

## 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 28, 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, Janice Anderson, made a motion to approve June # 2 bills in the amount of \$42,477.69. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 34:** Resolution of City Council of the City of Midfield approving second amendment to contract with American Traffic Solutions Inc. (ATS), d/b/a Vera Mobility. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 34. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 35:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel advance for Chief Jesse Bell in the amount of \$1529.29 and Falencia Ratcliff in the amount of \$887.92. Councilor, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 35. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 36:** Resolution of City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama approving the Employer Administrative Agreement between the City of Midfield and NueSynergy Inc. Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to table Resolution No 2021 – 36. The motion was second by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
10. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 37:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama declaring certain personal property as surplus or unneeded property and authorizing the disposal of said property by sale. Councilor, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 37. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
11. **Approval of New Business License:** Councilor, Wendy Merriweather, made a motion to approve new business license for The Master’s Touch d/b/a New Harvest Ministry located at 588 Bessemer Super Hwy. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
12. **Report form Mayor:** Issued a Proclamation for Bishop Dr. Elvis May. Received a request for another proclamation for a business owner who has been in business for 36 years in the City of Midfield. Recently met with ALDOT engineers, City Inspector, and the Developers regarding the entrance and exit of the property where Milo’s and Little Caesars will be located. Met with the Deputy County Manger last week regarding improvements to the City of Midfield from the County.
  - **Caption Golden (Fire Department)** – 2003 fire engine will need to be replaced. Two new employees started this week. One more opening available to be filled. Please be conscious of fireworks this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Fireworks can start fires. The Fire Dept. will be there for anyone in need.
  - **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – New police officer (rookie) started last Monday. Please be cognitive of safety for this 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Please keep an eye on kids when popping fireworks. Have a safe and fun holiday.
  - **Van Smith (City Inspection)** – Midfield may want to look into a tree cutting permit. Hot Metals new building is almost complete. Archwell well be done with construction around July, however, will not open until August. Crab Barracks may be done with construction by the end of July, however, unsure when business will open. Brand new house will be built in Midfield by Habitat for Humanity. Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) conducted an audit last week and appears everything went well.
11. **Report from Council:**
  - **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Good news on Red Light Camera Program. The revenue from the red light cameras can possibly be used towards a new Boom truck for the Street and Sanitation Dept. Also we may want to do a simple park for the kids in the Senior Citizen area with possible grant money form the County.

- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Asked Police Chief about the status of the fire truck with the tree at the car dealership. Chief replied that he spoke with the owner; however, they have not done anything about it. He will follow up with the owner this week. Also happy to see the Street Dept. out there taking care of the overgrown grass.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Pastor Austin reached out and I helped him to facilitate getting AC units to our seniors and residents of Midfield. Kudos to Pastor Austin for doing that for the residents here in Midfield. The Clean-up that was scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> has been moved to July 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Mayor for your donations to help motivate the kids.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Thank you Tyrone for taking care of Ms. Fuller. Asked the Mayor how's the hiring going for Public Works Director and Fire Chief. The Mayor replied its going okay and we just got a list form the Personnel Board for the Fire Chief position.

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 Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.