

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, January 24, 2022, 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: 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, Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Janice Anderson 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:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve January# 2 bills in the amount of \$143,711.00. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

7. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.01 – 3:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.01 – 3 authorizing a travel advance in the amount of \$1124.66 for City Clerk, Ashley Lewis, to attend the 2022 International Institute Municipal Clerks Region III Conference. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.01 – 4:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.01 – 4 accepting a grant from the Jefferson County Committee that was procured by State Representative Merika Coleman. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.01 – 5:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.01 – 5 approving the city of Midfield’s 2022 Storm Water Management Program Plan as prepared by the Jefferson County Department of Health. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

10. The mayor relinquished his role as presiding officer to Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, announced item number ten on the agenda, approval of Resolution No 2022.01 – 6. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No 2022.01 - 6 approving the purchase of kitchen equipment, office furniture, and office supplies from the Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity (JCCEO). Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 votes in favor, 1 abstention by Mayor Gary Richardson due to conflict of interest, and Councilor James Reasor was not present at the time of voting. Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Adams, as acting presiding officer, relinquished duties back to Mayor Gary Richardson after motion was passed.

11. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the mayor’s appointment of eight members to the planning committee. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

12. City Council appointment of one of its members to the planning committee. Councilor Velma Johnson volunteered to be on the planning committee. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams accepts Councilor Velma Johnson is voluntarily and nominates Councilor Velma Johnson for the planning committee. Mayor Gary Richardson ask if there are any other nominations. No other nomination presented; Mayor Gary Richardson moved that the nominations are closed. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to appoint

Councilor Velma Johnson to the planning committee. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

13. **Report from Mayor:** Next Wednesday and Thursday will be a testing site for COVID19 located in the small area between Bessemer Super Highway and the car dealership.

- **Lt. Harrington (Fire Dept):** House Fire at 316 Birwood Ave. The fire is currently under investigation. New part time employee, TD Smith.
- **Van Smith (Building Inspector):** Vandergrift Road and part of Belcher Drive will be paved. The Icehouse on Bessemer Super Hwy has moved by the car wash. The ATM will remain as a drive-up ATM out in the parking lot.

14. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Nothing to report
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Noting to report
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – The existing sign leading to Highschool Road were on the pavement and there are existing signs further back from the school four-way zone. However, Mr. Merriweather spoke with the Maintenance Department, and they have put up school pedestrians' signs as well. Plus, there is also a flashing light there. We would like to make note that we are being response to our residents' concerns. The boys football team recognized for making it to the area championship.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Nothing to report

15. **Meeting open to public** – No one came forward to speak

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