Meeting Minutes
City of Midfield, Alabama
City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Mayor led attendees in prayer. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tameeka Vann acted as clerk and conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:
 Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Jimmie Robinson, Councilor Velma Johnson, James Reasor and Councilor Terry Adams.

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

Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of March #1 Bills $54,951.14. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve March #1 Bills $54,951.14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2015-7: Accepting RDS Renewal Contract for Sales Tax Collection. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-7. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2015-8: Authorizing the mayor to contract with Midfield Chamber of Commerce to promote community activities. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-8. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted "aye", except Councilor Jimmie Robinson vote nay. The motion passed with majority consent.

Approval of Business License for Matou African Braiding Shop to be located 390 B.Y. Williams, Sr. Drive Suite B. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the Business License for Matou African Braiding Shop. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor announced openings on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning Board. Walgreen's Grand Opening is scheduled for March 20, 2015 at 8:30 am. On May 1, 2015, paving will begin on Woodward Road. In 6 weeks construction will begin on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Department Heads: Chief Belcher announced the Speed Detection Vehicles will be deployed April 1, 2015.

Report from the Council: Councilor Janice Anderson announced the Street Dedication Ceremony for Mr. Edgar Allen is scheduled for April 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. A program called Real Girls/Real Life is scheduled April 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Midfield High School.

Councilor Velma Johnson inquired if the council will add to the agenda the request from Ms. Vanessa Long Lewis. Ms. Lewis wants the council to dedicate a street to her deceased son Thaddeus. The mayor said, "The dedication of streets should be reserved for those who made significant contributions to the community." While we empathize with her wanting her son to be recognized, we cannot dedicate a street to him. Since the 1990's there have been several young men killed in Midfield.

Councilor Velma Johnson asked if the city could develop an app for citizens to download and pay their fees or fines. The mayor said he could do it because he created one for his business.

Report from the Public: Mr. David Beach asked the council to check the pot holes in front of the entrance to the Elementary School. He also reminded the council it is time to announce School Board opening.

Mr. Buddy Casey requested the city enforce its Leash Law Ordinance and schedule Animal Control to frequent the Highland areas. Ms. Janice Lowe discussed various concerns.

Adjournment: Councilor Jimmie Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.