

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MIDFIELD
CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Chaplain P. Ronald Wilder led attendees in prayer. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recarda Cobb called roll. The following members were present: Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Terry Adams, Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor James Reasor, and Mayor Gary Richardson.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda to include 5A. Appropriating \$500 to become a Main Street City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve 5A. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to amend the agenda to include 7A. The formation of a Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve 7A. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. Roll call was taken. The motion was passed by a 5 to 1 vote. Councilor Terry Adams being the only no vote.

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

Approval of Bills: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve February #1 bills of \$80,039.79. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-02. Resolution authorizing travel advance for Terry Adams, James Reasor, Isaac Drake, and Clara Prevo to attend continuing education classes. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-02. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of new Business License. Councilor James Reasor made a motion to approve new Business License for Salon Plush Barber & Style located at 546 Bessemer Super Highway, Midfield, Alabama 35228. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Appointing of Midfield School Board Member. Councilor Terry Adams nominated Willie Andrea Watson. Councilor Velma Johnson nominated Terry Locklyn. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma

Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously. A vote was taken. Willie Andrea Watson won the vote 3 to 2. Councilor Wendy Merriweather abstained.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson deferred to Department Heads.

Jeff Zissette stated that the housing demolitions will be starting soon. Also, he stated that Arthur Jackson, Midfield employee, is recovering well from surgery and is very thankful for the time donated by Public Works and the Police Department.

Chief Larry Manning stated that the Midfield Fire Department equipment inspection went well. He also informed all in attendance of a suicide that took place in the City.

Lieutenant Donna Logan informed everybody of the passing of Chief Belcher's brother. She also discussed an increase in heroin cases, and the capture of several burglars.

Councilor Terry Adams asked that we pray for Chief Belcher, Arthur Jackson, and the kids of Midfield. He also stated that we need to come together as a community.

Councilor Janice Anderson- None

Councilor James Reasor thanked all of the Midfield School Board applicants, and congratulated Willie Andrea Watson.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that the community and parents need to become more involved with the schools. Also, she invited everyone to the Annual Crock-Pot Soup Night Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Midfield Elementary School.

Councilor Velma Johnson encouraged all in attendance to come out to the Credit seminar on Saturday, February 18, 2017, from 2-4 p.m. at the Midfield Community Center.

Orlando Robinson Jr., Midfield Neighborhood Association President, introduced the newly elected officers of the Midfield Neighborhood Association.

Laverne Thomas, Midfield Board of Education, discussed the special election being held for a school tax increase. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote for the tax increase, which is very essential in continuing to improve the education system.

Mary Fuller informed the Mayor and Council of the illegal activities (shootings, prostitution, and drugs) taking place on Wilkes street. She also asked for more Police patrol on her street. Lieutenant Logan stated that Birmingham Vice have been informed of the situation.

Adjourn:

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.