

## 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, August 9, 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, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
5. **Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting:** Councilor, Janice Anderson made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve August # 1 bills in the amount of \$24,293.82. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 43:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel advance for Chief Jesse Bell, Lieutenant Donna Logan, Dispatcher John Miller, and Officer Cordair Kelly to attend the 2021 911 NENA Conference. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 43. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
8. **Approval of New Business License:** Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve new business license for B6 Trucking LLC located at 324 Midwood Ave, Midfield AL 35228. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Approval of New Business License:** Councilor, Velma Johnson, made a motion to approve new business license for K&K Communication Inc. located at 529 Lovoy St, Midfield AL 35228. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
10. **County Commissioner, Shelia Tyson, Chair, Jefferson County Community and Economic Committee** – Commissioner Shelia Tyson was not in attendance. Dr. Fredrick Hamilton (Jefferson County Community Services) and Michael Miller spoke on her behalf. Dr. Hamilton announced the County partnered with Faith Alliance and generated an estimated amount of \$27,000 in grant money to go towards upgrades of the Midfield Senior Center located at 909 9<sup>th</sup> St. in order to start a new senior program.
11. **Report from Mayor:** Grand opening/Ribbon cutting for Crab Barrack will be Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Chief Bell and I met with Sheriff Mark Pettway along with other mayors and police chiefs around the County to develop a strategy to utilize funds that will be coming down from the County for Law Enforcement. Also with the new infrastructure bill coming down, there will be a lot of funds that can go towards paving the roads. We are working with the County Managers Office to make sure that happens. Spoke at Midfield High School on today. We have hired a new Fire Chief, Kenneth Davis, he will start on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Christopher Grace (Police Dept.)** – Nothing at this time.
  - **Captain Bobby Golden (Fire Dept.)** – COVID runs have increased in the past week. The fire truck is still not repaired. The parts are on back order.
12. **Report from Council:**
  - **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Nothing at this time
  - **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Street Department has been doing a good job on cutting the grass. I want to thank the guys for their hard work.
  - **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – On tomorrow the barber at the high school and I are going to run a back to school hair special. We will do the hair of 25 very worthy kids. Myself and area stylist will do this on tomorrow at 4PM. I want to publicly announce that I am not the high school liaison. I'm unable to give official information dealing with the schools. Councilor Merriweather is not the reason why Park & Rec is closed. We are a body of 5 and take a vote. I am not responsible. The Mayor is not responsible. The decision to close Park & Rec and the splash pad due to COVID19 was made collectively by the City of Midfield to keep our citizens safe.
  - **Councilor Velma Johnson** – This Saturday is the Valley Creek clean-up day. The book bag give away will be at Faith Church at 11AM. There will be another book bag give away Sunday at our park at 1PM. This give away is sponsor by Phi Lambda Alpha; a charity club that goes from city to city helping.

**13. Meeting open to public –**

- **Darryl Myers (Midfield Police Officer)** – My concerns are about our retirement. I am unable to retire due to the retirement being past due. City Clerk replied, “We are working on retirement and hopeful get it resolved as soon as possible.”

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