

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 24, 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, Velma Johnson. 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, Janice Anderson, made a motion to approve May # 2 bills in the amount of \$66,422.73. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. 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. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 29. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 31:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield Authorizing travel advance in the amount of \$1849.05 for Sargent Kenneth Parham to attend the 2021 Safe Schools Training Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 31. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
 9. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 - 32:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield Authorizing travel advance in the amount of \$6695.86 for Officer Jeffrey Dubose Jr to attend the APOSTC Basic Police Academy in Montgomery, Alabama. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, made a motion to approve Resolution No 2021 - 32. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
 10. **Report form Mayor:** Milo's is moving from Fairfield to Midfield. They will be taking over the old Mutual Savings building. The building will be divided into two. One half will be Milo's Hamburgers and the other half will be Little Caesars Pizza. We are meeting with ALDOT engineers because Milo's have requested that 30 ft. of the medium that goes down Bessemer Super Hwy is paved over. This will allow cars that are exiting their building to be able to turn left and go east. We will be meeting the engineers at that location at 10am to discuss. There's some exciting things going on in Midfield. I peeped in the Crab Barrack and they have a huge bar and nice woodwork going on. That area will be nice. Mutual Saving will still maintain an ATM at that location. They will move it up some into the parking lot. I did an award for two seniors at Midfield High School for 1 male student, Brandon Pope-Giles, and 1 female student, Angel Smelley. The award was based off of community service and academics.
- **Caption Golden (Fire Department)** – We have several things going on at the Fire Station. I one person that resigned. His two weeks were up this last week. I have another one who will retire as of June 1st. I have one other guy who is still not certified as a firefighter. I have two guys I will interview on tomorrow. They are both paramedics; however, they are not trained firefighters. I spoke with the Chief of Training in Birmingham and they are about to start a recruit school. Hopefully I can get them in if they are suitable to hire. The cost is very minimum if they go to a Birmingham school. We had a situation with Fairfield. We have mutual aid with Fairfield. They keep calling us because they cannot get an ambulance. They know if they call us we can usually get an ambulance to the scene. The ambulance is no longer responding to us if they see it's a Fairfield address. Here is our dilemma. If we continue to run medical calls in Fairfield and when we get on the scene and their something bad going on and we cannot get an ambulance to respond to Fairfield. At that point the liability will become ours because we are advance life support and Fairfield are first responders. I would like some guidance to weather we want to continue to respond to these medical calls in Fairfield if we are unable to get an ambulance. Mayor Richardson, replied, "I do not want to make a life

and death decision not to respond to Fairfield medical calls. For now we have to keep answering the calls for Fairfield.”

- **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – Last Monday there was a homicide on the 100 block of Creel Street. Officers responded to the residence where the shoot had occurred. The suspect was on the scene. After our investigation we presented our case to the DA and the shooter was charged with murder. As of yesterday, he has not been arrested. We have been trying to catch up with him. We now have the US Marshalls looking for him also. On Saturday night we had a motorcycle accident on Bessemer Super Hwy. A young lady riding a motorcycle rear ended another motorcycle. She fall and had minor scrape in bruises. As the weather heats up we will probably see more motorcycles out. We have been working on slowing them down and making sure they abide by the traffic laws. We have officers out running the radar in certain location. We also had a child hit in the 200 block of Woodward Road. The child ran out in the road and the car struck him. The child had minor cuts and bruises. I think one of our major issues this summer will be traffic and speeding.

11. Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Ms. Johnson, will you collect something from us for the City of Brighton? Councilor Johnson replied, “Yes, she’s at Integrity Funeral Home. I will get a flower or plant and take it down there from us, the city council.” Other than that; Mayor, I’m getting a lot of calls about when will we start getting the weeds cut. Orlando called me the other day about a house that has weeds growing up really high. I told him as soon as we get the meetings back open we will start to meeting and get those weeds cut. Is that how we have to do it? The Mayor replied, “Yes, we need to meet and talk about if we are at the point to open things back up.” It’s going to take some time for us to get open. We also may need to look around to see if we can put something in place for reopening the city.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – I wanted to ask about the grass getting cut. However, Terry already asked about that. There is a lot of grass that needs to be cut.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – I attended the Alabama League of Municipalities convention on last week. I’m having surgery next month and will have to miss a couple of council meetings.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – I attended the graduation. The graduation was spectacular. We had over 1 million dollars in scholarships, which was absolutely amazing. I want to thank the Council for allowing me to go to the convention. Governor Ivey spoke at the convention through video conference. Her main topics were ending the pandemic, relief, unemployment compensation and opening back up Alabama. I had an opportunity to meet the past ALM president, Leigh Dollar. She spoke with me about joining some committees and I am really considering it. I also spoke with the

Commissioner in Dothan. Who has several beauty supply chains in Dothan and he said that they are just getting back to business and revenue is finally going up.

- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – How is the search coming along for Jeff’s position? Ashley replied, “We received a list of applicants from the Personnel Board. It’s only about 5 names on the list.” The only other concern I have is trash. Is the trash truck still running and available? I will call tomorrow and check on that.

12. Meeting open to public via Zoom due to COVID19 – Pastor David Austin came forward to speak – I would like to invite everyone to our revival this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00 – 7:00. We are also having a church anniversary this Sunday at 10:00 and a church picnic on Saturday 10:00 – 2:00

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.