

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, May 28, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve May #2 bills of \$237,647.62. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-02. An Ordinance of the City of Midfield, Alabama for the leasing of unneeded Municipal real estate. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-02. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-18. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated:

(a) 1109 Wilkes Rd., (b) 614 Rutledge Dr., (c) 620 Rutledge Dr., (d) 1216 Rutledge Dr., (e) 1243 Wycliffe Rd., (f) 1212 8th St., (g) 1226 8th St., (h) 133 8th St., (i) 805 12th Ave., (j) 508 12th Ave., (k) 506 12th Ave., (L) 1003 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (m) 1005 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (n) 1324 Creel St., (o) 1265 Woodward Rd., (p) 1318 Woodward Rd., (q) 829 Woodward Rd., (r) 927 Woodward Rd., (s) 4525 Woodward Rd., (t) 509 Woodward Rd., (u) 817 9th St., (v) 619 7th Ave., (w) 809 7th Ave., and (x) 128 Springwood St. Mayor Pro-Tem

Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-18. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-20. Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama approving the Municipal Election Service agreement between the Jefferson County Commission and the City of Midfield. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-20. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Sgt. Chris Grace stated that two burglars were caught within the last week, investigation is still ongoing with shooting in Midfield, and crime has been down recently.

Chief Donald Jones stated that he received personal protective equipment form EMEA, no increase in covid19 cases, checking fire hydrants, in the process of replacing two fire fighters, and is in the preliminary stage of doing more outreach.

Jeff Zissette stated that the B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr. sidewalk project is almost complete, Midfield Elementary School sidewalk project has started, he is waiting on the permit to have LED lights installed on Bessemer Super Highway, and the Public Works Department is continuously patching holes and cutting grass. Also, Mr. Zissette said that he was very grateful for Councilor Wendy Merriweather and her husband providing lunch for his staff.

Arthur Smith stated that work has started preparing the Advance Auto Parts building, work on the restaurant will be starting around July 17, 2020, and that Midfield's proposed flood ordinance has been sent to the State of Alabama for review.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams - None.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson - None

Councilor James Reasor asked Jeff Zissette about companies digging and repairing yards within the community. Mr. Zissette said that he will check into it. Also, Councilor Reasor encouraged everyone to take a look at the new PT3 app. An app used to report crime.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather stated that she is working with Midfield High School principal to have an event for the graduating seniors. Also, Councilor Merriweather

asked the Mayor and Council in assisting with a voters registration drive, being held by the seniors, at the Highland Center.

Councilor Velma Johnson inquired having junk cars removed from the neighborhood. Sgt. Grace stated that there's an officer assigned to specifically ticket junk cars in Midfield.

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.