



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm. with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Council-member Velma Johnson gave the invocation.

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

Approval of payment of bills: Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay March #1 bills for \$50,693.66. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson to approve the payment of March #1 bills for \$50,693.66. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor announced that there is an opening on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The Mayor yielded the floor to the Department Heads:

Jeff Zissette, Public Works Director II, announced that the Street Department is steadily making progress in upgrading the community center and park. Jeff Zissette stated that people are already calling to reserve the new pavilion that hasn't been built yet.

Frank Belcher, Police Chief, stated that he has an opening for a Public Dispatcher II and is in the process of conducting interviews. The Police Officers are currently writing tickets and solving cases.

Larry Manning, Fire Chief, reported that he is currently working on the bid specifications for thermal imaging cameras and defibrillators. Attorney Sullivan asked the Fire Chief to explain what a thermal imaging camera is used for. Thermal Imaging Cameras are used to identify hot and cool spots in a building. In a search and rescue mission thermal imaging cameras will aid in locating bodies in a burning house.

Report from the Council: None

Open Meeting to the Public: Christine Harger stated that when she checked the website at 7:00 am, she did not see the last council meeting minutes posted, but when she checked a few hours later it was posted. Tameeka Ephriam, City Clerk, stated there will always be a two week delay for the minutes to be updated to the website due to waiting on approval from the council. In addition, the website is a courtesy to the public, but the minutes are available upon request at City Hall during regular business hours.

Buddy Casey gave an update on the Alabama Constitution Reform Act.

John Thomas reported that he is planning a neighborhood cleanup day in his area and will serve hamburgers and hot dogs to participants. Bishop Kirkwood, New Covenant Outreach Ministries, stated that he will donate \$50.00 worth of food to each family that participates in the neighborhood cleanup event.

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