

Meeting Minutes
City of Midfield, Alabama
City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Richardson presiding.

Chaplain Daryl Nichols gave the invocation.

Renita Martin called roll. The following members were present: Jimmie Robinson, Terry Adams, Velma Johnson and James Reasor. Renita Martin acted as clerk. A quorum being present, the meeting opened for transaction of business.

Approval of agenda: Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of published minutes from last regular meeting: Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the published minutes from the last regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of March #2 bills: Councilmember Velma Johnson made the motion to approve the payment of March #2 bills for \$55,562.05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember James Reasor to approve the payment of March #2 bills for \$55,562.05. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-13: Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Jefferson County Commission and the City of Midfield Regarding Debris Removal and Monitoring Services: Councilmember Terry Adams made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-13. The motion was seconded by Councilmember James Reasor. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-14: Resolution Authorizing Travel for Orlando Robinson and Hazel Cunningham to attend the annual Neighborhoods USA Conference in Memphis, Tennessee May 25-28, 2016. Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to table the discussion until more information is available about the cost of the trip. The motion was seconded by Councilmember James Reasor. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Library Board Member Appointment: Councilmember Terry Adams made a motion to approve the appointment of Charlene Brown to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: In a recent meeting with the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), the City of Midfield was awarded an \$800,000.00 grant for beautification projects. \$400,000.00 has also been awarded from a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant to provide enhanced mobility to B.Y. Williams Drive and provide off-road facilities (biking and jogging trails). A group of Midfield High School students are scheduled for a field trip to WJLD Radio Station and City departments on Tuesday, March 16, 2016.

Report from Department Heads: Fire Chief Manning: The Fire Department is currently working with the State Fire Marshall to bring businesses up to code. Jeff Zissette, Street and Sanitation department head, remarked about the MPO meeting he and the mayor attended and expressed his thanks to Mayor Richardson for his and Clara Prevo's efforts to make the City's beautification projects a success. Jeff Zissette also states that the park renovations bids begin April 5, 2016 with construction due to begin in mid-May. Renovations will include a remodeled weight room, HVAC, new exit signs in the gymnasium, and new bathrooms for the water

park to meet code requirements of having bathrooms within 200 feet. There will also be additional parking. A security camera system is also underway. Also, an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Chief of Police, Frank Belcher asked parents to be watchful regarding their children's activities on social media. Recently a middle schooler was arrested for making terrorist threats on Facebook. Also recent burglary arrests involved juveniles. Investigations are ongoing regarding recent shootings and other criminal activities.

Report from the Council: Councilmember Terry Adams reiterated Chief Belcher's concerns about parents monitoring their children's activities on social media. Councilmember Terry Adams stressed increased parental involvement and diligence. Councilmember James Reasor also stressed concerns about children's Facebook activities and congratulates the Midfield High School Basketball team for making it to the State Championship. Jimmy Robinson reports that he was honored to represent the City of Midfield at the League of Cities Conference. The conference was very informative. It was interesting to learn about the many different ways that government operations are undertaken. Velma Johnson announced that the Annual Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and all are invited to participate.

Open Meeting to the Public: Michelle Reddick would like to open a daycare. Ms. Reddick was advised by Mayor Richardson to contact the City Clerk about meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Reginald Wilson asked if the Speed Detection Car could be moved to an area that will not destroy the grass. David Beech is working with the Operation Homefront Program, a program that offers assistance and support to military personnel and their families. Mr. Beech would like to bring a representative to give more information. Nay Hutton spoke about the dumping problem at the thrift store. He would like to get with one of the counselors to see how this eyesore can be eliminated.

Adjournment: Councilmember Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember James Reasor seconded the motion. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.