

Meeting Minutes  
City of Midfield, Alabama  
City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Councilmember Terry Adams 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: Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and pay August#1 bills for \$29,576.60. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams to approve the payment of August#1 bills for \$29,576.60. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-41: Notice of Public Nuisance: Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-41 Notice of Public Nuisance for attached listed addresses. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2010-34. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-42: Notice of Public Hearing for 239 Bessemer Super Highway, 545 Lovoy Street, 901 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1513 Collier Drive, 432 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 525 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-42: Notice of Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2010-42. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-43: Repealing Resolution No. 2010-40. Councilmember Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2010-43. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2010-44: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Jefferson County. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson. All members present vote aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor reported the Annual Back to School Rally was a success and thanked everyone for his or her support and participation. The Mayor yielded the floor for the department heads to give report. Chief Belcher reported that the new police cars should arrive the week of August 23, 2010. He also stated that he is in the process of hiring 4 police officers. He further stated that his officers are rolling, writing tickets, confiscating drugs, solving burglaries, preventing burglaries and to sum it up just doing there job. Jeff Zissette, Director of Public Works, reports new trash truck, repairs to a/c units at community center, aerator has been purchased and will be installed and 4 houses are to be demolished. They have repaired all baseball field lights but a storm came through and knocked out lights again the repairs are to be handled through insurance claim. He is

getting bids to get lights repaired at football fields and are also getting estimates on replacing toilets and sinks in recreation center. In preparation for school, are in the process of stripping school zones. The Splash pad will be operational next summer and the walking trail project will be beginning soon. Chief Larry Manning reports new roof has been installed, new heating and air ducts and system, along with new tiles, new mattresses, light fixtures, painting, new hoses, new lockers and has been able to up staff with part time paramedics. The improvements done to the Fire station has increased morale.

Mayor added about selection process of various boards specifically regarding school board appointment according to the code, the City Council annually at the regularly scheduled April meeting make selections of those to succeed those whose terms of office ends that year. The members of City Board of Education will assume office at the first meeting in June following their appointment and the terms are 5 years and one 1-year term, a person shall serve until successor begins their term. If a vacancy happens before end of the term, the City Council shall be notified and the City Council will select a replacement to complete the term. The protocol set is to give a two-week notice of vacancy on the school board.

Report from the Council: Councilmember Terry Adams reported that school is starting be aware of children and he encouraged the community to get involved in Youth Sports Programs. Councilmember Velma Johnson reminded residents that Litter Prevention month is next month.

Open Meeting to the Public: John Thomas 901 12<sup>th</sup> avenue commends <sup>police, fire and street</sup> police and fire departments, also has stated there are some things going on in his community he wants to address with Chief Belcher and requests that Councilmember Terry Adams resign. David Beech states that there should be notification in the newspaper of any vacancies on the school board before being filled. The Mayor responded that they post the openings at city hall and community center as a courtesy it is not a requirement by state law and it is always announced at the council meetings. Nate Hutton commented on grounds kept cut, appreciates the new bleachers and invited residents to attend school board meetings. Advised residents of the proper chain of command to address any issues with schools. He also explained AYP and what the state requires. He will bring the football schedule to the next meeting.

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.