

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, June 14, 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 Velma Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members were absent: Councilor James Reasor

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

4. **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.
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, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve June # 1 bills in the amount of \$103,778.02. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of New Business License:** Councilor, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve new business license for World Trimmers Auto Detail and Pressure Washing located at 625 Bessemer Super Hwy. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 33:** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an insurance contract renewal with Travelers Insurance Company as recommended by the Valent Group, the insurance advisor to the City of Midfield. Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 33. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Report from Mayor:** Klassic Cuts will have their official grand opening this Saturday at the location on Bessemer Super Hwy. The owner has done an amazing job on the building. Everyone should be pleased with that.
- **Caption Golden (Fire Department)** – We have an engine that broke down on us and we finally got it to the shop via Weil Wrecker. I hope it's not a worst case scenario. It is not cheap to rebuild one of those diesel engines. I spoke with one candidate we are looking to possibly hire full time. He has accepted the position if everything goes through ok. I have 2 others I would like to offer the position to as well. One guy has a good bit of training but still need his certification. The guy we offered the position to today is fully certified in Fire and EMS. He also holds a Master's Degree in Business Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Pre-Med and Leadership. We also have another young man who's a paramedic and has some volunteer firefighting experience. I believe these 3 can fill our vacancies very well.
 - **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – We saw a decrease in burglaries in the last couple of weeks. We made some arrest about 5 juveniles and received information on 2 more who were involved. We received the Tasers last week through the ADECA grant. We started training officers on the Tasers today and will continue tomorrow. They will be out with the new Tasers, if you see any of the officers and want to take a look at the Taser you can ask them.
 - **Tyrone Lloyd (Street Department)** – I would like to know when will I get some help because between mechanic work and keeping everything going. I'm unable to keep up with everything. We hired one person who should start tomorrow. My main concern is Jeff's position and the mechanic position. I have not had time to do any grass liens because of doing everything else. Donna is helping me keep up with employee's time and answer the phone. If it wasn't for Donna I will not be able to make it.

11. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – None
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – The fire truck that sit on the Bessemer Super Hwy that has been there for years and years has a tree growing in it. Is that the car dealership truck? It's been there a few years. They need to cut the tree down. Can someone go by there and see what they can do. Also, Tyrone you are doing a good job. I know it's moving slow but everything looks good.

- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – I attended the revival with Pastor Austin a few weeks ago and it was absolutely awesome. I also attended the ring ceremony on yesterday for the players at Midfield High School our 2A Champs. I'm so proud of those guys and the ceremony was nice. I also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony today at Klasic Cuts off Bessemer Super Hwy. The facility looks awesome and I wish him much success with his business. I have planned a neighborhood clean-up and partnered with the Summer Rays Academy at the high school and middle school for July 8th. I also got in touch with Jefferson County Health Dept. who will also help me out with that process. July 8th we will be at the middle school and do a clean-up within a 5 block radius around the middle school. The Summer Rays Academy at the high school are looking for students. If you know any kids high school age that are interested in the program let them know. If they do not get enough kids to participate they will have to close the program. The middle and elementary schools are full. Thanks to Sgt. Grace for getting the German Shepard out of my yard.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – I want to ask Tyrone, “Do we have any no dumping signs?” I see two areas where people are starting to dump trash. One is an open lot. Once one person starts then everyone thinks they can dump there. I also have a question about the huge trees the residents are cutting down. I'm thinking something must be done because they are putting the trees out there for the city to pick up. The city is doing a good job but those trees are huge. Is the project on Rutledge on hold? The Mayor replied, “Yes, that's one of the projects we have placed on hold.”

12. **Meeting open to public via Zoom due to COVID19** – Pastor David Austin came forward to speak – We are having a Juneteenth celebration this Saturday at the church from 10-2.

13. **Adjourn:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.