

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular public session at City Hall in the City of Midfield, Alabama on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

David Austin led attendees in prayer.

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

The Mayor stated that a quorum was present and that the meeting was open for the transaction of business.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor, 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, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Bills. Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve March # 1 bills in the amount of \$37,058.32. The motion was seconded by Councilor, James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

Approval of Ordinance No. 2021 – 01: An ordinance amending section 12-13 of the building code of the city of Midfield, Alabama. Councilor, Janice Anderson, made a motion to consider Ordinance No 2021 – 01 on the first read. Councilor, Velma Johnson, seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with the following results.

Councilor James Reasor – Yes

Councilor Janice Anderson – Yes

Councilor Velma Johnson – Yes

Mayor Gary Richardson – Yes

Roll call vote was taken for the approval of Ordinance No 2021 -01 with the following results

Councilor James Reasor – Yes

Councilor Janice Anderson – Yes

Councilor Velma Johnson – Yes

Mayor Gary Richardson – Yes

All members present voted yes, passing the motion unanimously

Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 06: Resolution authorizing the issuance and making provision for the payment of \$438,269.40 general obligation note (Federally taxable), series 2021, by the city pursuant to financing agreement by the city of Midfield and Regions Bank. Councilor, Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 - 06. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from Mayor: Congrats to Midfield Boys Basketball team for winning the 2A Championship. I encourage all my colleagues to take the COVID19 shot. I had my shot last Friday. CVS in Midfield are giving the shot however they are booked out. I will look into finding out more locations. Under new CDC guidelines if anyone was 2 weeks pass their 2nd shot then you can be around people who are low level risk. It is important that we all get vaccinated.

- **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – We have been working on a 2016 child abuse case where the child died a year later in Montgomery. We have been working with Montgomery and State DA office and upgrading the charges to capital murder. Also district attorney office will supply Midfield, Fairfield, Lipscomb, and Brighton with 2 -3 license plate reading cameras. We now have a part time office who will start next week doing mainly code enforcement. Which is green stickers on junk cars. He will work closely with Van and Jeff on citing people who are in violation of a code. Mayor asked Chief Bell about juvenile who was breaking into houses in Highland area. Chief Bell stated he was sent to juvenile detention then placed into DHR. However he ran away from DHR and we caught him again and put him back into DHR custody.
- **Chief Jones (Fire Department)** – We have made 55 calls since last council meeting. The total for February was 113 calls. 90% of the calls were EMS. So far for March we have received 25 medical calls. Possible 6 COVID patients. We have been conducting training to renew everyone’s paramedic license in advance cardiac life support class and pediatric life support class. Now we are working on getting our state EMS provider license. We assisted Fairfield with one EMS call. We are still working with American Red Cross to give out more smoke detectors
- **Van Smith (City Inspector)** – Hot Metals at the Industrial Park building is going up, about 50% of frame work was up. Mayor asked Van what’s the price tag on that project. Van stated it’s about \$2 Million just on the building. This will allow them to expand

their facility. They will eventually hire about 8 employees. Also another prospect looking at Midfield in Industrial Park area for building supply. They want to develop a 5 acre piece of property that the railroad wants to sell them. So far the only information I know is that they will do building supply and utilizing the rail road. I'm hoping it will be a big turn over type of industry. Archwell Medical Clinic has finished most of the demo and has moved to the construction phase. Crab Barrack is still looking to open in May or maybe June. The T-Mobile building roof collapsed and they are now closed until a rebuild. They may ask the City if they can operate out of a tent during the rebuild. However they may need to work out of a trailer. I will bring that to everyone's attention if T-Mobile ask for that. As of now they are closed down until the repairs are made. Still have a lot of residential remodeling going on. Things are busy around Midfield.

- **Jeff Zissette (Public Works)** – Public Works has not been vaccinated. Leaf truck is shut down for the season. All leaves must be bagged. Have noticed with the warmer weather that the yards we normally cut are growing up so next council meeting we may have ordinance violation on the weed ordinance. We have cited one property for litter and nuisance. Also spoke with the lady who owns the property on 11th Ave. The property that had burned. We went on the property and cleaned. Husband passed away and she is trying to get everything in her name and she is planning to get the house demolished herself without the city having to do it and putting a lien on the property

Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Absent
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** –I would like to have the drive by Easter Egg Hunt. Will not need any employee just maybe one officer. Will get some donations to help fund the drive Easter Egg Hunt. Will like to sponsors and give away prizes if possible. I need the City permission to have the drive by Easter Egg Hunt.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Congrats to the Boys for winning the state championship. Asked if we were doing anything for the Boys. Mayor stated he will have to get with the Board of Education. Also asked Chief Bell to beef up patrol in the Highland area. Chief Bell stated we have been in the area more since last council meeting
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** –Absent
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Thanked Chief Bell for allowing his officer for putting out the green stickers. Asked if anything went on at the Bingo Hall on Bessemer Supper Hwy. Chief Bell stated we had info on a possible robbery however we were able to take care of that before it happened. Our police are there 24 -7.

Meeting open to public via Zoom due to COVID19 – no one came forward to speak

Adjourn:

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