



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Council-member Janice Anderson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Jimmie Robinson, Reginald Wilson and Velma Johnson. Absent: Terry Adams. 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: Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay May #1 bills for \$23,952.36. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve the payment of May #1 bills for \$23,952.36. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-11: Giving advance notice of conducting a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend its zoning map. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-11. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-12: Declaring weeds a public nuisance for the following attached addresses. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-12. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-13: Notice of Public Hearing for the following address: 1014 7th Avenue. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-13. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-14: Authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to ADECA Recreational Trails Program. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-14. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-15: Approving the City of Midfield joining in litigation to protect revenues. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-15. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor reported that the Grand Opening of Midfield Splash Pad was a success, pleased with the turnout and appreciates everyone for their participation. The Mayor stated that the Street Department saved the city thousands of dollars in the construction of the splash pad and that they did an outstanding job.

The Mayor announced that great things are happening in the City of Midfield; the Splash Pad, Walking Trails, Health Department, renovations to the park and possibly a restaurant in the King Buffet location. The City of Midfield is definitely on the move. The fact that we are progressing cannot be denied!

Department Heads Report

Jeff Zissette, Public Works Director, thanked the Mayor for allowing the Street Department to assist the City of Pleasant Grove with their clean up and recovery efforts from the April Tornado. He petitioned everyone to keep victims and their families in their prayers.

Chief Manning reported that the Fire Department is still testing fire hydrants and the bids are out for the life packs.

Report from the Council: Council-member Janice Anderson thanked Chief Manning's wife for assisting her with the popcorn machine at the grand opening of the splash pad. She stated that she been receiving great reviews of the event and is eagerly awaiting the opening of the sidewalk and walking trails at the park.

Council-member Jimmie Robinson thanked the community at large for their participation and efforts.

Council-member Velma Johnson thanked City Clerk Tameeka Ephriam for her hard work in planning the Grand Opening of the Splash Pad. I was very impressed when I arrived and saw the setup. The event was well planned. Council-member Velma Johnson thanked David Beach and his son for volunteering to help with this endeavor.

Open Meeting to the Public: Christine Harger questioned the status of the audit. The Mayor stated that the audit is in process.

Reola Walker, 1817 Stone Road, had concerns about the way the School Board was treating her son. She stated that her son received an induction letter to the Honor Society then a few weeks later he was withdrawn. The City Attorney, David Sullivan, stated that the City cannot interfere in School Board matters.

David Beach stated that he thinks it would be in the city's best interest to invest in split screen cameras to monitor the kids at the splash pad for safety

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