



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Council-member Janice Anderson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Jimmie Robinson, Janice Anderson, Terry Adams, Reginald Wilson and Velma Johnson. 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 September # 1 bills for \$53,762.52. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve the payment of September #1 bills for \$53,762.52. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-43: Awarding Contract for Red Light Camera. Tabled.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-45: Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-45. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2011-45. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No.2011-46: Public Hearing for the following addresses: A. 407 Highland Drive, B. 922 Woodward Road, C. 211 3rdAvenue, 1224 Rayfield Drive, 1014 7th Avenue. Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-46. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2011-46. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-47: Appropriation of \$500.00 for the Midfield Community Clean Up Day. Council-member Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-47. The motion was seconded by Council-member Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-48: Authorizing the Mayor and Fire Chief to apply for a grant to purchase a fire truck. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-48. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams to approve Resolution No. 2011-48. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2011-49: Authorizing the 95/5 match for the Fire Equipment Grant. Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-49. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2011-49. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business License for Bragg Construction to be located at 904 Cherry Street. Council-member Jimmie Robinson made a motion to approve the New Business License for Bragg Construction Company. The motion was seconded by Council-member Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor thanked the Public Works, Fire and Police Departments, Councilors Adams and Wilson for their help in rescuing citizens from the recent flooding in Midfield. Thanks to Jefferson County EMA for their assistance, Don Lupo with the City of Birmingham Mayor’s Office of Community Assistance.

The Mayor stated that he met with Commissioners Stevens and Brown to discuss road repairs and appointment to Transportation Committee.

The Mayor also stated that we are accepting letters of interest for the vacant library board seat.

Department Heads Report: Public Works Director Jeff Zisette thanked the Fire and Police Department for their joint efforts in rescuing the citizens in the flooded areas. Trash pickup is delayed due to trees down from the storm. There were site visits to the splash pad by the City of Gadsden and they were impressed. Twenty tons of debris was pulled out of the creek between Midfield and Bessemer and 2000 pounds recycled.

Fire Chief Larry Manning stated there were 25 water rescues and the public safety division worked in unison. The Fire Department is applying for two grants, one for equipment and the other for a fire truck.

Report from the Council: Council-member Velma Johnson invited everyone to participate in the Clean Up Day scheduled for September 17, 2011 between the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Community Center.

Open Meeting to the Public: Michael and Paulette Johnson complained about the way she was treated at the Fire Department. They allege she was denied treatment at the Fire Department and urged to go to the emergency room. The mayor stated that after he investigated the alleged incident, he found no merit in disciplinary actions against personnel.

David Beach and Orlando Robinson were complimentary of the joint efforts of the City of Midfield Public Safety Division in rescuing the citizens during the recent flood.

Adjournment: Council-member Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council-member Jimmie Robinson seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.