

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

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

Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion amend the agenda to add the 2019-2020 Budget to. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

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 Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve October #2 bills of \$67,917.87. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-63. Resolution declaring weeds on the listed properties a public nuisance and orders that the public nuisance be abated (a) 1226 8th Street, (b) 1001 12th St., (c) 1216 Rutledge Dr., (d) 1365 Woodward Rd., (e) 1265 Woodward Rd., (f) 1300 Woodward Rd., (g) 521 Loveline St., (h) 1420 Rayfield Dr., (i) 1424 Rayfield Dr., (j) 1832 Stone Rd., (k) 60 Wilkes Cir., (L) 68 Wilkes Cir., (m) 603 8th Ave., (n) 704 9th Ave., (o) 504 10th Ave., (p) 403 Newton Dr., (q) 400 Newton Dr., (r) 500 Newton Dr. (s) 1213 Woodfall Dr., and (t) 832 Alden Ave. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-60. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2019-64. Notice of public hearing on the following properties: (a) 600 8th Ave., (b) 616 8th Ave., (c) 618 8th Ave., (d) 524 Lovelin St., (e) 361 Midwood Ave., (f) 349 Ave., (g) 305 Midwood Ave., (h) 1243 Wycliffe Rd., and (i) 156 Parkwood St. Councilor

Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-64, with the exception of 349 Midwood Ave. (granted seven days to clean up property). The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Cost Report Totaling \$2,700.49. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve cost report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of 2019-2020 Budget. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License for The Sunshine Center (providing meals for students after school). Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to table business license for The Sunshine Center. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Boss G Auto Mechanic hearing, due to violation of Midfield City Ordinance Sec. 18-40. Discarded, abandoned, junked or stolen vehicles or boats on private property prohibited, and declared a nuisance. Attorney Jon Terry asked the Mayor and Council for an additional two weeks to clear off the property. Chief Jesse Bell recommended that no more time is given. The Mayor and Council agreed to give Boss G Auto Mechanic until the Friday, November 01, 2019, to have the junked cars removed.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson discussed the selection process used to select a new Chief of Police. The Mayor congratulated Chief Jesse Bell on being selected as Midfield's Chief of Police.

Chief Jesse Bell was sworn in by Recarda Cobb, City Clerk.

Chief Jesse Bell introduced Sgt. Kenneth Parham as Midfield's newest sergeant. Also, Chief Bell stated that the new body cameras are being utilized by Midfield police officers.

Jeff Zissette stated that the sidewalk project is moving forward, the Midfield Elementary sidewalk project is scheduled begin in two to three weeks, Valley Creek clean-up is completed, and he that everybody for their help with Jazz in The Park and the Fall Festival.

Chief Larry Manning congratulated Chief Jesse Bell and Sgt. Kenneth Parham, and discussed several car break-ins at the fire department.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams informed everybody of the Christmas parade, December 07, 2019.

Councilor Janice Anderson stated that she enjoyed the Fall Festival. Also, Councilor Anderson congratulated Chief Jesse Bell and Sgt. Kenneth Parham.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather thanked everyone for their participation in Jazz in the Park, discussed how important it is to fill out information for the Census, informed all of the trunk a treat being held at the elementary school, congratulated Chief Jesse Bell and Sgt. Kenneth Parham, and thanked Marika Coleman for her donation.

Councilor Velma Johnson thanked everyone for participating in the Cancer walk, and congratulated Chief Jesse Bell and Sgt. Kenneth Parham.

Open to Public:

NONE

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.