

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via phone with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

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

Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting: Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve June #2 bills of \$231,819.69. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-23. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated:

- (a) 401 Oakland Dr., (b) 1213 Woodfall Dr., (c) 1213 Gale Dr., (d) 556 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (e) 155 West Brookwood Rd., (f) 203 Creel St., (g) 1440 Creel St., (h) 1629 Collier Dr., (i) 621 Rutledge Dr., (j) 1416 Rayfield Dr., (k) 603 13th St., (l) 1319 8th Ave., (m) 602 8th Ave., (n) 902 8th Ave., (o) 601 10th Ave., (p) 620 7th Ave., (q) 700 7th Ave., (r) 209 2nd Ave., (s) 1365 Woodward Rd., (t) 1417 Woodward Rd., (u) 517 Woodward Rd., (v) 1345 Woodward Rd., and (w) 316 Bessemer Super Highway. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-23. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-25. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into separate insurance contracts with Travelers Insurance Company for all lines of insurance except worker's compensation and enter into workers compensation coverage with Municipal Workers Compensation Fund. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-25. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License for Around the Way, Inc., (repairing and towing automobiles), located at 1001 8th Street, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor James Reasor made a motion to table business license for Around the Way, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Business License for T COMM LLC (Fiber construction company), located at 1475 Hartman Industrial Blvd., Midfield, Alabama 35228. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve business license for T COM LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Arthur Smith stated that Advance Auto Parts is moving forward. Also, he discussed the many remodels taking place in the City.

Chief Jesse Bell gave an update on ticketing non operable vehicles in the City. Chief also talked about the de-escalation classes Midfield Police officers will be attending.

Chief Donald Jones discussed the possible COVID19 cases in the City, gunshot victim on Rutledge Drive, and a stabbing on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Also, Chief Jones stated that new beds have been purchased for the fire department, more smoke detectors are available, in the process of recruiting two medics, and he is almost finished with the Homeland Security Grant.

Jeff Zissette stated that the sidewalk project is moving forward, Jefferson County has started paving at the park, and he thanked officers Hampton and Pleasant for catching the guys who were trying to steal their weed eaters and blowers.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams - None.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson – None

Councilor James Reasor – thanked Chief Bell for doing a great job of patrolling the Highlands area in Midfield.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather informed everybody of the Midfield High School graduation, June 30, 2020.

Councilor Velma Johnson – thanked Chief Jesse Bell for ticketing the non- operable cars, and informed everybody of the employees’ luncheon.

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