



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Council-member Velma Johnson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Velma Johnson, Reginald Wilson and Jimmie Robinson. 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 Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council-member Reginald Wilson. 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 #2 bills for \$25,474.68. The motion was seconded by Council-member to approve the payment of May #2 bills for \$25,474.68. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-20: Declaring Weeds a Nuisance and Ordering an Abatement at the following addresses: (A) 521 Lovelin Street, (B) 808 Woodward Road, (C) 710 8th Street, (D) 902 8th Avenue (E) 504 9th Avenue, (F) 801 Overlook Drive, (G) 1220 Gale Drive, (H) 930 16th Street (I) 1001 Wilkes Road. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010 -20 Declaring Weeds a Nuisance and Ordering an Abatement. The motion was seconded by Council-member Reginald Wilson to approve Resolution No. 2010-20. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-21: Notice of Public Hearing: (A) 900 12th Avenue (B) 922 Woodward Road (C) 224 Woodward Road (D) 204 Forrest Street (E) 1413 Creel Street, (F) 1421 Creel Street. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-22. The motion was seconded by Council-member Reginald Wilson to approve Resolution No. 2010-21. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-22: Supporting the Completion of the entire Northern Beltline. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-22. The motion was seconded by Council-member Reginald Wilson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor reported that he is happy to announce that the walking trail project and splash pad project will begin this summer.

Report from the Council: Council-member Velma Johnson asked the Mayor if the City could look into doing an ordinance supporting citations given to offenders of texting while driving. The Mayor stated that he will consider her request.

Open Meeting to the Public: Mr. David Carr, 811 9th Avenue, reported that there is a major drug problem in the Fairfield Highlands area. Mr. David Carr stated that he reported on numerous occasions to the Police Department about the suspected drug activity. Mr. David Carr stated that the Police Department informed him that handling drug activity is above their heads.

Mr. John Thomas, 901 12th Avenue, stated that he is angry and frustrated with the Police Department. Mr. John Thomas stated that he feels as though his complaints over the past 6 years concerning the Police Department are ignored. Mr. John Thomas stated that he along with other residents are requesting that Council-member Terry Adams resign as a city official. Mr. John Thomas stated that Council-member Terry Adams is just as bad as the criminals in their neighborhood that they are seeking protection from. Mr. John Thomas stated that Council-member Terry Adams speeds up and down the streets in his personal car as well as the company truck he drives. Mr. John Thomas stated that Council-member Terry Adams poorly represents the residents of the City of Midfield.

Mr. Otis Davis, 918 12th Avenue, stated that he is a Police Officer for the City of Birmingham. Mr. Otis Davis stated that after he spends a hard day at work fighting crime in Birmingham that he don't want to have to come home battling the same issues. Mr. Otis Davis stated that he is angry and frustrated with the inadequate police protection in his city. Mr. Otis Davis stated that he is not for sure whether the officers are incompetent or that they just don't care.

Reverend Johnson stated that he has attended several council meetings and has not noticed a change in criminal activity since he voiced his concerns. Reverend Johnson stated that it is the same people breaking into houses that were reported the last time. Reverend Johnson inquired if there is a plan in action to make it safer for the residents of Midfield.

Mrs. Sherry Harbin, 607 12th Ave, inquired about the crime stats report that she heard that Council-member Terry Adams provided at a neighborhood meeting. Chief Dudley stated that he will have to verify the information.

The Mayor responded to all of the citizens' complaints by stating that something will be done immediately to address the crime issues. The Mayor stated he is concerned about the citizens concerns and assured the residents that he will investigate all issues and that they will see a change in a matter of days.

Representative Merika Coleman presented the City Council a check for \$10,000.00 for the Community Center to promote health awareness. Representative Merika Coleman stated that as State Representative, "I fought hard on issues involving education, jobs, crime, public transit funding, removing sales tax from food, health care and state veteran's benefits." Representative Merika Coleman stated that she was blessed with the opportunity to serve for the last 8 years, and "we've accomplished a lot, but there is still much more work to be done, so I ask you to vote for me on June 1, 2010 in the primary election".

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