



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Rev. J. J. Johnson presented the invocation. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 last regular scheduled meeting: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jimmie Robinson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Councilor Jimmie Robinson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of April No. 1 Bills \$43,396.85. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous consent. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve payment of bills for March No. 2 Bills \$43,396.85. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2013-13: Resolution of the City of Midfield Regarding Pending Litigation. Councilor Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2013-13. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

School Board appointment: The floor was opened for nominations, Councilor Janice Anderson nominated Tracy Waller, Councilor James Reasor nominated Nathan Williams and Councilor Jimmie Robinson nominated David Beach. Councilor Janice Anderson made motion to close the nominations and Councilor Velma Johnson second. All members present voted “aye”, passing motion unanimously.

Nathan Williams received 3 votes, David Beach received 2 votes and Tracy Waller received 1 votes. No nominee received four votes and no one was appointed to School Board. Council member Terry Adams made a motion that the nomination be tabled until next meeting. Council member James Reasor second. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: Mayor Gary Richardson announced the appointment of Kelleigh Gamble to Housing Authority to replace Council member James Reasor.

Report from the Department Heads: Jeff Zissette, Public Works Dept., discussed recent meeting he and the Mayor had with ALDOT \$300,000 grant requires 20% match but thankfully the monies we already paid will be all we need to contribute because the grant increased to \$ \$425,000. He has received complaints on 123 Gayle Drive and is working on the legal process to demo the property. The Easter Egg Hunt was well attended over 100 kids participated. The Splash Pad is scheduled to open on May 11, 2013.

Chief Larry Manning, Fire Department, stated they are testing fire hydrants so water may look a little dirty and we had two residences to pass away.

Chief Frank Belcher, Police Department, the two residences on Woodward that were under surveillance those people have moved out but have started hanging out in the area again. Updated the Officer Cordair Kelly will be out for 12 weeks recovering from surgery. Part-time officer Joe Snider is leaving City of Midfield for a full time position in Adamsville, Alabama.

Report from the Council: Councilor Terry Adams thanked Ms. Sanders for allowing kids to use the Elementary School’s gym while the City of Midfield’s recreation center was closed for renovations. He also announced we will be setting up a summer camp this year at the recreation center.

Councilor James Reasor thanked those residents that submitted applications for school board appointment.

Councilor Velma Johnson thanked those who came out to participate in the Stop the Violence Walk, she was disappointed that the residents did not support it. She asked that the residents to participate in the April 27th Drug Take Back Day.

Report from the Public: Tracy Waller, 1551 Delton Place, stated the city and Board of education must work together. The City needs to consider increasing the funding to the school. She also state that the City needs more community involvement events. Council member Janice Anderson responded that the City sponsors associations, clean ups, walks and the residents do not come out. Mayor Gary Richardson commented that we have always worked well with the school system prior to the State take over and we continue to want to work with the board of education.

Sanquenta Russell at 529 Grant Street asked that we do not take funding from the school system causing her daughter advancement class to be taken away. Mayor Gary Richardson stated that the fliers that were passed out listing what will be cut from the school budget because the City is cutting their funding, was a lie. The programs listed were either federal or state funded programs and the funds they are stating the City is taking were never received by the School system because those funds were used to service the bond debt. The School System has never operated with the funds that are in question.

Adjournment: Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.