

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Chief Larry Manning 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 Velma Johnson, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor James Reasor, and Mayor Gary Richardson.

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

Approval of Bills. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve March #1 bills of \$69,228.71. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-08: Resolution entering into an Inter-Local agreement with Jefferson County EMA to maintain the City's outdoor siren system, not to exceed three sirens. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-08. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-01: Ordinance to create a Park and Recreational Board for the City of Midfield. Roll call was taken. All members present voted aye, passing Ordinance No. 2018-01 unanimously.

Approval of new Business license for Always Reaching Children Outreach Inc., (Paper Bingo) located at 40 Phillips Drive, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to table business license for Always Reaching Children Outreach Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of new Business License for Urban Ice, LLC (mobile food truck) located in the City of Midfield. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve business license for

Urban Ice, LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor: Deferred to Department heads

Jeff Zissette – stated that the Public Works Department started cleaning around Valley Creek on March 15, 2018, Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 10 am-1 pm, and informed the Mayor and Council that there will be a hearing on dilapidated houses in Midfield at the next Council meeting. Also, Mr. Zissette discussed the pre-construction meeting he had with the contractor repairing Midfield's Public Works building.

Chief Larry Manning –stated that the Midfield Fire Department is working on an agreement with the Fairfield Fire Department to assist with fires within the areas. Chief also discussed a recent fire fatality, and the new free smoke detector program the Fire Department has initiated.

Chief Frank Belcher- discussed a recent arrest made at the Midfield High School, due to a terrorist threat. Also, Chief briefed everyone on a rape investigation the Midfield Police Department is working on.

Report from Council:

Council Janice Anderson – stated that she enjoyed the NLC Conference in Washington DC.

Councilor James Reasor – discussed providing wi-fi for the citizens of Midfield. Mr. Reasor also talked about finding ways to prevent shootings within our community.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather – thanked the City for allowing her to attend National League of Cities conference in Washington DC, discussed the free nail repair services she provided at Midfield Elementary School, and thanked Midfield Police Department for escorting Midfield students to the bus avoiding an altercation with outsiders.

Councilor Velma Johnson – stated that she enjoyed the National League of Cities conference in Washington DC., and informed all in attendance of the City's roadside clean up April 21, 2018.

Open to Public:

Rosie Walker, Prayers Warriors Ministry, presented Councilor Wendy Merriweather with flowers and a plate for providing free hair and nail services to homeless women, and volunteering her time.

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.