

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, July 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, 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, 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, Janice Anderson, made a motion to approve July # 1 bills in the amount of \$153,667.70. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Public hearing** on closing Fairwood Road to prevent access onto or from Bessemer Super Highway: No one came forward to speak.
8. **Approval of Ordinance No 2021 - 03:** An Ordinance restricting ingress and egress of Fairwood Road by making it dead end at a point before traffic entering or leaving Bessemer Super Highway onto Fairwood Road. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, made a motion to consider Ordinance No. 2021 – 03 on the first read. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. Roll call vote was taken with the following results:
Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams - Yes
Councilor Janice Anderson – Yes
Councilor Wendy Merriweather – Yes

Councilor Velma Johnson – Yes

Mayor Gary Richardson – Yes

Roll call vote was taken for the approval of Ordinance 2021 – 03 with the following results:

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams - Yes

Councilor Janice Anderson – Yes

Councilor Wendy Merriweather – Yes

Councilor Velma Johnson – Yes

Mayor Gary Richardson – Yes

9. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 39:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel advance in the amount of \$729.04 for City Clerk, Ashley Lewis, to attend Municipal Clerk Fall Training session. Councilor, Janice Anderson, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 39. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
10. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 40:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama to establish the American Rescue Fund, a special revenue fund, to account for funds received from the Federal Legislation. Councilor, Wendy Merriweather, made a motion to approve Resolution No 2021 – 40. The motion was second by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
11. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 41:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama approving the proposal from City Reporter to the City of Midfield to provide computer-based services for tracking building and inspection permits. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 41. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
12. **Approval of Resolution No. 2021 – 42:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing an appropriation of \$3300 for the Midfield Back to School Rally to purchase student back packs and school supplies. Councilor, Janice Anderson, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 42. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
13. **Approval of New Business License:** Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve new business license for PNC Bank (Formerly BBVA Compass) located at 7200 Aaron Dr, Midfield AL 35228. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
14. **Report form Mayor:** We have narrowed our Fire Chief position down to three candidates. We will be hiring someone this week.

- **Chief Bell (Police Department)** – This week, will submit a grant to the 911 Board for improvement on the 911 system. The upgrade will happen in the next 12 months. This will be a hosted 911 system allowing our cost to go down to \$1500 a month. I will attend a meeting on Friday with the County Sheriff and other police chiefs. He is putting together a list from other police departments to submit to the County Commission to get equipment for the Sheriff's Department and other Police Departments. Jail phones will be installed this week. If we have a jail, it will not benefit us to go with Jefferson County 911.
- **Van Smith (City Inspection)** – I've issued Crab Barrack their certificate of occupancy. He should official open next week for take-out only. I've issued Archwell a temporary certificate of occupancy. This will allow them to come in and occupy the building but not to operate the clinic. The clinic will open around September. Hot Metals is finished and have started moving equipment in. McDonalds will start their renovation next week.
- **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works)** – There is a lot of equipment that is down in the street department. We really need a mechanic at the shop. The boom truck is fixed. The Valley Creek Clean Up is August 14, 2021, from 8:30am to 11:00am. The Red Rock trail stated that the County Commission will fund benches to go on the trail.

15. Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Are we able to contract some of the mechanic work that needs to be done to an outside company? Mayor replied, "No, that will be against the Personnel Board rules." Also, the sinkhole was not Midfield City responsibility. It happened on private property.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Nothing currently
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – School starts back for the teachers on Aug 7th and the students come back on Aug 11th. There will be a New Teachers Institute at the elementary school on Thursday this week. I will be doing the welcome at the Institute on Thursday at 9:00am.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Faith Church is looking for new members. It's located at the old Fairfield Highland. Midfield bookbag give away will take place at Faith Church.

16. Meeting open to public –

- **Carlos Tubbs** – Concerned about loud music across from the Fairfield Highland Church and the store on the corner. Trash receptacles are overrun, and the grass is overgrown. There is no police presence there in the evening. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams replied, "We have done something about that store at the last council meeting." Chief Bell replied, "We are working on it." Mayor Richardson replied, "We will have a talk with the store owner."
- **David Beach** – I spoke with the City Attorney, and he stated he has not gotten his certified copies. I'll give him time to get with the Chief about his certified copies.

The Attorney General will have his certified copies in the mail tomorrow. It's a legal matter now. City Attorney, David Sullivan stated that he has not gotten any certified mail. Mayor Richardson asked Mr. Beach what has the city done. Mr. Beach did not answer the question.

17. 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.