

## MEETING MINUTES

### CITY OF MIDFIELD

### CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via phone with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson 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 Terry Adams, Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson, Councilor Velma Johnson, 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 Wendy Merriweather. 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 Terry Adams made a motion to approve April #1 bills of \$131,404.13. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2020-09.** Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated:

(a)1014 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., (b) 1661 Collier Dr., (c) 1501 Collier Dr., (d) 521 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr. (e) 525 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (f) 1368 Creel Ct., (g) 1400 Creel St., (h) 1736 Brizendine Dr., (i) 240 Pinewood Ave., (j) 911 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (k) 1300 Woodward Rd., (L) 701 Woodward Rd., (m) 1031 Wilkes Rd., (n) 1008 Herring St. (o) 207 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., (p) 212 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., (q) 211 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., (r) 213 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., (s) 209 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., (t) 401 Oakland Dr., (u) 521 Lovelin St., (v) 524 Lovelin St., (w) 5425 Wilkes Blvd., (x) 5427 Wilkes Blvd., (y) 1007 Cherry St., and (z) 900 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-15. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Business License** for GOATS Automotive LLC (repair and sale cars), located at 1012 Wilkes Road, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Business license for GOATS Automotive with the understanding that the business will not become a junkyard according to City of Midfield's junkyard ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of 2014 Audit.** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve 2014 Audit. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of 2015 Audit.** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve 2015 Audit. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

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

Mayor Gary Richardson stated that the City Inspector is canvassing the City checking for valid business license, there's a School Board vacancy, and inquired about the Trucking Company on High School Road. Chief Jesse Bell said that he spoke with the owner about running a business on the premises and was told the property was used to store vehicles. Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that the owner have been having functions at the location. Chief Bell stated that he will check into it.

Mayor Richardson introduced Chief Donald Jones as Midfield's new Fire Chief.

Chief Jones said that it's an honor to be a part of the City of Midfield, and he thanked the administrative staff for assisting him with the process.

Chief Jesse Bell stated that the missing girl was found dead in Bessemer, Alabama, and that he is working with the City of Bessemer on a homicide investigation. Also, he had officers patrolling the City to ensure businesses are in compliance with the shelter in place order.

Jeff Zissette stated that the B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr. sidewalk project is still moving forward, and the Rutledge drive project will be starting soon.

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

Councilor Terry Adams stated that Ms. Mary Fuller, Midfield citizen, had a concern about the overgrown yards in her area. Jeff Zissette stated that the properties are

currently on the public nuisance list, and letters will be going out soon. Councilor Adams also inquired about having an appreciation day for the employees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson inquired about the employees in administration being off several days, due to COVID19. Mayor Richardson stated that the employees are practicing social distancing.

Councilor James Reasor – thanked Chief Bell for quick respond to the speeding within the neighborhood. Also, he stated that there are too many complaints about speeding four wheelers within the Community.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that she spoke with Preston Jenkins, Director of the Census. He informed Councilor Merriweather of the many citizens who have filled out their Census forms, but stated that a large number have not. Mr. Jenkins also stated that he will be bringing coloring books to distribute to the kids in the community.

Councilor Velma Johnson inquired about removing liens from property purchased in Midfield. Also, she asked Jeff Zissette about his staff condition COVID19. Jeff stated that his staff was during fine.

**Open to Public:**

Suspended until further notice, due to COVID19 pandemic.

**Adjourn:**

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