

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

P. Ronald Wilder 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 Velma Johnson, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor James Reasor and Mayor Gary Richardson. Councilor Terry Adams was absent.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Janice Anderson 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 Velma Johnson 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 Janice Anderson made a motion to approve August #1 bills of \$86,435.31. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-32. Declaring weeds on the following properties to be a public nuisance. (a) 1031 Wilkes Rd., (b) 340 Bessemer Super Highway, (c) 1605 Collier Dr., (d) 1512 Collier Dr., (e) 614 Rutledge Dr., (f) 209 2nd Ave., (g) 809 11th Ave., (h) 808 11th Ave., (i) 817 9th St., (j) 541 Grant St., (k) 931 Woodward Rd., (l) 507 Newton Dr., (m) 701 Woodward Rd., (n) 1341 Woodward Rd., (o) 1305 Rayfield Dr., (p) 1345 Creel St., (q) 1421 Creel St., (r) 1440 Creel St., (s) 229 3rd Ave., (t) 227 East Way (u) 1115 Oak St., and (v) 5409 Woodward Rd. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-32. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-33. Notice of Public Hearing for weeds. (a) 1213 Gale Dr., (b) 1243 Wycliffe Rd., (c) 913 13th St., (d) 919 13th St., (e) 915 13th St., (f) 130 Springwood St., (g) 556 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (h) 929 Woodward Rd., and (i) 514 Newton Dr. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-33. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Cost Report totaling \$2,604.61. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve the cost report totaling \$2,604.61. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-34. Resolution approving agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to project TAPAA-TA18 (912). Councilor James Reasor made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-34. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-35. Resolution approving lease agreement with Alabama Power for LED Lighting. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-36. Resolution approving the agreement with Goodwyn, Mills, and Caewood for engineering services. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-36. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2018-2. An Ordinance amending Ordinance Section 42-1 entitled, Permit for charitable etc., solicitation or – Required generally, exception. Roll call was taken. All members present voted yes. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-2. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Business License for The Grill in Midfield located at 1429 B Woodward Drive, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Business License for The Grill. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Jeff Zissette stated that the TAP sidewalk projects are moving ahead, 181 grass violations has been issued as of August 13, 2018, and 325 tons of debris has been hauled out of the City in the past two months.

Chief Frank Belcher stated that he contacted the City of Bessemer's Drug Task Force concerning a complaint at 501 11th Avenue in Midfield. The task force raided the house and found drugs, and enormous amount of money, and guns. Also, sex trafficking was taking place at the residence as well. Lastly, Chief Belcher introduced Midfield's newest police officer, Glenn Pleasant.

Chief Larry Manning gave a brief background of new fireman, Kenny Davis. He also stated that there are free smoke detectors available.

Report from Council:

Councilor Janice Anderson asked Chief Frank Belcher about cars parked on Woodward Road, and inquired about the storm shelter being painted. She also thanked everyone for their participation in the Back to School Rally.

Councilor James Reasor thanked Jeff Zissette for repairing pot holes, and Chief Frank Belcher for cutting down some of the crime in Midfield.

Councilor Velma Johnson informed everybody of Jazz in the Park (August 26, 2018), and Walk against Violence (September 22, 2018).

Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that registration at Midfield Schools are down. She also thanked the City of Midfield for allowing registration at the Back to School Rally

Open to Public:

David Beach voiced his concern about speeding cars on several streets in Midfield.

Orlando Robinson Jr. discussed Jazz in the Park, thanked the City for tearing down 1661 Collier Drive, and commended the Fire and Police Departments for passing out snacks at Midfield Schools.

Adjourn:

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.