

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Pastor Allen Hopkins 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 Wendy Merriweather, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Terry Adams, Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor James Reasor, and Mayor Gary Richardson.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve September #1 bills of \$40,835.01. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-39: Declaring weeds a nuisance. (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) 1365 Creel St., (g) 805 Woodward Rd., (h) 912 Woodward Rd., (i) 805 12th Ave., (j) 401 Oakland Dr., (k) 229 3rd Ave., (l) 340 Bessemer Super Highway. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution no. 2017-39. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-40: Public hearing for weeds. (a) 605 Fairfield Blvd., (b) 218 3rd Ave., (c) 1429 Rayfield Dr., (d) 1512 Collier Dr., (e) 541 Grant St. (f) 1014 7th Ave., (g) 504 9th Ave., (h) 616 8th Ave., (i) 618 8th Ave., (j) 1509 Griffin Dr. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution no. 2017-40. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-41: Resolution authorizing travel advance for Carolyn Wilson and Renita Martin to attend continuing education classes. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-41. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2017-42: Resolution authorizing travel advance for Chief Frank Belcher, Gertrude Thomas, Jesse Bell, and Donna Logan to attend continuing education classes. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-42. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License for Klassy and Sassy Boutique (retail) located at 110 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Business License for Klassy and Sassy Boutique. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License for New Covenant Gospel Church Daycare located at 800 11th Ave., Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Business License for New Covenant Gospel Church Daycare. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

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

Report from Mayor:

Chief Frank Belcher discussed a shooting that took place at the Shell service station. He stated that both suspects have been apprehended.

Chief Larry Manning- none

Jeff Zissette stated that he met with Keith Strickland, Goodwin Mills and Cawood, concerning the road and sidewalk repairs. Mr. Strickland informed Jeff that once the needed documents are submitted, it would take approximately two months for a final decision. The project is expected to start spring 2018.

Report from Council:

Councilor James Reasor stated that he is working with the Midfield Neighborhood Association on initiating a Neighborhood Watch Program. Currently, he is in the process of preparing flyers to send out to the Neighbors, and working on a leader.

Councilor Janice Anderson informed everybody of the budget meeting being held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6 pm. She also encouraged the Councilmembers to look over the proposed budget before the meeting.

Councilor Terry Adams stated that the Midfield Police Department is doing a great job of patrolling. He also stated that the Midfield Fire and Police Departments deserve more credit for the jobs they do.

Councilor Velma Johnson stated that she was very appreciative for the Police Department removing some of the inoperable cars off the streets. She also informed all in attendance of Jefferson County open house for winterizing homes of low to moderate income individuals.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather discussed the repair work that needs to be done at Midfield Recreational Center. Also, she informed all in attendance of Midfield High School homecoming parade on Friday, September 22, 2017, at 1 pm.

Open to Public:

Mia Bradberry, The Oasis, inquired about what is needed in order for her to receive a business license to hold bridal shower events. Maurice Taylor, Midfield inspector, told her that she needed to have an architect inspect and provide a drawing of her building, due to the changing of type of business.

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.