

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, April 27, 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. 2020-10. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated:

(a) 60 Wilkes Circle, (b) 64 Wilkes Circle, (c) 68 Wilkes Circle, (d) 144 Parkwood Street, (e) 148 Parkwood Street, (f) 1832 Stone Road, (g) 716 Owen Avenue, (h) 316 Woodward Road, (i) 691 Woodward Road, (j) 836 Woodward Road, (k) 906 12th Avenue, (l) 1201 12th Avenue, (m) 1200 12th Avenue, (n) 1115 Wilkes Road, (o) 1417 Creel Street, (p) 1421 Creel Street, (q) 1333 Creel Street, (r) 1313 Creel Street, (s) 1305 Creel Street, (t) 517 Lovoy Street, (u) 521 Lovoy Street, (v) 504 10th Avenue, (w) 1009 7th Avenue, (x) 832 Alden Avenue, and (y) 1211 9th Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-10. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-11. Notice of a Public hearing on the following properties:

(a) 1365 Woodward Road, (b) 1345 Woodward Road, (c) 155 West Brookwood Road, (d) 316 Bessemer Super Highway, (e) 556 B.Y. Williams Sr. Drive, (f) 1213 Gale Drive, and (g) 900 12th Avenue. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to reschedule the hearing, due to COVID19. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-12. Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama approving Inter-Jurisdictional Fire and EMS AID agreement between the City of Birmingham and the City of Midfield, Alabama. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-12. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Appointment of School Board Member. Councilor Velma Johnson made nominated Willie Andre Watson for the school board opening. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to close the nomination. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, except Councilor Wendy Merriweather (abstain). The motion passed by a majority vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the appointment of Willie Andre Watson to Midfield School Board. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, except Councilor Wendy Merriweather (abstain). The motion passed by a majority vote.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson stated that the Jefferson County Commission have received \$150,000,000.00 (one hundred and fifty million dollars) of stimulus money, and that the Jefferson County Mayors Association will be meeting to ask the Commission to split the money up among the Cities. Also, he stated that the Jefferson County Mayors Association passed a resolution opposing postponing the election.

Chief Jones stated that he is in the process of replacing two firefighters who resigned.

Chief Jesse Bell stated that there have been problems with breaking into the high school, businesses, and cars. Also, Chief Bell discussed the tip line, and replacing the police car that burned.

Jeff Zissette stated that the B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr. sidewalk project is still moving forward, and that signs have been put up at the elementary school preparing to start the sidewalk project. Also, he stated that they're running a little behind on trash pick-up.

Arthur Smith stated that McDonald's is in the process of redesigning, and Hot Metal Coatings should be opening soon. Also, he stated that a parts store is opening up in the Fred's building, and a restaurant will be moving in the Henderson's building.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams inquired about trees being down in the neighborhood. Jeff Zissette stated that they are running a little behind, but working on it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson inquired about the City's newsletter. Mayor Richardson said that he is working on the letter and it should be completed soon. Also, she asked Jeff about reflectors being installed after the paving of Rutledge is complete. He replied yes.

Councilor James Reasor encouraged everyone to visit U.S Representative Terri Sewell website, if they know of a business in need due to COVID19. Also, Councilor Reasor thanked Chief Bell for patrolling the neighborhood, and Jeff Zissette for keeping the City clean.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that teachers have been calling parents encouraging them to log on the assigned website to access their kids' schoolwork. Also, Councilor Merriweather thanked all of the essential workers.

Councilor Velma Johnson - None

Open to Public:

Suspended until further notice, due to COVID19 pandemic.

Adjourn:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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.

