

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a regular public session in the City of Midfield, Alabama on Monday, November 8, 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, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. 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. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve November # 1 bills in the amount of \$43,302.13. Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 55:** Resolution of the City Council of the city of Midfield, Alabama to select procedures for amending zoning code as set out in the Planning Commission Memo. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 55. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. 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 Midfield Nutrition, located at 593 Bessemer Super Hwy Midfield, AL 35228. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Report form Mayor:** Had a conversation with commissioner Scales about the drainage issues / storm water issues in the city. The infrastructure bill passed for \$1 trillion. We are looking forward to that money coming down to us so we can pave roads and other amenities in our city. Collaborating with congresswoman Sewer's office to find out what is the time frame to pull down that money.
- **Chief Jesse Bell (Police Dept.)** – A 2017 double homicide case was scheduled to go to trial. The defendant plead guilty last week to two counts of murder and was sentenced to two 20-year sentences. Happy there was no fall out or any type of shooting from the lockdown at the high school last week. Everything went well with the lockdown. In the future, will sit down with the Superintendent and other school officials to produce a plan to deal with things like that.
 - **Chief Kenneth Davis (Fire Dept.)** – We are operating with two engines and no reserve right now due to one engine is in the shop for repairs. It should be back in service soon.
 - **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works)** – The leaf truck will make its rounds around the city starting Monday morning.
 - **Van Smith (Building Inspector)** – Bakay Materials, the buildings owned by Dunn Construction, located on Jefferson Ave, had an employee go wild and tear the building up. They will start rebuilding tomorrow. The estimated damages to the building were around \$250,000. McDonald's remodel is still underway. However, they have run into delays with labor issues and scheduling but are expected to finish with the next 2 weeks

10. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – How is the project going with Milo's and Little Caesar's? Van replied, "Both deals did not go through. The property owner is looking for other businesses to occupy the building." Also, the event at City Hall on yesterday was wonderful.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Remember we are meeting Wednesday at 6PM to go over the budget. Also, I am a recipient of the Alabama PALS award
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Will we do the Recon this year? Mayor replied, "We will have to look into that."
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – I was nominated by the Health Department for the people against litter state, for the Governor's award. I won the award, and I will be going to Montgomery to accept the award from the Governor.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Archwell will have a community block party this Saturday from 10-2. We are invited and they will have a table for us. Please come out. I also want to ask about the library. Since we do not have a board, did we appoint anyone? We receive funds for the library, and we have paperwork that we will need to complete by the board. Also, can we think of a better way to

communicate to our residents to get information out to them. 10 Midfield families are requesting food for Thanksgiving, and I would like for us to go in together and donate a turkey or ham to the families.

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

12. **Adjourn:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor James Reasor seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.