



## Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2010, at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Council-member Velma Johnson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Janice Anderson, Jimmie Robinson, Terry Adams, Reginald Wilson 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 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 Janice Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay June #2 bills for \$66,463.64. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve the payment of June #2 bills for \$66,463.64. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2010-32: Notice of Public Nuisance.** Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-32 Notice of Public Nuisance for attached listed addresses. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2010-32. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2010-33: Notice of Public Hearing for 930 16<sup>th</sup> Street.** Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-33: Notice of Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2010-33. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Ordinance No. 2010-8: To Prohibit Electronic Messaging While Driving.** Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2010-8. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Ordinance No. 2010-8. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

**Report from the Mayor:** The Mayor announced that the City of Midfield in conjunction with JCCEO would be giving away 500 window air conditioner units beginning July 5, 2010.

The Mayor reported that construction of the Splash Pad will begin this summer and completion is expected within the next 6 months.

The Mayor announced that Chief Dudley presented transfer papers to him to sign and that he signed them. The Mayor announced that Lt. Frank Belcher would be the interim Police Chief. The Mayor opened the floor for Interim Chief Frank Belcher to address the public. Chief Belcher stated that he considers it an honor to serve as Police Chief and he is dedicated to serving the residents of Midfield. Chief Belcher reported that the officers are working hard in the community to combat crime and solve pending cases. Chief Belcher reported that several warrants had been issued on known burglary suspects. Chief Belcher stated that Midfield Police Department aided the FBI in confiscating an armored car and money that was stolen. Chief Belcher reported that during a routine traffic stop several pounds of marijuana, money, and a vehicle was confiscated. The Police Department is determined to make its presence known to the criminals in the area

**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 the lights at the park are 90% complete and that new bleachers were ordered for the park.

**Open Meeting to the Public:** Mr. McClendon commended Chief Belcher on his promotion and stated that he feels confident that he will do a good job.

Mr. Otis Davis congratulated Chief Belcher on his promotion and stated that he still has a problem with the way the go-cart incident was handled. Chief Belcher stated that Officer Brown handled the incident appropriately and that he did not break any rules or regulations.

Mr. John Thomas congratulated Chief Belcher on his promotion. Mr. John Thomas stated that all we be asking for is patrolling. Mr. John Thomas said, "We are afraid to leave our homes. We just want everyone to do his or her job." Mr. John Thomas stated that he still wants Council-member Terry Adams to resign. Council-member Terry Adams stated that if anyone has an issue with the way he serves the community that they can run against him in the 2012 election.

Dana Akins stated that she has an issue with the police officers not doing their job. Chief Belcher stated that the officers are in the streets working and if she has an issue to come see him in the morning.

**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.