

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in prayer and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carolyn Wilson, Acting City Clerk called roll. The following members were present: Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Velma Johnson, Mayor Gary Richardson and Councilor James Reasor.

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

Approval of Bills. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve November #2 bills \$79,730.97. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2020-65: Hiring a new city clerk for the City of Midfield, who will begin on December 19, 2020 at the salary of \$ 62,614.13. Motion was made by Councilor Janice Anderson. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-05: Establishing a policy for Police Use of Force. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve the Ordinance No 2020-05. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously. Mayor Richardson made a motion to rescind the previous motion. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve. Councilor Janice Anderson second the motion.

Mayor Richardson made a motion made to consider first read of adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-05 motion made by Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-06: Establishing a policy for Police and Fire Department's Use of Social Media. Mayor Richardson made a recommendation to consider a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve. Councilor Janice Anderson second the motion. Roll call vote. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

Mayor Richardson made a recommendation to consider first read of adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-06. Motion made by Councilor Velma Johnson. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Business License for Boss Ladi Towing, LLC located at 1004 Allison Bonnet Memorial, Midfield, Alabama 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the business license. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Gary Richardson Midfield construction has begun on expansion of Birmingham Hot metal in our industrial park. Industrial park is growing.

Cut ribbon on new business Advance Auto last week

Another company is buying the Save a Lot grocery store, it will now be under private ownership

Chief Jones – Is applying for some fire grants to get new life saving fire equipment. Also applying for grant for larger fire truck that does several things, including enabling the Fire Dept. to handle large fires. Will receive \$ 124,000 in Cares money, 3 life pack 15 monitors, and other lifesaving equipment. Still working with school on fire emergencies.

Received 28 EM Medical calls, 1 house fire, 2 OD's of which 1 drove up to the fire dept., 6 COVID cases

Chief Jesse Bell – Arrested a suspect for assault on police officer, served a warrant on a rape case, closing out several old case, made arrest on gentleman believed responsible for several break in the area, picked up more PPE equipment from ADECA. Shared with other departments

Jeff Zissette - stated that they are winding down on grass cutting, working on getting the trash truck back on the road will start picking up leaves next week. Working on the SWMPP (storm water maintenance plan program) will have to be adopted in January

Arthur Smith – None

Report from Council:

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams – Took care an issue form a resident. There will be no Christmas Parade this year. Ask the Mayor to help get the word out.

Councilor Janice Anderson – Welcome new city clerk aboard. Wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Councilor Wendy Merriweather – Thanked Street Department for cleaning up and old dwelling. Thanked Chief Jones for tour of storm shelter, took lots of pictures. Would like to tour again w/ grandson

Councilor Velma Johnson – Had a Board meeting w /Library to address different concerns, such as Power bill, Library assets among others. Each Council member will get a package

Councilor James Reasor – Mention to Jeff of concern from resident re: trash in front of her yard. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Open to Public: None due to COVID**Adjourn:**

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