



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Council-member Janice Anderson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Janice Anderson, Jimmie Robinson, Terry Adams and Velma Johnson. Tameeka Ephriam acted as clerk. A quorum being present the meeting was opened for the 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 and special call meeting. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay June #1 bills for \$61,670.73. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve the payment of June #1 bills for \$61,670.73. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-17: Authorizing the Mayor to purchase a telephone system from Integrated Solutions: Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-17. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2010-17. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-18: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Windstream for telephone and internet services. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-18. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. All members vote present passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-23: Notice of Public Nuisance: Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-23 Notice of Public Nuisance for attached listed addresses. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2010-23. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-24: Notice of Public Hearing: Council-member Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-24: Notice of Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2010-24. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-25: Declaring the property located at 1003 Wilkes Road a public nuisance and ordering and abatement. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-25. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2009-25. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-26: Declaring the property located at 1009 Dr. MLK. Jr Drive a public nuisance an ordering and abatement. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-26. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2010-26. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-27: Authorizing and approving the execution of a contract with Bancorp South. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-27. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2010-27. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-28: Authorizing the Mayor to apply for two Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Grants. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-28. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-29: Authorizing the Mayor to accept grant from the ADECA for LWCF Project: Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-29. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2010-29. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-30: Authorizing the City Attorney to file an amicus brief in opposition to Supreme Court ruling in Suttles and the City of Homewood v. Roy. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-30. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2010-30. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Authorizing of Resolution No. 2010-31: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with SYMS Contractor, Inc. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-31. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2010-31. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Liquor License transfer from Woodward C-Store/ Ibrahim Sabbah to AZKA Food

Management. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the transfer of Liquor License. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve the Liquor License transfer. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor reported that the city gave the employees an appreciation luncheon and thanked them for their hard work. The Mayor yielded the floor to Chief Dudley to give report on the Police Department.

Chief Dudley reported that he assigned two patrol cars for the Highland area. Chief Dudley reported that in July a police substation will be opened at the Highland Center. Chief Dudley reported that he ordered a list for four police officers and ordered three police cars.

Report from the Council: Council-member Terry Adams reported that the School Board is conducting a search for a School Superintendent. Council-member Terry Adams stated that there are a lot of lies being told at council meeting and the lies stop tonight. We have a person that continuously comes to council meeting and gets the mayor and council upset by spreading lies about the police department. We have a person that hinders officers at crime scenes by blocking communication between the officer and the victim and unlawfully carrying a weapon in their homes. It is time for the council and residents to come together. We are on the same side. If the officers catch the person that is unlawfully carrying their gun into other residents' homes they will be arrested. Consider yourself warned. Council-member Terry Adams stated that I love Midfield and been here 15 years and I do not plan to go anywhere.

Council-member Jimmie Robinson stated that Council-member Adams worked for the community way before he became a council member. Council-member Jimmie Robinson stated that Council-member Adams helped his son become the man he is today. Council-member Jimmie Robinson stated that he is still concerned about the city's finances. Mayor Richardson stated that Steve Ellis would give full report at the next meeting.

Council-member Velma Johnson stated that she would like the council to consider passing an ordinance banning texting while driving. The Mayor stated that it would be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Open Meeting to the Public: Judge Verin asked the public to vote for her July 13, 2010 for Circuit Judge Place 12. Judge Verin thanked everyone for his or her support in the June primaries.

Reverend Johnson stated that he has seen an increase of police protection in the highland area but still has concerns about break-ins.

Otis Davis stated that he saw a street and sanitation worker riding with one arm and concerned about his safety.

Dana Atkins stated that her house was broken into three weeks ago. She stated that she sees the same kids walking the streets everyday that are doing the break-ins.

Buddy Casey stated that in May 20, 2010 and May 27, 2010 newspapers that the Mayor reported that the city will see an annual increase in sales tax of \$250,000.00 from Adamson West. The Mayor stated that because of the taxpayer's bill of rights he is not at liberty to discuss that information.

Martina Dailey stated she is seeking reimbursement of \$250.00 from the city for wrecker service she did not need. The Mayor instructed Ms. Dailey to file a claim with the clerk's office.

Attorney Lynneice Washington asked the public to vote for her November the 2, 2010 for District Civil Court 10.

Helen Sholl stated that she want to thank the street and sanitation for a job well done. Helen Sholl also requested a no dumping sign be place near 533 Henson Street.

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