

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Mark Spencer led attendees in prayer. Councilor Janice Anderson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. 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 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 Bills. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve August #1 bills of \$68,137.46. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-33: Declaring weeds a nuisance. (a) 605 Fairfield Blvd., (b)517 Karen St., (c)218 3rd Ave., (d)1417 12th St., (e)1408 12th St., (f)1429 Rayfield Dr., (g)1344 Rayfield Dr., (h)1644 Collier Dr., (i)1512 Collier Dr., (j)541 Grant St., (k)1014 7th Ave., (l)600 9th Ave., (m)504 9th Ave., (n)1209 Woodward Rd., (o)616 8th Ave., (p)618 8th Ave., and (q)1509 Griffin Dr. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-33. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-34: Public Hearing for Weeds. (a)1657 Collier Dr., (b)1454 Short St., (c)917 7th Ave., and (d)1009 7th Ave. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-34. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-35: Resolution accepting the donation of land (411 Overlook Drive, Midfield, Alabama 35228, Lot 14 Block 4 Fairfield Hglds 2nd Add) from Alabama Baptist Childrens Homes & Family Ministries. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to table Resolution No. 2017-35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-36: Resolution authorizing travel advance for Councilor Velma Johnson, Maurice Taylor, and Christopher Grace to attend continuing education classes. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-36. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, except Councilor Velma Johnson (abstained). The motion was passed by a majority vote.

Approval of New Business License for The Oasis (retail and rental) located at 216 B. Y. Williams Sr. Dr., Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to table Business License for The Oasis (retail and retail). The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson deferred to the department heads.

Jeff Zissette thanked everyone for helping with the Back to School Rally, and encouraged all in attendance to participate in the Valley Creek clean-up scheduled on August 19, 2017. He also spoke about an incident that took place at the Midfield Recreation Center. The incident involved a participant's disagreement with the rental agreement. To rectify some of the problems Mr. Zissette discussed a plan to adjust the current permit.

Chief Larry Manning stated that the Midfield Fire Department has been extremely busy. They've recently had a house fire on Woodward Road, and assisted the City of Fairfield with a single car wreck. Also, Chief Manning discussed the problems they are having with their heart monitor.

Chief Frank Belcher stated that the E-911 system is up and running, and the new police vehicles are out on the road. He also discussed several drive by shootings that took place on Rutledge Drive.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams encouraged everyone to lock their cars, and to be cautious of their surroundings. He also discussed teenagers breaking into cars and homes seeking weapons.

Councilor Janice Anderson thanked everyone for their help with the Back to School Rally. She also stated that event turned out great.

Councilor James Reasor- None

Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that she had approximately 24 volunteers to help clean up in her neighborhood. She also thanked everyone for their participation.

Councilor Velma Johnson thanked everyone for their participation with the Back to School Rally, and stated that the rally was a success.

Open to Public:

Orlando Robinson Jr., Chamber of Commerce, stated that he is very excited about the upcoming Jazz in the Park. He also solicited for volunteers to help with the event, and discussed how glad he was to participate in the Back to School Rally.

Terry Locklyn stated that the Back to School Rally was awesome.

David Beach encouraged the City Council to walk the creek during Valley Creek clean-up.

Adjourn:

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.