

## **MEETING MINUTES MIDFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, August 12, 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, Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Terry Adams, and Mayor Gary Richardson. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather 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 James Reasor made a motion to approve August #1 bills of \$76,518.65. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-41.** Resolution declaring weeds on the listed properties a public nuisance and orders that the public nuisance be abated (a) 1321 Woodward Rd, (b) 1011 7th St., (c) 296 12th Ave., (d) 294 12th Ave., (e) 206 Nail St., (f) 203 Vann St., (g) 605 7th Ave., (h) 619 7th Ave., (i) 705 7th Ave., (j) 800 gth St., (k) 603 8th St., (l) 601 gth St., (m) 611 11th Ave., (n) 601 11th Ave., (o) 1407 9th Ave., (p) 1333 Creel St., (q) 1021 15th St. . Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-41. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion

unanimously

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-42.** Notice of public hearing on the following properties: (a) 405 10th Ave., (b) 1265 Woodward Rd., (c) 142 Woodward Rd., (d) 525 Woodward Rd., (e) 526 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (f) 1014 7th Ave., (g) 316 Bessemer Super Highway, (h) 1213 Gale Dr., (i) 1212 8th St., (j) 1008 Woodward Rd. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-42. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Cost report for weed liens totaling \$3,276.19. Councilor James Reasor made a motion to approve the cost report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-43.** Resolution authorizing travel advance for Shawanna Jones to attend continuing education classes. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-43. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-44.** Resolution granting the United States, hereinafter the “Government”, a permit or right-of-entry for survey and exploration. Councilor Velma Johnson made motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-44. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Resolution No. 2019-45. Resolution authorizing Mayor to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills, and Caewood for the downtown streetscape and sidewalks along B.Y. Williams Sr. Drive, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-45. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2019-46.** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama approving the use of Midfield Fire Department Storm Shelter as a drop

box location for shoe donation to the Salvation Army on August 3, 2019.

Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-46. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Business License** for McCabe Industrial Minerals, located at 4200 Jefferson Avenue S.W. Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Business License for McCabe Industrial Minerals. The motion was second by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Business License** for AMAC Construction Services LLC, located at 1003 Wilkes Road, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Business License for AMAC Construction Services LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approve of Business License** for M&S Restoration (car restoration), located at 619 15th Street, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Business License for M&S Restoration. The motion was second by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

### **Report from**

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Gary Richardson stated that he and the City Council **need** to be present **when** decisions are made concerning Jazz in the Park. In conclusion, a committee will be established to make the decisions about Jazz in the Park.

Jeff Zissette stated that the B. Y. Williams streetscape project will be starting soon, housing demolition has been delayed two weeks, and he has received the letter from ALDOT agreeing to award bid to Triple J Construction, LLC (lowest bidder) for Midfield Elementary School Sidewalk project (TAPPA-TA16(900)). Also, Mr. Zissette thank his staff for doing an outstanding job at the Back to School Rally.

Sgt. Jesse Bell stated that the Midfield Police Department has received a grant for body cameras. He is currently getting estimates on the cost of the body cameras. Also, Sgt. Bell thanked his staff for their work at the Back to School Rally.

Chief Larry Manning stated that there have been some upgrades done to the Midfield Fire Department, and he discussed the incident at Hot Metal Coatings.

**Report from  
Council:**

Councilor Terry Adams discussed the events that are going on in the City. He encouraged everyone to get involve.

Councilor James Reasor thanked everyone for participating in the City's events. Also, Councilor Reasor stated that we all a family regardless.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather discussed the family fun day that she will be sponsoring with Councilor Terry Adams and Orlando Robinson Jr.

Councilor Velma Johnson thanked everyone for their participating in the neighborhood association event.

Open to  
Public:

Victor Hatcher, Checkers Regional Director, stated that he is looking forward to partnering with the City to better the Community.

Veronica Stewart, 117 Fairfield Blvd, talked about the flooding and pot holes within the City. Jeff Zissette stated that he will send out a crew to check the area.

Tim Powell, Hot Metal Coatings, thanked the Midfield Fire Department for being extremely helpful during their fire.

Marcus King, Midfield Chamber of Commerce, gave an update of Jazz in the

Park. Also, stated that he has no problem with establishing a committee to make the decisions.

**Adjourn:**

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