

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 25, 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 Velma Johnson made a motion to approve October # 2 bills in the amount of \$62,449.75. The motion was seconded by Councilor, Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Report form Mayor:**
 - **Chief Jesse Bell (Police Dept.)** – Would like to recognize Sgt. Jeffries and Officer Sampson for their work on the homicide investigation we had on October 9, 2021. They worked extremely hard on this case to solve it. Also, a shooting took place on October 21 on Midway St. We believe it will be domestic in nature.
 - **Chief Kenneth Davis (Fire Dept.)** – **Engine** two is back out of service. If you all recalled, engine two was just repair last month. However, it is still under warranty. We are back down to two fires engines. Received a call regarding the world games that will be coming to town. They would like to set up a multi-agency command structure. More info regarding that will be coming soon. Today

there was commercial fire at #3 Phillips Drive. The fire was contained to the business of. There was a good bit of fire damage there about 60% fire damage and 100% smoke and water. The two businesses adjacent to that particular business did have smoke damage. While on that scene, there were two additional medical calls within the city of Midfield. Our mutual aid system with Birmingham and Hueytown were able to work those calls for us while we were on the commercial fire call.

- **Van Smith (Building Inspector)** – McDonald’s is going along very rapidly. They expect to finish in about 2 weeks. The dining room is closed but the drive through is open. On tomorrow at 10AM, Chief Davis, Chief Bell, and myself are going to meet with some people out on Industrial Rd. about an ethanol transfer facility.

10. Report from Council:

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Nothing at this time
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Spoke with Ashley today about the Budget meeting. She is still getting everything together. We will meet via zoom at 6PM on Monday.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Nothing at this time
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Nothing at this time
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – I am struggling with a homeowner who continues to do work in their yard. What is the procedure? Do we fine them? Chief Bell replied, “we are unable to catch them out. However, I have officers on the look out to catch him doing the work. We will cite them. However, it’s up to the Judge to fine them.”

11. Meeting open to public via Zoom

Paster David Austin: This Sunday we are having a message of hope for breast cancer awareness. First Lady of Midfield, Williamena Richardson will be one of our speakers. Please come out and support. Health care is a big issue in our community. It will be this Sunday morning at 10:15AM

12. **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.