

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, February 14, 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, Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams 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 Janice Anderson 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 February# 1 bills in the amount of \$95,321.67. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

7. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.02 – 7:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.02 – 7 authorizing travels advance for Chief Jesse Bell and Falencia Ratcliff. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.02 – 8:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.02 – 8 approving the Endo Opioid Settlement Agreement and directing the mayor to sign the agreement as the mayor of the city of Midfield, Alabama. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Approval of Liquor License:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve liquor license for retail beer (off premise only) and retail table wine (off premise only) for Family Dollar Store #24019 located at 30 Phillips Dr, Midfield, AL 35228. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

10. **Approval of New Business License:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve new business license for Icon Motors LLC, located at 904 Cherry St. Midfield, AL 35228. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

11. **Report form Mayor:** Paving project on Belcher Drive and Vandergrift Road has been completed. Construction is on the way for the new ATM moving out of Mutual Savings building to up on the hill. Another business will be in the old Mutual Savings building. Councilor Wendy Merriweather and Mayor Gary Richardson both gave out 100 Roses to the female parents of students at Midfield Elementary School.

- **Chief Davis (Fire Dept):** Internship program with the High School Fire Science Program started this week. Chief Davis is working with the Fire College and Personnel Board so that the students can take the Fire Dept/Personnel test and start working at the fire department right out of high school.
- **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works Dept):** In the process of getting quotes to get the library cleaned and free of mold.
- **Chief Bell (Police Dept):** The Police Department set up the speed device on Woodard Rd and Rutledge Dr to monitor the speed of vehicles. The average speed is 35MPH on Woodard and 20MPH on Rutledge Dr. However, there are times of the day where there is an increase of traffic and speed. The Police Department was able to target the patrols in that area to cut down on vehicles

speeding. Chief Bell is addressing the speeding issues and complaints about junk cars on Carol Cir, Freda, 12th Ave and 12th St. area.

12. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Received a call from 2 residents today about getting speed bumps installed on their street.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Councilor Wendy and myself were recognized from Jefferson County Commission for my work with the storm water clean-up for 11 years and Councilor Wendy for her work with the school. Also, our city has many black history accomplishments starting with Jimmy Robinson being the first black council member, Mayor Gary Richardson being the first black mayor, and myself being the first black female council member.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Received a Resolution from Jefferson County Commission for the Governor’s award for clean-up efforts with the school and Valley Creek. Also, the girls’ and boys’ basketball team are in the Sub-Regional Championship. The girls are currently in 3rd place and the boys are in 1st place. Councilor Merriweather gave students community service hours for helping with the roses for parents at the elementary school. On March 4th there will be a campus wide clean up partnered with PALS.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Nothing to report
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – The Neighborhood Association met with Tobin Cataldo from Jefferson County Library Cooperative to see what steps we need to take to reopen the library. Mr. Cataldo also shared that the Library Board could open the library for 20-25 hours a week and still be able to receive the grant money for the library. The board also discussed possibly partnering with the cities of Brighton and Bessemer to use one of their librarians’ part-time. Councilor Johnson is working with Jefferson County to do a city wide clean up on March 19th. Also partnering with Archwell to do a Senior Day for our senior citizens. Councilor Johnson will keep everyone posted.

13. **Meeting open to public**

- David Beach (210 2nd Ave) – Mr. Beach is concerned about the city passing a budget and the progress that has been made on debt owed
- Marva Douglas (716 Rutledge Dr) – Ms. Douglas is concerned about speeding on Rutledge Dr. Would like to request a bumper sticker that states that “I’m a Midfield resident and I drive the speed limit”

14. **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.

