



## **Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council**

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Rev. Johnson 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 Terry Adams, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Jimmie Robinson, Councilor Velma Johnson and Councilor James Reasor.

**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 Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of payment of bills:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of June No. 1 Bills \$17,698.35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous consent. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve payment of bills for June No. 1 Bills \$17,698.35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2013-21: Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance for attached listing.** Councilor Jimmie Robinson made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2013-22: Public Hearing for attached listing:** Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

**Report from the Mayor:** The mayor introduced Mr. Isaac Drake to attendees as the new Building Inspector. Mr. Drake replaced Mr. Bobby Phifer who passed in April 2013. Mr. Drake was an apprentice for 4 years under Mr. Bobby Phifer. Mr. Drake thanked the mayor and council for the opportunity. The mayor yielded the floor to the department heads.

**Report from the Department Heads:** Frank Belcher, Police Chief, reported he is interviewing for a part time officer position. He has successfully submitted an application for the 2013 Cops Grant. We are the recipient of the 2009 & 2011 COPS Grant. In less than a year, the Police Department confiscated 5 million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of heroin. He is extremely proud of his department. He asked attendees to continue to pray for the Police Department.

Jeff Zisette, Public Works Director, stated, "The walking trails should be completed soon at the Main Park and Brookwood Park." He received confirmation that the city's Recycling Trailer should arrived in the next couple of weeks.

Larry Manning, Fire Chief, stated, "He is thrilled about the heroin bust." The Fire Department has responded to several heroin over dose fatalities." The new strand of heroin is more potent than the previous. He thanked the cities of Fairfield and Bessemer for aiding them with a severe car wreck with multiple injuries. He's appreciative of the mutual aid agreement and values their relationship.

**Report from the Council:** Councilor Terry Adams announced Midfield Youth Sports has 2 Softball Teams to win the Championship. He plans to invite them to the next council meeting to officially congratulate them.

Councilor Janice Anderson asked the council to turn in the information for the city's newsletter as soon as possible. She announced the Administration & Finance Committee will meet August 8th & September 5th to discuss the city's budget and strategic plan.

Councilor Velma Johnson invited attendees to Midfield's Annual Community Health Fair scheduled for June 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Midfield Community Center. She stated, "I received several calls from Vanessa Lewis concerning the high grass behind her house." Jeff Zisette, Public Works Director, stated, "The property in question belongs to Alabama Power." Alabama Power typically cuts the grass every 3 years. If the city desires to maintain the property, we need to obtain permission from Alabama Power. Jeff agreed to follow up with Alabama Power for resolution.

**Report from the Public:** Sherry Nielson, City of Birmingham, explained and presented drawings of the Sidewalk Project for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to attendees. Ms. Nielson explained the City of Birmingham needs temporary easements for construction purposes. The City of Birmingham will offer compensation for the easements if granted. After a lengthy question and answer session, the council and residents seemed pleased with the project. The new curbs and sidewalks will really enhance the area and raise the property value of the homes. .

**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.