

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, March 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Paster Sellers 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, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members were not absent at the time of roll call: Councilor James Reasor

The city clerk 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 Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Councilor James Reasor present at meeting

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 March# 1 bills in the amount of \$63,537.56. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously

7. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 11:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.03 – 11 approving the standard agreement

between the City of Midfield, Alabama, and Stericycle a.k.a. Shred-it. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 12:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.03 – 12 authorizing the issuance and making provision for the payment of \$409,470.86 General Obligation Note (Federally Taxable), Series 2022, by the City pursuant to financing agreement by the City and Regions Bank. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Reappointment to Midfield Board of Education:** Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams made a motion to reappointment Felecia B Minor to the Midfield Board of Education. Councilor James Reasor seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken for the reappointment of Felecia B Minor with the following results:

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams – Yes
Councilor James Reasor - Yes
Councilor Janice Anderson – Yes
Councilor Wendy Merriweather – Abstention
Councilor Velma Johnson – Yes
Mayor Gary Richardson – Yes

10. **Report from Mayor:** Mayor Richardson stated that we are in the final stages of rebuilding the senior center. We have acquired commercial equipment for the senior center to establish a senior program that will include a daily feeding program as well.

- **Chief Davis (Fire Dept):** Chief Davis stated that ISO will conduct an inspection within the next month or two. The fire department participated in National Reading Week by volunteering to read to the kids at school. Other fire chiefs nominated Chief Davis to attend the Alabama Public Safety Leadership Academy class and received a scholarship from the Fire College to pay for the academy.
- **Chief Bell (Police Dept):** Chief Bell attended Chief of Police Conference where he received training on peer support to help the mental state of the police officers. Lt Logan is also trained in peer support. Chief Bell stated he will collaborate with other chiefs in the western area to provide more training in this area.

11. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Councilor Adams thanked the fire department and street department for putting up the benching along the walking trail.

- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Councilor Anderson would like the city to host an Easter egg hunt.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Councilor Merriweather stated that she abstained from the reappointment to school board vote due to her employment with Midfield School System as a teacher. Councilor Merriweather announced that the campus wide clean up on March 4th was successful. There were 52 volunteers and collected more than 22 bags of trash.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Councilor Reasor thanked the police department for beefing up on patrols in the area.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Councilor Johnson announced that there is a community food pantry at Faith Church of Midfield. It will open this Saturday and it is free. Councilor Johnson invited everyone to come to the city wide clean up on Saturday, March 19th starting at 9AM.

12. **Meeting open to public**

- Marva Douglas (716 Rutledge Dr) – Ms. Douglas asked how many police officers the city has on payroll. Ms. Douglas also concerned about the number of trucks using Rutledge Drive. Ms. Douglas suggested to the council, the use of the school's library until Midfield's Library is reopened.
- Patrick Sellers (319 11th Pl. Pleasant Grove) – Mr. Sellers came forth to reintroduce himself to the mayor, council, and residents of Midfield as a candidate for the Alabama House of Representatives District 57.

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