

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MIDFIELD
CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson presiding.

Chaplain Orlando Robinson Jr. led attendees in prayer. Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recarda Cobb, City Clerk, called roll. The following members were present: Councilor Velma Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Terry Adams, Councilor Jimmie Robinson and Mayor Gary Richardson were absent.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

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

Approval of Ordinance No. 2016-4: An Ordinance confirming and ratifying the levy of the fourteen (14) mill ad valorem tax in the City of Midfield pursuant to Amendment No. 56 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 and proceedings taken thereunder. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to consider Ordinance No. 2016-4. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-4. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-66: Declaring weeds a public nuisance: (a) 401 Oakland Dr., (b) 1401 9th Ave., (c) 1315 8th Ave., (d) 1317 8th Ave., (e) 377 Belcher Dr., (f) 504 10th Ave., (g) 600 8th Ave., (h) 616 8th Ave., (i) 618 8th Ave., (j) 1401 Carol Cir., (k) 1107 12th Ave., and (l) 401 Overlook Dr. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-66. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-67: Public Hearing for weeds: (a) 155 West Brookwood Rd., (b) 625 Bessemer Super Highway, (c) 1217 Rutledge Dr., (d) 619 7th Ave., (e) 700 7th Ave., (f) 1413 Creel St., and (g) 1421 Creel St. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve

Resolution No. 2016-67. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-68: Resolution authorizing travel advance for Michael Jefferies and Carolyn Wilson to attend continuing education courses. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-68. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approve of Business License for T.S. Nabors to open a boarding home for Veterans located at 1448 12th Street, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to table, due to lack of information. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor Pro Tem:

Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson encouraged everyone to come out and support Midfield's High School Homecoming festivities Friday (October 07, 2016).

Chief Larry Manning stated that the Midfield Fire Department have had an increase in house fires and overdoses within the Community.

Chief Frank Belcher discussed several arrest made for burglaries at International Auto Brokers. He also discussed a robbery at Church's Chicken, and an increase in shootings within the Midfield. Furthermore, Chief Belcher encouraged all in attendance to contact him personally with any leads to a crime.

Jeff Zissette stated that the projects at Midfield Community Center are progressing well.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams informed John H. Thomas, Midfield resident, that his complaints were reported to the Midfield Police Department.

Councilor James Reasor talked about how important it is to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program, and encouraged everyone to get involved.

Councilor Velma Johnson informed everyone in attendance of the upcoming Bake and Garage sale Saturday, October 01, 2016, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Open to Public:

Wanda Nabors stated that she changed her mind about opening a Veteran's boarding home in the City of Midfield, due to the increase in crime.

David Beach talked about the City of Midfield hiring more Police Officers and Firemen.

John Thomas stated that his heart is broken because of what's going on in Midfield. He strongly believes that the Midfield Police Department should do a better job of protecting its citizens.

Also, Mr. Thomas commended the Midfield Fire Department for doing a great job when he was in need of their services.

Bobby Rainey stated that the grass at 801 12th Ave. needed to be cut.

Eric Dawkins stated that he lived next door to one of the shootings, and that there's too much loitering at the Barbershop on his street.

Sonya Dawkins stated that she fears for her safety at home, due to the loitering and crime at the neighboring Barbershop.

Adjournment:

Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.