



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Reverend Johnson led attendees in prayer. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie Wagner acted as clerk and conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Jimmie Robinson, and Councilor Terry Adams and Councilor Velma Johnson. Councilor James Reasor was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of September #2 Bills \$73,962.33. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve September #2 Bills \$73,962.33. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jimmie Robinson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2014-67: Declaring Weeds A Public Nuisance. Councilor Jimmie Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-67. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry A. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2014-68: Public Hearing for Weed Abatement Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-57. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Cost Report Notice: Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve the cost report notice. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor commended the Midfield Board of Education for collaborating with the Fairfield Board of Education and Bessemer City Board of Education to establish the Tri-City Pre-K center.

Clara Prevo announced that the Community Foundation, grant for \$64,000, Phase II is due Friday and an onsite visit is scheduled for October 21, 2014 for park improvements.

Chief Belcher introduced and welcomed new police officer, Markecha Coleman to the city. He also announced that there have not been anymore copper thefts. The suspects of the home invasion that happened across from the police department, have been identified and expect an arrest soon. The police department also have identified two juveniles and one adult that have been breaking into houses thanks to neighbor calling in to report a break in.

Jeff Zissette announced that his department is working hard to get yards cut. This year they have had 143 weed cases, 45 have been cut by property owner, 59 have been cut by the city and 39 cases still active.

Chief Manning warned parents to be aware of a new fire challenge that encourages children to cover themselves with hand sanitizer and setting themselves on fire. He announced that the high school had a bomb threat called in and when he arrived onsite no one had been evacuated per protocol. Once the kids were evacuated they were not being properly monitored and therefore some kids stole some lifesaving equipment from the fire truck. Thankfully, the equipment was later recovered. Chief Manning and Belcher plan to meet with board to ensure a plan is in place.

Report from the Council: Councilor Robinson had questions on the paving project and requested a list of streets to be paved. Jeff Zissette stated he would provide him with a complete list.

Councilor Janice Anderson asked a school board member present at the meeting about the scheduled sporting events at the schools and was told that the schedules are supposed to be posted on the website.

Councilor Velma Johnson invited all to attend the Seniors Day to be held on October 4, 2014 from 10am to 12pm at the Highland Center. It will be very informative with activities and lunch will be provided.

Report from the Public: David Beech thanked Chief Belcher for their prompt action and catching the thieves.

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

