

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

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

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Janice Anderson 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 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 Janice Anderson made a motion to approve May #1 bills of \$61,786.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-19. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated: (a) 1031 Wilkes Rd., (b) 1030 Wilkes Rd., (c) 1016 Wilkes Rd., (d) 401 Oakland Dr., (e) 1009 7th Ave., (f) 1417 Creel St., (g) 1421 Creel St., (h) 1313 Creel St., (i) 211 3rd Ave., (j) 212 3rd Ave., (k) 313 McPherson Ave., (l) 337 McPherson Ave., (m) 341 McPherson Ave., (n) 805 12th Ave., (o) 1201 12th Ave., (p) 504 10th Ave., (q) 601 10th Ave., (r) 605 Fairfield Blvd., (s) 538 Fairfield Blvd., (t) 805 Woodward Rd., (u) 701 Woodward Rd., (v) 911 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (w) 1005 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (x) 1003 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., and (y) 208 Vann St. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-19. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-20. Notice of Public hearing on the following properties: (a) 155 West Brookwood Rd., (b) 1213 Gale Dr., (c) 556 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (d) 316 Bessemer Super Highway, (e) 1512 Collier Dr., (f) 1736 Brizendine Dr., and (g) 900 12th Ave. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-20. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-21. Resolution authorizing travel advance for Chief Frank Belcher and Officer Kenneth Parham to attend continuing education classes. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-22. Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama granting an easement to Alabama Power Company, a corporation, conveying the rights and privileges as more particularly described in exhibit A, “Engineer Sketch”, and exhibit B, Easement – Distribution Facilities”, hereto attached. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson stated that he and Councilor Wendy Merriweather had a great time passing out roses to mothers at Midfield Elementary School. Also, Mayor Richardson presented Midfield Firefighters (Karawn Frazier, Curtis Johnson, Lee Morton, Chief Larry Manning), and Midfield Police Officers (Warren Powe, Cordair Kelly) with plaques for their heroics in a house fire.

Jeff Zissette stated that housing demolition is moving forward, football field lights are being worked on, ALDOT have made funds available for the B.Y. Williams project, TAP 2016 funds have been requested, and Rutledge Drive could be closed for approximately several weeks once work begin.

Chief Larry Manning stated that the new fire engine is still in the shop. Chief Manning also discussed the heroics displayed by Karawn Frazier, during the fire on Stone Drive (April 15, 2019).

Chief Frank Belcher stated that he is in the process of hiring two police officers. Also, he discussed a chase officers had with a guy exposing himself. Marijuana and weapons were confiscated.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams – none

Councilor Janice Anderson congratulated the Firemen and Police officers for their heroics during the fire on Stone Drive.

Councilor James Reasor asked Orlando Robinson Jr about Jazz in the Park, and his conversation with Commissioner LaShunda Scales. Also, congratulated the Firemen and Police officers for their heroics during the fire on Stone Drive.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that she has been in contact with Carletta Singleton (Census representative) about starting the Census campaign. Councilor Merriweather is planning

on distributing Census information at Jazz in the Park, and starting a voter registration at Midfield High School.

Councilor Velma Johnson thanked Superintendent Shon Williams for allowing the kids at Midfield High School to participate in the cleanup of High School Road. Also, Councilor Johnson stated that the Midfield Summer Youth Program will be starting soon.

Open to Public:

Bridgett Tabb, 1110 12th Ave, inquired about water running the concrete. Jeff Zissette stated that it appears to be a water main break. He encouraged Ms. Tabb to contact Bessemer Utilities.

Dr. Fanchon Muhammad, 417 Parkwood Street, discussed the Summer Reading Program.

Eric Marshall, 1530 High School Rd, inquired about being charge for parking trucks on his property. Mayor Richardson explained to Mr. Marshall the having hazardous material on High School Road is not allowed. Mr. Marshall then asked could he park his trucks on the property without the tankers (hazardous material). David Sullivan, City attorney, told Mr. Marshall that he would need to apply for a Business license for that purpose.

Adjourn:

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