



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Elder Orlando Robinson, Jr. presented the invocation. 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 James Reasor, Councilor Jimmie Robinson and Councilor Velma Johnson. Absent: Councilor Terry Adams.

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 Minutes from special call meeting: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from special call meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of April #1B Bills \$48,365.92: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve and pay April #1B Bills \$48,365.92. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members voted “aye”, except Councilor Jimmie Robinson who voted “nay”. Motion passed with majority consent.

Approval of Resolution No. 2014-16: Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance: A. 1005 12th Street, B. 1265 Woodward Road, C. 1454 Short Street, D. 1012 Rutledge Drive and E. 512 Swan Drive.
Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-16. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2014-17: Approval of Travel for Council and Debbie Wagner.
Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-17. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, except Councilor Jimmie Robinson, who voted “nay”. Motion passed with motion majority consent.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2014-3: Canvass and Certify Election Results. The Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem opened the envelope with the election results. The mayor read there were 172 cast "For" proposed \$1.40 on each one hundred dollars additional rate of taxation and 107 votes were cast "Against" proposed tax rate increase. The mayor declared the majority of the citizens voted in favor of the tax rate increase and it will become effective April 14, 2014. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2014-3. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-3. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.

Contract from Adamson West: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to table the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business License for All-Star Accessories to be located at 587 Bessemer Super Highway. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the Business License for All-Star Accessories. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The mayor announced there is 1 opening on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and 1 opening on the Library Board. All interested parties must submit their letter of interest and resume to City Clerk's office no later than 4:30 pm, April 25, 2014. Interviews will be held April 28, 2014 @ 5:30 pm.

Department Heads: Jeff Zissette, Public Works Director, invited attendees to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 19, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. The Annual Household Hazard Waste Collection is scheduled for April 26, 2014 between the hours of 8-11 am at Legion Field. Thanks to the Mayor and Council for keeping things moving in the city. He has no doubt they will honor the commitment made during the referendum vote. If there was any doubt he would not have taken time off to show support during the election.

Chief Manning, Fire Chef, reminded attendees the Fire Department is testing fire hydrants this week. He is very appreciative for the mayor and council finding a way to get a new fire truck.

Chief Belcher reported they hired 2 new recruits and they will start the academy in May. They are real busy staying on top of things and handling several child and sexual abuse cases. Please keep the Police Department in your prayers.

Report from the Council: Councilor Janice Anderson thanked the residents for their support and invited everyone to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilor James Reasor thanked everyone for their support and invited them to his Small Business Seminar scheduled for April 29, 2014 @ 6pm at Midfield Community Center. He had a great time at the State Capitol watching Representative Coleman fight for our Speed Enforcement Legislation. He also participated in the Day of Champions in Montgomery, AL where the Midfield Boys' Basketball Team was honored for winning the State Championship.

Councilor Johnson thanked everyone for their support in the Health Fair. The attendance was low but with the new automated phone system, we should be able to bring more awareness.

Report from the Public: David Beach complained about not being able to post to the city website. The city clerk stated she spoke with Mike Walker the city's webmaster and he informed her he does not see where Mr. Beach is blocked.

Reginald Wilson inquired when the last time the auditor was at Midfield. The city clerk stated the auditors were here in 2012. The city plans to request for audit services this year.

Reverend Charles Winston asked attendees for their support in the June Election. He is running for Tax Assessor for the Bessemer Cut off.

Adjournment: Mayor Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present vote aye, passing the motion unanimously.