

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via phone with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson led attendees in prayer. Councilor James Reasor 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: Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve July #2 bills of \$52,483.62. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-34. Resolution appointing inspector and clerks for election being held on August 25, 2020, and runoff election to be held, if necessary, on October 06, 2020. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-34. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-35. Resolution electing Councilor Terrance Adams to the office of City Council Place 1 (one), due to no opposition. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, except Councilor Terrance Adams (abstain). The motion passed by a majority vote.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-36. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated:

(a) 428 Oakland Drive, (b) 1661 Collier Drive, (c) 517 Lovett Street, (d) 504 Lovett Street, (e) 1324 Creel Street, (f) 1421 Creel Street, (g) 900 12th Avenue, (h) 502 12th Avenue, (i) 508 12th Avenue, (j) 1009 7th Avenue, (k) 1007 Cherry Street, (L) 1008 Herring Street, (m) 521 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (n) 525 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (o) 660 Bessemer Super Highway, (p) 1031 Wilkes Rd., (q) 1115 Wilkes Rd., (r) 5409 Woodward Rd., (s) 1265 Woodward Rd., (t) 935 Woodward Rd., and (u) 907 7th Street. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-36. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-38. Resolution electing Councilor Velma Johnson to the office of City Council Place 5 (five), due to no opposition. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-38. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, except Councilor Velma Johnson (abstain). The motion passed by a majority vote.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-39. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract Change Order with Triple J Construction, LLC, for the TAPAA-TA16 (900) GMC Project No. TBHM190014. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-39. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson discussed the Regional Planning Commission grant that would allow the City to pave streets without having matching funds. Also, Mayor Richardson talked about the successful meeting with Midfield's Police Department concerning issues within.

Chief Donald Jones stated that all of the Firemen that were out due to COVID19 are back, twenty-one cases of COVID19 are confirmed, fire on Collier Drive is under investigation for possible arson, twenty-nine (29) hydrants has been identified with low pressure, and is working on an Economic Development Grant to rectify the hydrant problem.

Jeff Zissette stated that the Public Works Department is out cutting grass, and is continuing to clean up after the storm.

Arthur Smith stated that Advance Auto Parts is almost complete with phase I, and that he had to cite the carwash for unacceptable repairs.

Chief Jesse Bell stated that he is in the process of completing several grants (EMA Grant, Homeland Security Grant). Also, he ask for prayers for one of the dispatchers, who tested positive for COVID19.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams stated that he is in support of the Mayor and Current Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson inquired about the train trolley. Jeff Zissette said he is searching for someone to repair it. Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson also stated that she is out campaigning.

Councilor James Reasor thanked Jeff for addressing the residents' issues. Also, Councilor Reasor discussed the productive meeting with Midfield Police Department.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather Congratulated Councilor Terry Adams and Councilor Velma Johnson for being elected without opposition. Also, she discussed voter registration and 2020 Census.

Councilor Velma Johnson asked Chief Jesse Bell about a camper in one of her neighbor's yard. Chief Bell said that he is checking into it. Also, she stated that she have gotten ten (10) new residents registered to vote.

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.