

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, July 08, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Chaplain Orlando Robinson Jr. 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson, Councilor Terry Adams, Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor James Reasor, and Mayor Gary Richardson. Councilor Terry Adams was absent.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. 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 Velma Johnson made a motion to approve July #1 bills of \$58,413.28. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-33. Resolution declaring weeds on the listed properties a public nuisance and orders that the public nuisance be abated (a) 405 10th Ave., (b) 511 10th Ave., (c) 1265 Woodward Rd., (d) 142 Woodward Rd., (e) 1300 Woodward Rd., (f) 5409 Woodward Rd., (g) 525 Woodward Rd., (h) 556 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (i) 1014 7th Ave., (j) 316 Bessemer Super Hwy., (k) 1213 Gale Dr., (l) 5615 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (m) 1121 9th Ave., (n) 1212 8th St., and (o) 1008 Woodward Rd. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-33. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-34. Notice of public hearing on the following properties: (a) 919 13th St., (b) 915 13th St., (c) 1345 Woodward Rd., (d) 928 Woodward Rd., (e) 536 Henson St., (f) 1368 Creel Ct., (g) 1424 Rayfield Dr., (h) 1216 Rutledge Dr., (i) 1001 12th St., (j) 1005 12th St., (k) 1109 Wilkes Rd., (l) 209 2nd Ave., and (m) 101

Parkwood St. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-34. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Cost report for weed liens totaling \$2,720.75. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the cost report. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Resolution No. 2019-35. Resolution authorizing travel advance for Terry Adams, Councilor James Reasor, and Lt. Donna Logan to attend continuing education classes. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, except Councilor James Reasor (abstain). The Resolution was passed by a majority vote.

Resolution No. 2019-36. Resolution authorizing Mayor to enter into an agreement with Gout Inc., for the downtown streetscape and sidewalks along B.Y. Williams Sr. Drive, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Also, an appropriation of \$90,000 for CE&I (Construction, Engineering, and Inspections). Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-36. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License for Business license for New West Trucking Inc., (truck and trailer parking with no chemicals, and entertainment center) located at 1530 Midfield High School Rd., Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to table business license for New West Trucking Inc. The motion was second by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson talked about how inspirational his trip to Tanzania in East Africa was. He discussed the briefing received on the culture in Tanzania. Also, Mayor Richardson was asked how a mayor from such a small city become president of the Mayors Association, by one of the leaders in Tanzania.

Jeff Zissette stated that the Midfield Football field lighting is up and working, B. Y. Williams streetscape bid has been awarded and work will began in 30-45 days, and the work on Rutledge Dr. is coming soon.

Chief Larry Manning stated that all of the firetrucks are back in service.

Chief Frank Belcher stated that the Police Department made a felony arrest on drug charges. He also introduced new Officer Jeremy Jordan.

Report from Council:

Councilor Janice Anderson – none

Councilor James Reasor – discussed a letter he received concerning shots being fired on 07-02-2019. Chief Frank Belcher stated that he will check into it.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather – discussed the neighborhood fun and clean-up day scheduled on October 5, 2019.

Councilor Velma Johnson introduced the summer workers.

Open to Public:

Andre Cope proposed a footwear drive entitled “Tip Tac Toe” being held at the Midfield Fire Department on August 31, 2019 from 9 am – 3 pm. All proceeds will be presented to the Salvation Army.

David Beech inquired about the water pressure on his street, and discussed the lighting between B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr. and Bessemer Super Highway. Jeff stated that he will talk to Alabama Power about updating the lights.

Adjourn:

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