

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 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Tyrone Lloyd 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. 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 Velma Johnson made a motion to approve minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve November # 2 bills in the amount of \$104,545.43. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 56:** Resolution of the City Council of the city of Midfield, Alabama approving memorandum of understanding between the Jefferson County Commission and the city of Midfield regarding debris removal and monitoring service. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 56. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
8. **Approval of New Business License:** Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams made a motion to approve new business license for Big E Grill Shack, located at 1429 Woodward Rd.

Midfield, AL 35228. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Report from Mayor:** It has been an ongoing ordeal with JCCEO. Erroneous information given to the board by the Executive Director. The board has asked me to turnover any information to the Ethics Commission and there will be an investigation.

- **Lt. Donna Logan (Police Dept.)** – We have been dealing with two drug overdoses
- **Chief Kenneth Davis (Fire Dept.)** – We have been working with the Fire Science/Health Science Program at the high school. Looking to start a mentorship program after the first of the new year. We have already identified well deserving students.
- **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works)** – Nothing to report currently
- **Van Smith (Building Inspector)** – Mutual Savings Credit Union on Bessemer Super Hwy. will relocate the ATM drive thru out into the parking lot of the Plaza. They have gotten all permits needed. McDonalds is about 80% complete. Repaving the parking lot is not in the plans. However, we are hoping they will re-do it. I will reach out to them regarding the parking lot.

10. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – We may want to see if the tenant in the old Adamson West building is interested in purchasing the building. Also, we need to make sure he is not tearing the building up.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – We need to get back on the budget and discuss. at we can do to get the budget down. I have suggested to increase the garbage fees if possible.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – We need to have another budget meeting. Starting pay for new police officers is around \$13. This is very disturbing. We are asking them to risk their lives. We are the lowest pay municipality.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Went to the Governor's award last Wednesday. It was nice. I was asked by Jonika Smith at the Health Department to partner with the elementary and middle school to produce efforts for clean ups and participate in PALS with the youth at the schools. I have accepted her challenge.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Would like the police department to patrol the community center. I have been told it is a lot of trash around the community center. I would like to thank everyone who donated the turkeys for Thanksgiving.

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

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