



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Council-member Janice Anderson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Jimmie Robinson, Janice Anderson and Velma Johnson. Absent: Terry Adams and Reginald Wilson. Tameeka Ephriam acted as clerk. A quorum being present the meeting opened for 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. 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 August # 1 bills for \$31,807.97. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve the payment of August #1 bills for \$31,807.97. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-32: Public Hearing for Public Housing Authority. Christine Harger asked, “What is a Housing Authority?” Attorney David Sullivan responded, “The Housing Authority will determine if unsanitary and unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exists in the City of Midfield.”

Council-member Janice Anderson asked, “Who is the overseer of the Housing Authority?” Attorney David Sullivan responded, “The Commissioners”.

Christine Harger asked, “Are there established guidelines for the Commissioners?” Mayor Gary Richardson responded, “The guide lines for the Commissioners are set through state statue.”

Council-member Jimmie Robinson asked, “Can the Housing Authority apply for home improvements?” Mayor Gary Richardson answered, “Yes”.

No one addressed the council with opposition to the Housing Authority.

The mayor made a motion to close the public hearing. Council-member Janice Anderson seconded the motion to close the public hearing. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-33: Accepting \$2500.00 donation from AT&T. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-33. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2011-33. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No.2011-34: Appropriation to the World and Alabama Conference of Mayors. Council-member Jimmie Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-34. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2011-34. All members present voted “aye” passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-35: Declaring weeds a public nuisance for the following attached addresses: Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-35. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye” passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-36: Notice of Public Hearing for the following address: 405 Midway St. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-36. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-37: Nominating Joan Singleton to the Board of Equalization. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to nominate Joan Singleton to the Board of Equalization. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business License for Dream Machines to be located at 619 15th St. Council-member Jimmie Robinson made the motion to approve the new business license for Dream Machines. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business License for Holiday Variety Shop to be located at 4616 Jefferson Ave. S. W. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the new business license for Holiday Variety Shop. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Bingo License for Set Free Christian Outreach Center to be located at 40 Phillips Drive. Council-member Jimmie Robinson made a motion to approve the Bingo License for Set Free Christian Outreach Center. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor reported that the City of Midfield Family Fun Day and Back to School Rally was a success and thanked everyone for their hard work and participation.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Frank Belcher reported that everything is going great and requested the continued prayers of everyone.

Jeff Zisette, Public Works Director, reported that several jurisdictions visited the splash pad and stated their interest in building one for their respective areas. The First Annual Valley Creek Clean Up is scheduled for August 18-20, 2011.

Fire Chief Larry Manning also reported the new thermal imaging gun is in service and the new defibrillator will arrive in a few weeks.

Report from the Council: Council-member Janice Anderson reported several residents were complimentary about the staff and conditions of the park at the Back to School Rally. Jeff Zisette, Public Works Director, and the Street Department are doing a good job maintaining the park.

Council-member Velma Johnson thanked Tameeka Ephriam, City Clerk, for all her hard work organizing the Back to School Rally.

Open Meeting to the Public: Christine Harger, 239 Fairwood Rd., inquired if the Administration Department had established checks and balances in place for account receivables. Tameeka Ephriam, City Clerk stated that every Friday receivable reports are ran and that multiple staff members are cross trained to perform the duties in case of absences.

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.