

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MIDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in a rescheduled regular public session in the City of Midfield, Alabama on Monday, January 10, 2022, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor James Reasor, 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 Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
5. **Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting:** Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams 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 Janice Anderson made a motion to approve January# 1 bills in the amount of \$9,175.60. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.01 – 1:** Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.01 – 1 authorizing the mayor to enter into the Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreements for Business License Administration, Business License Discovery/Recovery Administration, Rental Tax Revenue Administration, and Occupational Tax Revenue Administration with Avenu Insights & Analytics LLC. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.
8. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.01 – 2:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.01 – 2 approving the use of the American Rescue Funds to pay the allowable expenses for salaries as determined by the standard allowance. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye,

passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Approval of New Business License:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve new business license for Smokey on Wheels, located at 5301 Bessemer Super Hwy. Midfield, AL 35228. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously. 10. **Report form Mayor:** Attended the funeral of Ms. Robbie Ann Belcher who was the mother of the formal Police Chief, Frank Belcher. A proclamation was issued on behalf of the Mayor's Office.

- **Chief Bell (Police Dept):** With the recent increase in COVID cases we have had a few scares. However, thankfully no one has tested positive. We have decided to go back to taking all non-emergency calls over the phone. We will still respond to emergency call. We are trying to limit our officers encountering COVID while on the job. We cannot afford to have anyone down right now.
- **Chief Davis (Fire Dept):** In 2021 the total call volume was 1,238 calls. This was an increase of 208 calls from 2020. Of those calls 1,013 were medical, 59 were fire, 159 were welfare checks/false alarms/good intent, and 7 were Haz-mat.
- **Van Smith (Building Inspector):** Everything is going well in the city. We have several home renovations going one and one new house that will be on Rutledge Dr. The shopping center parking lot is nearly complete in the front of Piggly Wiggly.

11. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Last year we had three murders. Two of those cases were solved. The police department is working the third case that recently happened. Spoke with the fire chief regarding bumping up salaries for part time employees, so that we can attract more part time workers. This is something I would like to discuss with the council.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Nothing to report
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Nothing to report
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Nothing to report
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Would like to get an estimate of the cost to clean and remove the mold from the library. Also, have there been any updates on the Swann Dr. issue.

12. **Meeting open to public**

- **Marva Doulas (716 Rutledge Dr)** – No longer driving on Rutledge Dr anymore

due to speeding vehicles. City Hall is very dark at night. Unable to see how to come into the parking area for City Council Meeting. Request glow strips or glow paint to see the parking area.

- Linda Lewis (225 Woodard Rd) – Concerned about police taking non-emergency reports over the phone and the length of time it took for an officer to get to my home. Also, the speeding on Woodard Rd is out of control. The divers have no respect for the city of Midfield. Something must be done.

13. **Adjourn:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.