that they are an asset to the city.

Open Meeting to the Public: Mr. Geary Terrell and Mr. Calvin Biggers petitioned the city council to consider allowing bingo into the City of Midfield and notified the council of the potential revenue that can be generated from having a bingo hall. The Mayor responded by saying that he is aware of the financial condition of the city and that he anticipates that things will get better change. The Mayor also stated that he is not willing to sell his soul to the devil for a quick buck. The Mayor stated that City of Midfield is a family oriented city and that the council prefers to keep things that way. Mr. Thomas had several complaints about crime in the city.

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