

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular session on Monday, January 11th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

David Austin led attendees in prayer.

Mayor Richardson led the pledge of allegiance

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, Janice Anderson. 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, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Councilor, Janice Anderson made a motion to approve January# 1 bills in the amount of \$83,362.02. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

Report from Mayor: New clinic coming in shopping complex by Fred's. Clinic will be owned and operated by United Health Care. Will be somewhat as a mini hospital. It will be 13,000 sq. ft.

- **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – Made an arrest on the case of the young man who shot at Carson's Corner that same evening. We arrested 15 year old juvenile that did the shooting. He was transported to juvenile about 2 or 3 AM in the morning. We had him in custody within 3 hours of the shooting. Police were there on the scene within 5 minutes of the call.
- **Chief Jones (Fire Department)** – On same call as police, fire department arrived on scene after police department has declared it safe. Responded to 9 possible COVID19 calls. For the month of January, we have had 30 calls so far. 3 of those calls were house fires. Processed 2 disciplinary actions both involving supervisors. Processed 1 transfer from Fairfield and 1 new hire. Have continued business inspections. Have 5 smoke

detectors left to give away. Currently working on AFG Grant. We have received equipment from Firehouse Subs. We will put it into operation on January 18th once everyone has been trained on the new equipment.

- **Van Smith (City Inspector)** – Crab Barracks continuing at slow pace. Archwell Health Clinic will start this week. A lot of houses are been remodeled in our area. I've been getting a lot of calls from people asking about houses for sale they can purchase and fix up.
- **Jeff Zisette (Public Works)** – The SWMPP is currently on the city website for review and comments. We must keep it up on the website for 7 days before we can take it down for the mayor's signature. It meets all requirements. However, we changed a couple of things to the maps. Also put in were city buildings are located and were we park equipment. Also added that we now have 2 QCI inspectors on state with me and Van.

Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – At the next town hall meeting would like to look into increasing garbage fees by \$20 over a 6 month period in order to purchase new garbage truck and have it paid off within 6 month. Would like to talk to the citizens
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – make sure new business license fees have been updated in our system. Per, city clerk, fees have been updated with Avenu. However, has not been updated on our side. Business license holders have been notified of increase in fees.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Concerned about 2 supervisors of the Fire Department that had disciplinary action. Per Chief Jones, not running shift properly and one was behavior related.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – January 12th Midfield plays Carver. JV has been canceled. 6:00 Girls and 7:00 Boys at high schools
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Concerned about phones not working at City Hall. Per, city clerk, phone were not working properly. However, AT&T has fixed issue and we have been answer calls by the 2nd ring. Question for Chief Bell – Police report that was written for Mr. Beach, is it accurate? Per Chief Bell the report was accurate.

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.

