

**Meeting Minutes
City of Midfield, Alabama
City Council**

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017 with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Chaplain J.J. Johnson gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Renita Martin conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Gary Richardson, Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson, Councilor Terry Adams, Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, and Councilor James Reasor.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather made the motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution 2017-50. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from last regularly scheduled meeting: Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of payment of bills: Motion to approve payment of bills for October #1 Bills \$28,828.64 was made by Councilor Velma Johnson. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2017-46 Declaring weeds a public nuisance: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-46. (a) 1216 Rutledge Dr., (b) 1115 Wilkes Rd., (c) 1030 Woodward Rd., (d) 619 7th Ave., (e) 602 12th Ave., (f) 506 12th Ave., (g) 204 12th Ave., (h) 1001 12th St., (i) 1005 12th St., (j) 227 3rd Ave., (k) 200 Bessemer Super Hwy., (l) 349 Bessemer Super Hwy., (m) 316 Bessemer Super Hwy., and (n) 330 Birwood Ave. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2017-47 Public hearing for weeds: Councilor Terry Adams moved to hold a public hearing for items (a) 1003 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (b) 407 Highland Dr., (c) 1513 Collier Dr., (d) 1408 Rayfield Dr., (e) 1304 Rayfield Dr., (f) 805 Woodward Rd., (g) 912 Woodward Rd., and (h) 401 Oakland Dr. Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2017-48 Resolution approving the installation of a street light to be located at 1649 Bryson Street, Midfield, Alabama 35228: Councilor Wendy Merriweather moved to approve the installation of a street light at 1649 Bryson Street. Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2017-49 Resolution authorizing travel advance for Officer Warren Powe to attend APOST Refresher Course: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve 2017-49 authorizing a travel advance for Officer Warren Powe. Councilor Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

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Approval of Resolution 2107-50 Resolution authorizing temporary loan of fire engine to Fairfield Fire Department: Councilor Wendy Merriweather moved to approve the temporary loan of a fire engine to Fairfield Fire Department. Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of New Business License for The Weave Spot (retail) located at 2 Phillips Drive, Midfield, AL 35228: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve business license for the Weave Spot. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. The motion was carried unanimously. Approval of fiscal year 2017-2018 Budget: Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson moved to approve the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, except Councilor James Reasor (abstained). The motion was passed by a majority vote.

Report from Fire Department: Lt. Golden reports that there have been no fires lately in the City of Midfield. However, the Midfield Fire Department has been answering calls for Fairfield.

Report from Street & Sanitation/Community Center: Jeff Zisette reports that the contractors will place bids for building repair jobs in about three weeks to repair damages to Street & Sanitation building caused by tornado earlier in the year. The side project for B.Y. Williams through High School Road will start construction in the Spring of 2018. The Fall Festival will take place Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Report from Police Department: Lt. Donna Logan reports that the City had one drug overdose of a 56 year old. Lt. Logan states that there is help available and advises that citizens take advantage of help available at counseling and rehabilitation centers. Officer Daryl Myers commended young Midfield citizen James Cargill, for heroism and bravery. Little Mr. Cargill saved the life of another midfield resident by his quick response during an emergency situation when a gentleman fell ill and was on the brink of death. James Cargill was presented with a plaque and a bicycle to show our appreciation for his good deed.

Report from the Mayor: Mayor Gary Richardson reports that Midfield employees will receive a 2% raise and health insurance increase will be absorbed by the City of Midfield. The Mayor and City Council also congratulated James Cargill for his quick response amid a round of applause.

Report from the Council: Councilor Terry Adams congratulated James Cargill and commended him on a job well done. Councilor Adams also thanked Midfield Department heads for their efforts and praised the budget. Councilor Adams also stated that he would like to see more police officers in the City of Midfield and mentioned great the Midfield Elementary walk was for the kids.

Mayor Pro Tem Janice Anderson congratulated James Cargill for an awesome job and praised support of football, homecoming, etc.

Councilor James Reasor thanked those who came to the Neighborhood Association meeting and participate in Neighborhood Watch. He states that Midfield's budget has come a long way and with it the City will have growing pains.

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Councilor Wendy Merriweather shook James Cargill's hand and congratulates Midfield for winning the last game. The last home game will be Senior Night.

Councilor Velma Johnson commended James Cargill and looks forward to Senior Day at the High School. Councilor Johnson looks forward to seeing D.A. Lynneice Washington there on November 4th from 12 p.m. until 2:p.m.

Open to the public: David Beech asked Jeff Zissette about employing "leaf trucks" to help in keeping the neighborhood clean.

Catherine with Global Boxing and Urban Agriculture would like to start "Flash Gardens" in Midfield.

Ms. Pelt thanks the Midfield Police Department for the lockdown at the school.

Ms. Sanders would like to expand on the idea of community gardens and start garden at the elementary school.

Chaplain J.J. Johnson asks citizens to remember and support Senior Day. Information will be available for seniors, veterans and others concerning buying homes. There are perks that many are not aware of.

Chaplain Orlando Robinson stated that the Neighborhood Association also would like to commend James Cargill and will make a presentation later.

Adjournment: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.