

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 Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Councilor Janice Anderson 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, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Velma Johnson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members were absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams

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:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather 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 December# 2 bills in the amount of \$80,700.31. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2021 – 59:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021 – 59 authorizing the travel advance in the amount of \$223.74 for Police Chief, Jesse Bell. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

8. **Approval of New Business License:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve new business license for EZ Taxes LLC, located at 12 Phillips Dr. Midfield, AL 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Report from Mayor:**

- **Chief Bell (Police Dept):** Received a grant from All Traffic Solutions Company. Their program helps small cities obtain traffic signs. It only cost us the use of our badge in their advertisement. The unit is worth \$5000.00. However, we received it at no charge. The sign is mobile and will be placed around the city. Also, arrested 3 juveniles and 2 adults on the shooting of the 16-year-old a few weeks ago. Charged the 2 adults with attempted murder and will be charging the 3 juveniles next week.
- **Chief Davis (Fire Dept):** Introduced new hires Ms. Mika Chambers and Mr. TaDarryl Marshall to the mayor and councilor. Mayor Richardson stated Ms. Chambers is making history as the first female firefighter for the city of Midfield. Mayor and council welcomed both new employees
- **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works Director):** Currently nothing to report at this time
- **Van Smith (Building Inspector):** The 2022 SWMP plan will be posted on the city's website starting tomorrow for review and comments from the public. The plan will remain on the website for 7 days to allow residents to review and comment.

10. **Report from Council:**

- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Belated Merry Christmas to everyone. I wish everyone a blessed New Years as we go into 2022. I thank all our employees for the excellent work they have done
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Nothing to report currently
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Nothing to report currently
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – I would like thank Ms. Anderson, Mr. Adams, Ashley, Mayor and myself for sponsoring the employee appreciation luncheon. I also would like to know if we have had any updates on the issues with Swan Dr? Chief Bell replied, “No updates. However, it should go to court soon. Once we have a resolution, I will let you know.”

11. **Meeting open to public**

- Reginald Wilson at 698 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. – Are there any plans to reopen the recreation center and pave the roads? Also concerned about someone residing inside a business location that is not zoned to be lived in. Mayor replied, “We have been monitoring the COVID19 infection rates and vaccination rates for our 35228-zip code. With the COVID19 numbers rising, it will not be a good idea to reopen the center right now. We do have plans to pave the roads and we

have been working with Jefferson County, MPO, and ALDOT.” Van (Building inspector) replied, “Any zoning issues, please report it online under citizen complaint.”

- Novetta Tubbs at 1110 12th Ave – Concerned about road conditions at 12th Ave and 12th St. Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works Director) replied, “It’s a drain at that location. Will look into.”
- Marva Douglas at 716 Rutledge Dr – Are there any plans to appoint people to the library board? Councilor Velma Johnson replied, “Mr. Orlando is on the library board and has been working with Jefferson County Library Coop to get things in place.”

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