

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session via teleconference on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. 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 Velma Johnson, Councilor James Reasor, Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson, Councilor Terry Adams, and Mayor Gary Richardson.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve May # 1 bills of \$142,808.72. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-13. Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama entering into an agreement with Jefferson County, Alabama for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-13. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-14. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated: (a) 320 Woodward Rd., (b) 922 Woodward Rd., (c) 935 Woodward Rd., (d) 224 Woodward Rd., (e) 1417 Woodward Rd., (f) 407 Highland Dr., (g) 309 Highland Dr., (h) 401 Overlook Dr., (i) 408 Newton Dr., (j) 507 Newton Dr., (k) 403 Newton Dr., (L) 601 11th Ave., (m) 512 Elam St., (n) 5615 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (o) 538 Fairfield Blvd., (p) 605 Fairfield Blvd., (q) 600 8th Ave., (r) 616 8th Ave., (s) 618 8th Ave., (t) 340 Bessemer Super Highway, (u) 200 Bessemer Super Highway, (v) 1030 Wilkes Rd., (w) 1016 Wilkes Rd., (x) 1424

Rayfield Dr., and (y) 536 Henson St. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-14. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-16. Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama proposing that the Zoning Ordinance be amended as provided under section 7.00 and section 7.01 of the City of Midfield Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-16. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-17. Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel advance for Sergeant Michael Jeffries and Sergeant Christopher Grace to continue an investigation of a crime within the City. Councilor James Reasor made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-17. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Richardson discussed working on the City's newsletter. He stated that he will be highlighting improvements within the last four years. Mayor Richardson discussed the \$150,000,000 (one hundred and fifty million dollars) Jefferson County Commission received, and the 2.1 billion dollars the State of Alabama received. Also, he said that the Jefferson County Mayors Association is in unity on receiving a fair share of the above mentioned money.

Arthur Smith stated that the City have been processing a large number of electrical permits, Advance Auto is moving forward, and the Cajun Restaurant is in limbo at the time.

Chief Donald Jones stated that the Midfield Fire Department have responded to several breathing calls, they're testing fire hydrants, and are doing fine with PPE at this time. Also, Chief Jones stated that he has sent two new firemen for drug screenings and background checks, and have two other firemen requesting transfers.

Chief Jesse Bell stated that the Police department received free PPE from Axon, and a donation from Hair Show in Midfield. Also, he stated that there have been a number of burglaries in the City.

Jeff Zissette stated that Public Works have been dealing with an enormous amount of grass cases, contractors are working on striping B.Y. Williams Sr. Drive, ground has

broken on the elementary school sidewalk project, briefly discussed the Rutledge Project, and talked about the upcoming Public Works Week.

Report from Council:

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson stated that she would like for the City to do something for the Public Works employees, and told everyone to be safe.

Councilor Terry Adams - none

Councilor James Reasor - none

Councilor Wendy Merriweather - none

Councilor Velma Johnson ask Chief Bell about tagging inoperable vehicles within Midfield. He stated that they will be working on the problem within the next two weeks.

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 Wendy Merriweather.. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.