



The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Councilmember Reginald Wilson 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 Janice Anderson. 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 September #1 bills totaling \$26,078.50. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous vote.

**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 Resolution No. 2007-43:** Declaring Weeds a Nuisance and Ordering Abatement. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

- a. 144 Parkwood Street
- b. 5615 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- c. 1517 Griffin Drive
- d. 1421 Creel Street

**Approval of Resolution No. 2007-44-Notice of Public Hearing:** Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

- a. 905 14th Street
- b. 1321 Woodward Road

**Approval of Cost of Weed Removal Report:** Councilmember Terry Adams made a motion to approve the Cost of Weed Removal Report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

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| a. 600 8th Avenue      | \$170.20 |
| b. 511 10th Avenue     | \$84.00  |
| c. 1100 12th Avenue    | \$118.20 |
| d. 1405 9th Avenue     | \$84.00  |
| e. 1344 Rayfield Drive | \$89.85  |
| f. 5412 Woodward Road  | \$198.85 |
| g. 818 8th Street      | \$271.16 |
| h. 513 Lovoy Street    | \$207.40 |

**Report from the Mayor:** The Mayor stated that the third rendering of the new city hall will be presented on Wednesday, September 12th at 5:30 by Gardner Architects.

**Report from the Council:** Councilmember Terry Adams gave a report on the activities of the Fire and Police Departments. The Fire Department is still giving away free smoke detectors. The Police Department report consisted of police activity in the Fairfield Highlands neighborhood. Councilmember Jimmie Robinson gave a report on the activities of the Street and Sanitation Department.

Councilmember Velma Johnson announced the Midfield Library received a two-hundred ten thousand (\$210,000.00) renovation award. There will be a community economic development block grant meeting on September 20th at 6:30 at the Community Center and also the "Strike Out Stroke" lunch meeting will be held on September 21st at the Community Center.

**Open Meeting to the Public:** John Thomas, President, Fairfield Highlands Neighborhood Assoc. stated that he was the "voice of community complaints". He stated that he wants control of Fairfield Highlands Community Center for the senior citizens to utilize. After defining the term "control", the Mayor instructed the group to work through the Park and Recreation Department for scheduling and usage.

Joseph A. Burgess yielded to John Thomas. Mr. Thomas spoke an air conditioning unit theft. The police apprehended a suspect and wanted the victim to identify the suspect who was sitting in the patrol car. He stated that the victim was uncomfortable with this type of confrontation.

Otis Davis asked “does the Police Chief live in Midfield?” Response, “this is not a requirement for employment”.

Benita Carter thanked the Police Department. Sergeant Belcher handled her burglary and the suspects were caught. She stated that the community’s greatest needs are: 1. More police visibility and 2. To clean up the neighborhoods. The Mayor responded by saying “adequate patrol is the issue. Trust plus verify. GPS tracking would give an accountability tool”.

Cleo Palmer stated that her house (422 11th Street) burned. She has received letters regarding condemnation. She stated that are working on clearing and demolishing but it is a slow process. Jeff Zissette, Public Works Director stated that Jefferson County had issued a “60 Day” letter. The Mayor stated to Ms. Palmer “expedite the demolition process.

Reginald Young spoke on 8th Street south trash accumulation and asked “how often does the police do traffic road blocks? He mentioned speeding on the following streets: 8th Street, 12th Street, 12th Avenue and Alden Avenue.

**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.