



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, December 29, 2011 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Council-member Jimmie Robinson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Jimmie Robinson, Reginald Wilson, Terry Adams and Velma Johnson. Tameeka Ephriam acted as clerk. Absent: Janice Anderson. 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 Terry Adams. 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 December #2 bills for \$34,677.54. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve the payment of December #2 bills for \$34,677.54. All members present voted “aye” passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-75: Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a contract with United Healthcare for dental and vision insurance. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-75. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2011-75. All members present voted “aye” passing the motion unanimous consent.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-76: Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a contract with Sheppard & Harris CPA Firm to audit businesses for tax compliance. Council-member Terry Adams made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-76. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2011-76. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-77: Authorizing the Health Department to place a recycling center for cooking oil. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-77. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2011-77. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business “Bout Them Clothes” to be located at 390 B.Y. Williams. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve New Business License for “Bout Them Clothes”. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business Tax Pros to be located at 2 Phillips Drive. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to New Business Tax Pros. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Attached Cost Report: Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the attached cost notice. The motion was seconded by Council-member Reginald Wilson to approve the attached cost notice. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Report from the Council: Council-member Terry Adams cautioned the public to be aware of their surroundings and notify the police department of suspect activities.

Council-members Wilson, Robinson and Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Open Meeting to the Public: Geneise Fuller, 317 McPherson Ave, and Gerald Richardson, 505 11th Avenue, expressed concerns about gun fire on New Year’s Eve. The Mayor responded “the police department is aware of the issue and will provide necessary protection.”

R. J. Gulley, 1405 Delton Place, and David Beach, 210 2nd Avenue, expressed concerns about the school board and the termination of the superintendent. The Mayor stated, “The only involvement the city has in Midfield School System is the appointment of school board members. The School System is autonomous and the city cannot interfere in the day to day operations. It is unfortunate the board could not resolve its issues and as a result the State is now involved. It is an embarrassment to the city. We are not privy to the information that the School Board or Superintendent has. Therefore, we cannot say whether the Superintendent or School Board Members are correct.”

Council-member Jimmie Robinson stated, “I admit there was an error made on our part and I am very embarrassed and ashamed of the mess the school system is in.” I pray when the time comes again for us to choose another board member we make the right choice.

Council-member Terry Adams stated, “When we meet prospective candidates for school board, we interview them and appoint based on the presentation they give at that time. Of course, you know the candidate is putting their best face forward. Presentation is the key. That is the extent of our involvement. Sorry, but that is the law.”

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