



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2010 with Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson presiding.

Council-member Terry Adams gave the invocation.

Council-member Velma Johnson made the motion to appoint Renita Martin to stand in for Acting City Clerk Tameeka Ephriam. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams and carried unanimously.

Renita Martin conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson, Council-member Terry Adams, Council-member Velma Johnson, Council-member Jimmy Robinson, and Council-member Reginald Wilson.

Approval of payment of bills: Motion to approve payment of bills for September #2 Bills \$28,012.54 was made by Council-member Velma Johnson and seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2010-53 Declaring firefighting gear and air compressor as surplus: Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-53. Council-member Terry Adams seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2010-53. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2010-54 Declaring weeds a nuisance and ordering an abatement: Council-member Velma Johnson moved to declare items A-O a public nuisance. Terry Adams seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2010-54. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2010-55 declaring weeds a nuisance and ordering an abatement: Council-member Velma Johnson moved to declare items A-D a nuisance and to add 1300 Rayfield Drive to the list. Terry Adams seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Report from the Mayor Pro Tem: Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson made mention of the absentees: Mayor Gary Richardson – out of town on business and Acting City Clerk Tameeka Ephriam absent due to illness.

Report from the Council: Council-member Terry Adams reported that 11 burglary cases were solved. Also, the city's new telephone system will include a Crime Hot Line allowing citizens to make anonymous reports to the police department.

Council-member Reginald Wilson reported that the Midfield Mentoring Program is underway and the program's administrators are seeking participants.

Council-member Velma Johnson reported that the renovations grant application must be in by October 20th. Also, volunteers are being sought to work at the community center.

Open meeting to the public: Fenn Church and John Talley of Clastran appeared before the Council. Fenn Church stated that local funding for Clastran is needed and asked for the City of Midfield's financial assistance. Fenn Church stated that Clastran turned a 2008 deficit around as of May 2010 and put 220 buses in service. With a 2.8 million dollar grant for elderly and disabled, Jefferson County assists with a 5-1 match. Jefferson County gave a verbal agreement to provide \$300,000.00. This year Clastran made 1262 trips for citizens of Midfield residents which translates to \$5392.93/year and \$450.00/month.

Paulisha Holt announced free Hazardous Substance Awareness workshops and invited Council members to the Eleventh Annual PESCA Conference scheduled for October 28, 2010.

Buddy Casey introduced Willie Fields of the Department of Veteran Affairs. Willie Fields stated that the CWT program offers rehabilitative services to homeless veterans. Program partners with area businesses employing veterans for a 6 month trial work period. They will certify that the employees are drug free and mentally and physically able to work.

Christine Harger of 239 Fairwood Road requested the status of speed limit signs. Attorney David Sullivan responded stating that a municipal ordinance has been tentatively drafted subject to review by the Chief of Police before proceeding with request for adoption.

Judge Agnes Chappell addressed the council and citizens of Midfield stating that she is a #20 candidate for Circuit Court Judge and requesting support.

Adjournment: Council-member Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council-member Terry Adams. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.