



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Rev. Dr. P. Ronald Wilder presented the invocation. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jimmie Robinson. 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 Terry Adams. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous consent. Motion passed.

Approval of payment of bills: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to consider and pay September No. 1 Bills in the amount of \$26,125.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2013-44: Declaring Weeds Public Nuisance: Councilor Velma Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-44. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2013-45: Public Hearing for the attached listing: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-45. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2013-46: Waiving Yard Sale Permit Fee for Community Yard Sale (One Time Event). Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-46. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Awarding of Bids for Surplus Property: The Public Works Director submitted a list of approved bids to the council for approval. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to accept and approve the bids. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members voted “aye”, passing the motion.

Report from the Mayor: The mayor yielded the floor to Department Heads.

Jeff Zisette, Public Works Director, announced the walking trails will be complete in a week. ALDOT requires the lights at the walking trails to stay lit for 30 consecutive days. Afterwards, the lights will automatically switch to dawn to dusk setting. Valley Creek Cleanup was a huge success. They removed 34.3 tons of debris from the creek, 30.5 tons of trash, recycled 172 pounds of metal, 231 passenger tires and 19 big truck tires. He thanked Councilors Anderson and Johnson, David Beach, and Alexis Richardson for assisting with registration. He reminded attendees to bring their paper, cardboard, plastic and aluminum to the recycling bin at the Public Works Department.

Chief Larry Manning reported the city is averaging one house fire a week. The fires are a result of negligence, i.e. leaving food on the stove, etc.

Sgt. Bell reported the Police Department assigned additional patrolling in high crime areas. He encouraged attendees to call the tip line if they see any criminal activity in their area.

Report from the Council: Councilor Terry Adams asked attendees to support youth programs in the city. Midfield Resident Kelly Paige wrote a play and over 400 people attended. Have honor and pride in the positive things going on in the city.

Councilor James Reasor plans to have a Public Safety Committee Meeting to address the public safety needs. He is very concerned about the increase in crime in Midfield.

Councilor Velma Johnson invited everyone to the City of Midfield Community Yard Sale scheduled September 28, 2013 at the Community Center.

Report from the Public: Mrs. Rainey complained to the council about a tree that fell on her house. She believes the tree is on city property. The City Clerk informed Ms. Rainey her claim was forwarded to the insurance company and is under investigation.

Mr. Padgett requested leniency from the council. He built a two car garage directly in front of his house without securing permission from Zoning Board of Adjustments or City Council. The mayor told him he needs to ask for a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Mr. David Beach asked the council to consider subcontracting grass cutting to alleviate the burden on the Public Works Department.

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

