

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, July 13, 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: Councilor Velma Johnson 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 James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve July #1 bills of \$29,757.30. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-26. Resolution appointing City Clerk of Midfield Elections Manager. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-26. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-27. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to project for drainage along Rutledge Drive. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-27. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-28. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into the COVID-19/CARES ACT Subgrant agreement with Jefferson County Commission, Alabama. Councilor James Reasor made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-28.

The motion was seconded Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-29. Resolution appointing Cynthia Parris Smith as the prosecutor for the City of Midfield. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-29. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-30. Resolution declaring weeds on listed properties a public nuisance and orders that this public nuisance be abated:

(a) 1407 9th Ave., (b) 1316 9th Ave., (c) 1120 9th Ave., (d) 504 9th Ave., (e) 1121 9th Ave., (f) 913 9th Ave., (g) 911 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., (h) 1501 Collier Dr., (i) 1505 Collier Dr., (j) 1400 Creel St., (k) 1345 Creel St., (L) 1368 Creel Ct. (m) 1829 Stone Rd., (n) 1517 Carol Cir., (o) 1014 7th Ave., (p) 1200 12th Ave., (q) 1201 12th Ave., (r) 540 Lovett St., (s) 505 Lovett St., (t) 532 Karen St., (u) 305 Midwood Ave., (v) 541 Lovoy St., (w) 1420 Woodward Rd., (x) 704 Woodward Rd., (y) 802 Woodward Rd., (z) 691 Woodward Rd., and (aa) 716 Owen Ave. Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-30. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

Report from Mayor:

Chief Donald Jones stated that the fire department have had 50 calls since June 22, 2020, three firemen have contracted COVID19, and he has submitted EMA and Firehouse Sub grants.

Jeff Zissette stated that Public Works is in the process of cleaning up after the storm, working on cutting grass, and preparing the Midfield Recreational Center for the upcoming election. Also, he stated that summer lunches are still being served, and Waste Collection Day is July 25, 2020.

Arthur Smith stated that Advance Auto project has been delayed, a three hundred thousand dollars upgrade is being done on the antenna located on High School Road. Also, Mr. Smith discussed the many renovations going on in Midfield.

Chief Jesse Bell discussed the incident that happened on Bessemer Super Highway, de-escalation classes, and the decrease in burglaries.

Report from Council:

Councilor Terry Adams - None.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janice Anderson stated that Public Works is doing a great job, and Midfield Police Officers are more visible.

Councilor James Reasor inquired about maintaining the grass around ditch in Rutledge Heights. Jeff said that Public Works is cutting the grass, but can't cut it every week.

Councilor Wendy Merriweather discussed the voter registration she participated in and thanked the Mayor and Council for coming by. Also, she inquired about a homeless person staying in the park by Wendy's Restaurant, and asked about removing the debris. Jeff Zissette said that he will check into it.

Councilor Velma Johnson stated that she explained to her neighbor about cutting the grass around the ditch.

Open to Public:

Suspended until further notice, due to COVID19 pandemic.

Adjourn:

Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously