

Meeting Minutes  
City of Midfield, Alabama  
City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Councilmember Terry Adams gave the invocation.

Cedric M. Brown called roll. The following members were present: Terry Adams, Janice Anderson, Reginald Wilson, Jimmie Robinson, Velma Johnson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. Cedric M. Brown 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 Janice Anderson made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of payment with unanimous consent. Councilmember Velma Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous vote. Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the payment of the August #1 bills totaling \$ 26,686.87. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous vote.

Approval of Resolution No. 2007-37: Declaring Weeds a Nuisance and Ordering Abatement. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

- a. 908 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- b. 905 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- c. 508 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- d. 1321 Woodward Road
- e. 317 McPherson Avenue

Approval of Resolution No. 2007-38: Notice of Public Hearing  
Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-38. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

- a. 513 Lovoy Street
- b. 818 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Approval of Resolution No. 2007-39: Authorizing the City Attorney David A. Sullivan to obtain Attorney General Opinion on proposed Litter Ordinance. Councilmember Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2007-40: Authorizing the Mayor to add GPS/Comet tracking services to an existing contract with Sprint/Nextel Communications. This resolution failed by lack of a motion.

Approval of New Business – Fino Trading Inc. DBA Fred's Fashions located at 210 Midfield Street. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the business license for Fino Trading DBA Fred's Fashions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business – International Bioresources, LLC (Blood Plasma Collection Center) located at 603-605 Bessemer Super Highway. Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the business license for International Bioresources, LLC.. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reginald Wilson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business – K's Beautiful Beginnings located at 1013 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This was tabled and referred to the building inspector for proper zoning approval.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor reported on the Mayor's Back to School Rally. He thanked everyone that made the event a success. He mentioned that there were over twelve hundred people in attendance. The event raised over three thousand dollars in private funds and another four thousand in in-kind private donations and services.

Report from the Council: Councilmember Terry Adams gave a report on the activity of the Police Department. He also thanked the Mayor and City Attorney for referring the Litter Ordinance to the Attorney General's Office.

Open Meeting to the Public: John Thomas, President, Fairfield Highlands Neighborhood Assoc. stated that he contacted Target stores about possibly opening a store in the City of Midfield. He stated Target said they will entertain the idea after a petition from the residents is filed with them. He also reported on several issues such as paving of roads, drinking at the Community Center and abandoned houses needing to be torn down. Reginald Young spoke on loud music and speeding on 12<sup>th</sup> Street for at least the last four years. Police Chief White addressed their concerns by saying that a felony drug arrest had been made. The person arrested had thirteen previous counts and was still out on bail. Benita Carter stated that her house was burglarized. She said that the police were not visible and she said "Midfield is not safe anymore". She wants police to "beef up" patrols and mentioned a twenty-five to thirty minute police response time. Chief White stated that there were four arrests in her neighborhood last week and that a robbery suspect was caught today.

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