

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

David Austin led attendees in prayer.

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

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

Approval of Bills. Councilor, Janice Anderson made a motion to approve December# 2 bills in the amount of \$22,477.69. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

Approval of Business License for Vulcan RV and Boat Storage, located at 1523 Midfield Industrial Blvd, Midfield, Alabama. Councilor, Wendy Merriweather, made a motion to approve the business license. Councilor, Velma Johnson, seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor:

- **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – Due to recently passed, Use of Force Policy for the police department, that was mandated after George Floyd, a letter from APOSTC stating that we are now certified with the State and Federal Government as a police department for having an updated Use of Force Policy. This entitles us to continue to receive grants from the state and federal government. Mayor would like to list certification in the newsletter. Phones at city hall and police department are back up and running as of last week. Still waiting on more switches that should ship today. Public Works and Park are still down. The fire department is not down however will be switching over to new system with AT&T.

- **Chief Jones (Fire Department)** – Fire department responded to 7 possible COVID19 patient so for this month. For the year we have had 1013 calls. 85% of calls were for EMS. Had a chance to use new CPR device on a female at Boise and Bessemer Super Hwy who had a pulse of 40. Administered medication to bring her pulse up however, she became pulseless at that point we used the new device that did CPR for us and continued to administer medication. We were able to bring her back and is now currently at Princeton Hospital. Commended firefighters and wrote commendations letters. Did an excellent job on getting the lady back and using equipment that we just got. Also continuing business inspections. 4 Firefighters who were quarantine due to COVID are now back. Installing smoke detectors. Would like to commend the citizens or Midfield for being extremely nice to the fire department.
- **Jeff Zisette (Public Works)** – Still working on SWMPP for storm water for next year. Also having issues with trash truck. Working to get it corrected. Question from Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams to Jeff – explain plan to get a new trash truck – Answer: to purchase a trash truck we can do a 5 year municipal lease that will defer 1st payment up to 12 months. This is for this year’s budget that has not been passed. Per Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, the trash truck is going down every two weeks. Per Mayor Richardson unable to approve the finance of such an expensive items due to our current state of finances. Mayor Richardson is aware of the problem with the trash truck.
- **Van Smith (City Inspector)** – Archwell Health Clinic will be coming to town. It will take over the other half of Fred’s. This is a large clinic and they will be doing a 2 million dollar rehab. Based off of website information looks like this will probably be in direct competition with Family American Care. They will also have a pharmacy located in the inside of the facility.

Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Get a plan from the Library for 5 days for a 1 person staff after 1st quarter if we are able to reopen the library.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Unable to do anything for library at this moment. We are working on paying on our outstanding invoice. As soon as money come in we will pay off old stuff. We were able to make a payment to Regions and Retirement.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Nothing at this time
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Practice being safe due to COVID
- **Mayor Richardson** - Assembling new activity going on with new business and address pandemic in newsletter.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – look at outstanding invoices. Some things are duplicated on the report. Would like to include blog on newsletter. We are working this year off our old budget.

Meeting closed to Public: Due to COVID-19

Adjourn:

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