

## 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 27, 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 Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve September # 2 bills in the amount of \$103,606.18. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2021 – 04:** An ordinance of the city of Midfield, Alabama adopting the Midfield Fire and Rescue Service Standard Operating Procedures and Policy Manual. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to consider Ordinance No. 2021 – 04 on the first read. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously. Roll call vote was taken for the approval of Ordinance 2021 – 04 with the following results:
  - Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams – Yes
  - Councilor James Reasor - Yes
  - Councilor Janice Anderson – Yes
  - Councilor Wendy Merriweather – Yes

Councilor Velma Johnson – Yes  
Mayor Gary Richardson – Yes

The motion passed

8. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 53:** Adoption of Personnel Board of Jefferson County holiday schedule for fiscal year 2021-2022. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 53. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
9. **New Business License:** Roll call vote was taken for the approval of new business license for It's Only the Beginning LLC located at 609 Bessemer Super Highway, Midfield Alabama 35228 with the following results:
  - Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams – Yes
  - Councilor Janice Anderson – Abstain
  - Councilor James Reasor - Yes
  - Councilor Wendy Merriweather – Yes
  - Councilor Velma Johnson – No
  - Mayor Gary Richardson – No

The new business license for Its Only the Beginning LLC passed with 3 votes in favor, 2 against and 1 abstention.

10. **Report form Mayor:** Participated in 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors meeting last week. This past Thursday, spoke with the Jefferson County Commission on behalf of Midfield getting the necessary funds for the Senior Center. The funds were granted to Midfield
  - **Chief Jesse Bell (Police Dept.)** – On Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> there was a double shooting on MLK. There has been an increase of people on Facebook selling vehicles. When the buyers show up, they are then robbed. This is the second occurrence in the city. The first incident the suspect was apprehended. Received noticed last week that we were awarded a grant from the 911 board in the amount of \$83,187.00 with no match for the city. The grant will be used to upgrade the 911 system
  - **Chief Kenneth Davis (Fire Dept.)** – In preliminary stages of FEMA grant. Would like to get more involved with the community by partnering with the neighborhood association and the Fire Science Program at the high school. Improving our mutual aid with neighboring cities.
  - **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works Dept.)** – Spoke with the director of Red Rock Trail. The benches for the trail have been ordered. We are waiting on delivery of them as of now.
  - **Van Smith (Building Inspector)** – Piggly Wiggly will begin making changes to their parking lot to make it safer. Habitat for Humanity house on Herring St. is coming along nicely.

#### 14. Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Thanks Van for going to the 601 location. Any update on the purchase of the Boom truck? Also update on projects with Habitat for Humanity? Mayor replied, “We will look into the price of the Boom truck. We have submitted a list of properties to the tax collector to see if we can purchase the property within a month.”
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Asked department heads to start getting their budget together by next council meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> and then discuss in budget meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Asked Tyrone if the department has received any coal mix in. Tyrone replied, “We will receive some next week.”
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Enjoyed the homecoming parade. Everything was amazing. Asked Van for update for the house on 8<sup>th</sup> and Rutledge because of the trash he sits out in front of his yard. Van replied, “I spoke with the owner today and we went over a list of things to clean up. The street department has sent him a letter back in April.”
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Archwell Medical would like to know if there is a fee to put a tent in the parking lot. They would like to draw attention to the location to attract more Midfield residents. Asked Chief Bell for an update on house at Swan Dr. regarding working cars at the house. Chief Bell replied, “We have gone by several times and have talked to the owner. We have not seen anything else since then.”

#### 15. Meeting open to public via Zoom -

- Nathan Williams (Midfield Resident) – Concerned about junk and vehicles piling up at 1420 Creel St. He has been sited at least two times for this. Chief Bell replied, “we will go by and pull the vehicles on tomorrow. We will also site him with a ticket to come to court regarding the junk in the yard.”

16. **Adjourn:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.