

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, October 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Pastor 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, 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 Velma Johnson. 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 October # 1 bills in the amount of \$71,293.56. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 54:** Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel advance for City Clerk, Ashley Lewis. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 54. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
8. **Approval of Liquor License:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve liquor license for restaurant retail liquor sales for Crab Barrack located at 103 Bessemer Super Hwy, Midfield AL 35228. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Report form Mayor:** Woke up Saturday morning to a break-in my home. Police were called and responded immediately.
- **Sgt. Michael Jeffries (Police Dept.)** – A shooting took place on the 600 block of 11th Ave. The victim was there to sell a lawnmower. There was a dispute that took place over payment and other events that lead to the shooting. The victim later died at the hospital. We have a good lead on the case and hopefully able to close it out by the end of the week. Another shooting on Thursday at the 1800 block of Stone Rd.
 - **Chief Kenneth Davis (Fire Dept.)** – Attended two meeting one with Central Alabama Fire Chief Association and the Jefferson County Fire Chief Association. The topics were about providing paramedics and ambulance across the nation. Here in Midfield we have not experienced any extended periods of waiting time for an ambulance. Looking into seeing if it will benefit Midfield to provide our own transport service. Have reached out to the community to help with renovations around the firehouse.
 - **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works Dept.)** – Would like to thank the police department for working along with the Street department in the clean-up of Mr. Williams yard. We are currently working on the other house on Rutledge.
 - **Van Smith (Building Inspector)** – McDonalds have started their rehab construction today. We will have an up-to-date McDonalds in the city. We have a new home starting construction at 618 5th Ave. This is a homeowner building on the lot. We have been receiving a lot of complaints about burned homes in the city.

10. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Nothing at this time
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Budget meeting has been moved to Thursday, Oct 28th at 6PM
- **Councilor James Reasor** – The State have a program for abandon houses where the State will allow the City to purchase the homes for \$1.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – nothing at this time
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Faith Church of Midfield will have a prayer walk Oct 16th at 12:30. They are also having truck-a-treat on Saturday Oct 23rd from 4-6 for the kids.

11. **Meeting open to public via Zoom** – no one came forward to speak

12. **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.

