

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, September 13, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Velma Johnson, 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 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 Velma Johnson made a motion to approve September # 1 bills in the amount of \$167,407.95. The motion was seconded by Councilor, James Reasor. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 48:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama approving the 2020 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$81,904.76 requiring the City to contribute \$4,095.24 for a total budget of \$86,000.00. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 48. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
8. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 49:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama appropriating funds received from the Federal Government American Rescue Plan Act by providing premium pay to regular full-time employees and permanent part-time employees. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams made a motion to

approve Resolution No. 2021 – 49. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 50:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama that a City of Midfield Coronavirus Response Leave Program (MCRLP) is established. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 50. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
10. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 51:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority for bus service on Route 45. Councilor, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 51. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
11. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 52:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama approving the proposed contract for services between the City of Midfield and Employee Assistance Services (EAS) to coordinate and operate a behavioral health program for the city. Councilor, James Reasor made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 52. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
12. **New Business License:** Councilor James Reasor, made a motion to table new business license for It's Only the Beginning LLC located at 609 Bessemer Super Highway, Midfield Alabama 35228. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
13. **Report form Mayor:** Great day in the city of Midfield. The grand opening for Archwell Health was a great event today. We appreciate everyone coming out showing their support.
 - **Chief Jesse Bell (Police Dept.)** – Would like to thank the mayor and council for approving the premium pay for the employees. All my officers will be excited and have been putting in the hard work. On August 25th we arrested John Lewis on Grant St. We severed a search warrant on his house. Received reports that he had raped and molested his 14-year-old step granddaughter. On August 27th he was charged with 4 charges. There will probably be additional charges on him in other locations. We had a terroristic threat at T-Mobile involving one of their employees whose boyfriend was in a dispute with some other guys. They threaten to shoot up T-Mobile.
 - **Chief Kenneth Davis (Fire Dept.)** – Would like to thank the mayor and council for the opportunity to service Midfield once again. We will have an ISO inspection sometime later this year or the first of next year. We have received a grant for the self-contained breathing apparatus. Met with the principal at the High School to work on building a bridge between the fire department and fire science program offered at the high school.

- **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works Dept.)** – We need a new boom truck. The one we currently have is on its last leg. I have put it in the shop, and it will be down for about 2 weeks
- **Van Smith (Building Inspector)** – Framing for the Habitat for Humanity house has started on Herring Street. Herring Street runs parallel with Wilkes Rd. McDonalds started their remodeling.

14. Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Look into using the Rescue Fund to purchase a new boom truck and police cars. Would like to thank the council for agreeing to give our employees \$1,000.00 premium pay. Are the speed cars being used? Chief Bell replied, “Yes, we will have training this week on the speed cars.”
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – The boom truck is the one we can defer the payments for 1 year. If we are unable to use the Rescue Fund money to purchase the boom truck, then we should try to defer the payment for 1 year.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Thank you everyone for your calls and cards. I am glad to be back. How much do we usually pay for retirement? Ashley replied, “Average retirement payment is around \$32,000 every two weeks.” Another question, Tyrone, are we filling the potholes? Tyrone replied, “Yes, we just received 4 tons last week and we went through that pretty quickly.”
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Would like to give Tyrone a shot out. Someone dumped trash out on Highschool Rd. I called Tyrone and he got someone out there to get it cleaned up. I am excited about Archwell Health Center. Homecoming will be September 24th and we play Tarrant
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Is the leaf and boom truck the same truck? Will we be able to run the leaf truck this year? Tyrone replied, “No, they’re two different trucks. We will start running the leaf truck in the middle of October. The leaves do not have to be bagged but they will be picked up faster if bagged.”

15. Meeting open to public via Zoom – No one came forward to speak

16. 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.