

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, June 08, 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: Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. 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 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 #1 bills of \$133,519.01. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-21. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated:

- (a) 1372 Creel Ct., (b) 353 Bessemer Super Highway, (c) 641 Bessemer Super Highway,
- (d) 915 8th Ave., (e) 909 14th St., (f) 910 13th St., (g) 919 13th St., (h) 915 13th St., (i) 812 5th Ave., (j) 618 5th Ave., (k) 400 Newton Dr., (l) 310 Newton Dr., (m) 217 Nail St., (n) 1001 12th St., and (o) 1005 12th St. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson gave a briefing on the distribution of the money Jefferson County Commission received concerning the CARES Act, and informed everybody of the Midfield Summer Lunch program.

Chief Jesse Bell addressed the fight in front of the Midfield Police Department. He stated that they were all cited with disorderly conduct. Also, Chief Bell discussed the hit and run, June 06, 2020, that killed a forty-five (45) year old man. Lastly, he talked officers volunteering to assist with potential problems, and de-escalation training for officers.

Chief Donald Jones stated that since May 29, 2020 there have been several deaths, and six COVID19 calls from residents experiencing difficulty breathing. Also, Chief Jones discussed the hydrant testing and the problems discovered while testing, and replacing the firefighters who resigned.

Jeff Zissette stated that ALDOT has moved the Rutledge Middle School project to September 21, 2020. He also discussed the additional funding ALDOT found for the project. Lastly, Mr. Zissette talked about finalizing B Y Williams Sr. Dr. project, complaints concerning grass cutting, and mistakenly removing a basketball goal.

Arthur Smith stated that Advance Auto Parts is moving forward. It is expected to be the largest Advanced Auto store in the Alabama. Also, he stated that remodels have increased in Midfield, McDonalds project (\$500,000) is on hold, and the State have returned the flood Ordinance with notes.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams - None.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson – inquired about the Back to School rally. Mayor Richardson stated that we will not be having the event, due to COVID19 and the protests.

Councilor James Reasor said some great things about Clara Prevo, who recently passed.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather inquired about professional tree cutters leaving debris on the street, after cutting the trees down. Who removes the debris? Jeff Zissette stated that the City will move it, if they don't catch the contractors.

Councilor Velma Johnson - none

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.