

## MEETING MINUTES

### CITY OF MIDFIELD

### CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Orlando Robinson Jr. led attendees in prayer. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carolyn Wilson called roll. The following members were present: Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Terry Adams, Councilor Velma Johnson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. Councilor James Reasor 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 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 May #2 bills of \$80,438.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-23.** Resolution declaring weeds on the listed properties a public nuisance and orders that the public nuisance be abated: (a) 906 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, (b) 905 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, (c) 305 Midwood Avenue, (d) 240 Pinewood Avenue, (e) 600 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, (f) 616 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, (g) 618 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, (h) 800 8<sup>th</sup> Street, (i) 1333 Creel St., (j) 625 Bessemer Super Highway, (k) 144 Parkwood Street, (l) 148 Parkwood Street, (m) 105 Fairfield Blvd., (n) 524 Lovelin Street, (o) 120 McGibboney Street, (p) 60 Wilkes Circle, (q) 64 Wilkes Circle, (r) 68 Wilkes Circle, (s) 222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, (t) 836 Woodward Rd., (u) 704 Woodward Rd., (v) 1213 Woodfall Drive. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-23. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-24.** Notice of public hearing on the following properties: (a) 1014 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, (b) 1661 Collier Drive, (c) 521 B. Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (d) 525 B. Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (e) 1400 Creel Street, (f) 224 Woodward Road, (g) 1007

Cherry Street. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-24. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Business License** for The Handmade Garden (custom gifts), located at 1405 Rayfield Drive, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Business License** for Alexander Landscaping & Services (lawn care & carwash), located at 5325 Bessemer Super Highway, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve business license for Alexander Landscaping & Services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Business License** for Glass Enterprises (mobile popsicle truck), 1435 57<sup>th</sup> Street West, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve business license for Glass Enterprises. The motion was second by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

#### **Report from Mayor:**

Mayor Gary Richardson stated that the trip to Las Vegas, Nevada was very productive. He was able to converse with several restaurant chains on what their requirements are before coming to a municipality.

Jeff Zissette stated that the housing demolition bid will be presented at the next City Council meeting, splash pad received a 98 inspection, summer lunch program starts June 3, 2019 from 12 pm – 1pm, football field lighting is moving forward, B. Y. Williams bid opening is 06-20-2019 at 10:00 am, and he met with Governor Kay Ivey to sign National Public Works Week Proclamation. Also, Mr. Zissette commended Tyrone Lloyd for providing outstanding service to a Midfield citizen.

Chief Larry Manning stated that the new fire engine is still down, and the fire department is currently testing fire hydrants.

Chief Frank Belcher stated that the police department is in the process of hiring two officers.

#### **Report from Council:**

Councilor Terry Adams inquired about installing cameras on the High Ore Line walking trail to monitor visitors.

Councilor Janice Anderson ask Jeff Zissette about tearing down building behind the Highland Center. Mr. Zissette stated that he is working on it. Also, she congratulated Tyrone Lloyd, and asked Larry Merriweather (Midfield School Board member) about the incident that happen at the middle school. Mr. Merriweather stated that the incident was under investigation.

Councilor James Reasor - absent

Councilor Wendy Merriweather discussed the Census Committee meeting. Also, she inquired about the trucking company operating on High School Road. Chief Belcher said that he is communicating with the owner about the situation.

Councilor Velma Johnson discussed Max (BJCTA) meeting concerning expanding routes in Fairfield, Brighton, and Lipscomb. Also, she congratulated Tyrone Lloyd.

**Open to Public:**

Terry Locklyn, 1212 Wentworth Road, thank Jeff for getting the Splash Pad up and running, asked if the City would begin working with local businesses to assist with the Summer Youth Program, and inquired about gym membership dues. Jeff Zissette explained the rules to Ms. Locklyn. Mayor Gary Richardson stated that he would look into changing the rules.

**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.