

## MEETING MINUTES

### CITY OF MIDFIELD

### CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Chief Larry Manning 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, Councilor James Reasor, and Mayor Gary Richardson.

**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 Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Bills.** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve November #1 bills of \$174,597.14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-65.** Resolution declaring weeds on the listed properties a public nuisance and orders that the public nuisance be abated (a) 824 Bessemer Super Highway, (b) 1409 Woodward Rd., (c) 1010 Woodward Rd., (d) 1008 Woodward Rd., (e) 214 Vann Street, (f) 1721 Collier Dr., (g) 529 Karen St. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-65. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-66.** Notice of public hearing on the following properties: (a) 556 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (b) 528 Violet St., (c) 536 Henson St., (d) 341 Bessemer Super Highway, (e) 506 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., (f) 3332 McPherson Ave., (g) 144 Parkwood St., (h) 148 Parkwood St. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-66. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-67.** Resolution authorizing travel advance for Councilor James Reasor. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No.

2019-67. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, except Councilor James Reasor (abstain). The motion passed by a majority vote.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-68.** Resolution appropriating funds for the Christmas Ceremony for Midfield Citizens. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-68. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-69.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between AT & T Corporate digital Advantage (FIRSTNET) and the City of Midfield, Alabama for cell phones and wifi services. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-69 for a two year agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, except Councilor Wendy Merriweather (abstain). The vote was passed by a majority vote.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-70.** Resolution approving Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement (Alcohol Tax Revenue Administration) between the City of Midfield and AVENU (formerly RDS). Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-70. The motion was seconded by councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-71.** Resolution approving the agreement with Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (MAX) for transit services. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-71. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2019-72.** Resolution approving the contract change order with Grout, Inc. for downtown streetscape and sidewalks on B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-72. 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 (administrative office) located at 5323 Bessemer Super Highway, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Business License for The Sunshine Center. The motion was

seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License for Wholesale Auto Credit Inc., (sale cars and parts) located at 1468 Hartmann Blvd, Midfield, Alabama 35221. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Business license Wholesale Auto Credit Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business license for On Time Tax Service (Tax preparation) located at 593 Bessemer Super Highway, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve business License for On Time Tax Service. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

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

Jeff Zissette stated that the sidewalk project is moving forward, and the Midfield Elementary sidewalk project is scheduled to begin in February, 2020.

Chief Larry Manning presented newly promoted Randy Bush with his Lieutenant bars and badge. Also, Chief Manning discussed Captain Bobby Golden being Interim Chief, and informed everybody of his retirement party (March 05, 2020).

Chief Jesse Bell discussed the E911 phase contract, which allows emergency calls to be done via text messages.

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

Councilor Terry Adams asked the Mayor and Council to appropriate \$150 to provide pizza parties for the top High School (\$50), Middle School (\$50), and Elementary School (\$50) floats in the Christmas parade.

Councilor Janice Anderson congratulated Jeff Zissette and Chief Larry Manning for receiving awards.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather discussed the City of Midfield receiving a certification from Alabama League of Municipalities.

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Councilor James Reasor thanked the Public Works Department for removing broken glass from streets in his area. Also, he asked Chief Bell about four wheelers being driven through the community.

**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.