

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular public session via Zoom in the City of Midfield, Alabama on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Rev. David Austin led attendees in prayer.
2. Mayor Gary Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ashley Lewis, City Clerk, called roll. The following members were present: Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Velma Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, and Mayor Gary Richardson.

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

4. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor, Janice Anderson, made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
5. **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, Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve May # 1 bills in the amount of \$23,601.74. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 29:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield Authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement Revenue Administration with Avenu Insights & Analytics LLC. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to table Resolution No. 2021 – 29 until next council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 30:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield 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#TAPAA-TA16(900); CPMS Ref#100065517. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 30. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
9. **Appoint Midfield School Board Members:** Councilor James Reasor made a motion to close the nomination on the following name, Celesta Pickens. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. The motion was passed with council members Janice Anderson, Velma Johnson, James Reasor, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams and Mayor Gary Richardson voting in favor. Councilor member Wendy Merriweather abstained due to a conflict of interest.
10. **Report form Mayor:** Capt. Golden did a very good job at the Homegoing celebration for Chief Jones. On Tuesday we were on Fox 6 about the plants/flowers that were planted with the associated work bench. It was suggested that we put a commemorative plaque there for Chief Jones. He planted many of those flowers there and attended to them. He enjoyed gardening. That was very positive. It was on Fox 6 News Red Rock. We issued a proclamation at his funeral. We recognize everyone who was in attendance. We want to thank the City of Birmingham, City of Bessemer for doing a tremendous job and numerous of Fire Departments participating.
 - **Caption Golden (Fire Department)** – The Fire Dept. participated in the Chief’s funeral and Red Rock Trail that took place on Tuesday morning. I am very appreciative of all the work that was put into the flower garden and the opportunity to speak at both the funeral and Red Rock Trail. We have been really busy at the fire station. We have had several times where we had to assist Fairfield fire station on medical calls that involved shootings. Had a very large 2 story house fire that resulted in a death. The State Fire Marshall determined that it was an electrical problem that started the fire. It’s been really busy. We have lost a couple of fireman due to one retiring and one resigning to take another position elsewhere. Part-time workers have been filling in as much as possible. We will need to do some hiring.
 - **Van Smith (City Inspector)** – I have a few interesting things to bring up. McDonalds have sent in their blue prints for review to start a \$750K remodel. They want to change the roof line and do a complete dining room rehab. In that same shopping center, Furniture Masters is in the process of moving to the building next door where the old K-Mart use to be. They will gain more space and become the district hub and ship furniture to their other location. Brookhill, who owns the plaza, plans to sub-divide the Furniture Masters location to make it more appealing to smaller business owners. The parking lot in front of Piggly Wiggly will be changed. We currently have the drawings in to make the parking lot safer. T-Mobile should reopen this week. We have Klassic Cutz which is a barber shop and cigar bar should open up soon.

- **Tyrone Llyod (Public Works)** – Everything is going smoothly at Public Works. The trucks are working but we only have one truck. He is hauling at least 4-5 loads a day. We are doing our best to make sure we take care of everything.
- **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – Capt. Golden spoke about the house fire being ruled accidental due to an electrical fire. Sgt. Jefferies is working with the Fire Dept. and State Fire Marshall to make sure there were no foul play. We are also currently working a big case involving child sexual abuse. We are still investigating. We have conducted interviews and figured out that it will be a little more to it involving other locations not just in Midfield but Birmingham too. We had a stabbing on 11th Ave on Saturday in the 600 block. It appeared to be domestic related. Possibly two cousin involved. The victim is not willing to participate in the investigation. We also had a shooting on Saturday night on 11th St. We do not have much information on it as of now. We are still investigating that also.

11. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – I want to thank Tyrone for cutting up the tree that fell down.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – I have a question about the Red light Camera. Are they able to take their fees out upfront once we are caught up? Ashley replied, “I’ve asked ATS that question and he stated that they are not set up like that. However, he was going to take it to their Finance Dept. to see if it is possible.”
- **Councilor James Reasor** – I do not have anything at this time
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Midfield High School graduation is on May 20th at 6:00 at the Crossplex. We had the prom the same day as Chief’s Jones funeral at the same park. Everything turned out beautiful at the park
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – I do not have anything at this time

12. **Meeting open to public via Zoom due to COVID19** – No one came forward to speak

13. **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.