



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Councilmember Janice Anderson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Reginald Wilson, Velma Johnson, Terry Adams and Jimmie Robinson. 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: Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay August #1 bills for \$46,603.44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson to approve the payment of August #1 bills for \$46,603.44. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2009-43: Notice of Public Nuisance. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-43 notice of public nuisance for attached listed addresses. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2009-43. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2009-44: Notice of Public Hearing. Dan Hamilton, 422 11th Street, asked the council for an extension. The Mayor stated that Dan Hamilton had 30 days to cut his grass, so therefore an extension will not be granted. Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-44 Notice of Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2009-44. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2009-45: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an extension agreement with Allied Waste. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-45. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2009-45. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor announced that the Back to School Rally was successfully and we gave away 500 book bags filled with supplies. The Mayor stated that the bills are paid and current. The Mayor reported that the city will hire two part-time police officers and two full-time officers. Lt. Dudley reported that 10 warrants were issued on different subjects in burglary cases. Lt. Dudley also reported that the police dept. is working hard to pinpoint several different groups from Fairfield, Brighton and Midfield suspected in committing the burglaries in Midfield.

Report from the Council: Councilmember Velma Johnson reported that the library will present the library expansion plans to the council at the next council meeting.

Open Meeting to the Public: Buddy Casey stated that there is a drainage issue on 10th Ave and the water will not drain from the ditches.

Various citizens had comments and complaints regarding police protection and police coverage in the Fairfield Highland neighborhoods. In addition, the citizens suggested establishing a neighborhood watch. Mayor Richardson said that he is aware of the rising crime issues in the city and he is hiring additional officers to provide public safety. The Mayor stated that he encourages the residents to form a neighborhood watch.

John Ware reported that he has no confidence in the school board. John Ware had complaints and concerns of the academic progress under the current Midfield Board of Education. John Ware stated that Rutledge Middle School rating is down and only 38% of the third graders met state standards. John Ware further stated that Supt. Ragland discourages parental involvement at board meetings. The Mayor pointed out that the council only elect school board members and have no control over the way the board is governed. The Mayor stated that parental involvement is the key and to address his concerns to the board of education.

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