



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Pastor Johnson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Vann called roll. The following members were present: Terry Adams, Janice Anderson, Velma Johnson, and Jimmie Robinson. Absent- Reginald Wilson. Tameeka Vann acted as clerk. A quorum being present, the meeting opened for transaction of business.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of published minutes from last Council meeting: Councilor Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jimmie Robinson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Councilor Velma Johnson made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay August #2 bills in the amount of \$34,976.59. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. Roll call vote: Adams -yes, Anderson- yes, Robinson- yes, Johnson- yes and Mayor Richardson yes. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No.2012-44: Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No.2012-44. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2012-45: Public Hearing for Weeds. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-45. Council Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor yielded the floor to Department Heads to give report.

Police Chief Belcher announced the purchase of a new Dodge Charger for the Police Department. He stated, "I am aware of the accusations against the Police Department regarding the officer's response time and they are absurd." He further stated, "I reviewed the dispatch logs for the past 4 months; the response time is always less than 5 minutes. I take the accusations personally because I know my officers are working their butts off".

Jeff Zisette, Public Works Director, reported the Valley Creek Clean Up was very successful.

Fire & Rescue Chief Manning reported the Fire Department received 15 defibrillators from the Federal Government. The average cost is \$35,000.00 each. The only expense occurred was the shipping fee.

Report from Councilors:

Councilor Terry Adams asked the public to be mindful the Police Department is working very hard to combat crime and solve cases.

Councilor Velma Johnson reported the Library has had several break-ins and asked the Police Department to provide extra patrolling in the area.

Open Meeting to the Public:

David Beech reported Nextel is going out of business and wanted to make sure the city is aware of it.

Mary Fuller, 1001 Herrin Street, asked the council to consider dividing the city into districts. Councilor Janice Anderson stated, "After the election is over the Mayor will assign each council person an area of responsibility." Councilor Jimmie Robinson stated, it is a very good idea but it can only be successful if we have citizen participation.

Adjournment: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.