

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 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Mayor Pro-Tem 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 city clerk 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 Wendy Merriweather 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:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve March# 2 bills in the amount of \$180,506.47. Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 13:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to amend Resolution No. 2022.03 – 13 authorizing travel advance for Councilmembers Wendy Merriweather, Janice Anderson, and Velma Johnson to attend the 2022 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention to include Councilor James

Reasor, and Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Mayor Gary Richardson read approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 13 authorizing travel advance for Councilor Wendy Merriweather. The following members voted aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Velma Johnson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members abstained: Councilor Wendy Merriweather.

Mayor Gary Richardson read approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 13 authorizing travel advance for Councilor Janice Anderson. The following members voted aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members abstained: Councilor Janice Anderson

Mayor Gary Richardson read approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 13 authorizing travel advance for Councilor Velma Johnson. The following members voted aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members abstained: Councilor Velma Johnson.

Mayor Gary Richardson read approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 13 authorizing travel advance for Councilor James Reasor. The following members voted aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Velma Johnson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members abstained: Councilor James Reasor.

Mayor Gary Richardson read approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 13 authorizing travel advance for Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams. The following members voted aye: Councilor Wendy Merriweather, Councilor James Reasor, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Velma Johnson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members abstained: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams. Motion passed

8. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.03 – 14:** Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.03 – 14 approving the contract between the City of Midfield, Alabama and Greater Birmingham Humane Society for animal control and pound services. Councilor James Reasor seconded the motion. All member present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **City Council's selection for voting delegate for 2022 Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) Conference:** Mayor Gary Richardson asked the council if anyone would like to volunteer as the voting delegate for the 2022 ALM Conference. Councilor Janice Anderson volunteered as voting delegate. Councilor Velma Johnson volunteered as 1st alternate voting delegate. Councilor James Reasor volunteered as 2nd alternate voting delegate.

10. **Report from Mayor:** Mayor Richardson discussed opening of the library and recreational center. Mayor Richardson stated that the library is governed by the Library Board and the city will need a proposed budget from the board on how the library will operate in the future. Mayor Richardson stated that before the city can reopen the recreational center, physical repairs and a proposed schedule must be done.

- **Chief Davis (Fire Dept):** Chief Davis stated that the Fire Department will receive air packs rewarded to the city through a FEMA grant. The fire department currently has 1 full time opening available.
- **Chief Bell (Police Dept):** Chief Bell stated that the Police Department is need of new vehicles. Also, Chief Bell stated that the police responded to a home shooting in the 1400 block of Belcher Pl on Saturday night. It may be someone at the home who may be responsible for the shooting.
- **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works):** Tyrone stated the repairs that are important to complete to reopen the recreational. Tyrone also expressed the important of purchasing a boom truck soon.

11. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** – Mayor Pro Tem Adams thanked Tyrone and the Public Works Department for painting the outside bricks at City Hall.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** – Councilor Anderson announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th at the Midfield Community Center. Councilor Anderson stated donation are still being accepted for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Councilor Merriweather thanked Rep. Merika Coleman for allowing her to coordinate the event for preventing period poverty. Also thanked Tyrone and the Public Works Department on painting City Hall and thanked School Board President, Mr. Merriweather, for making the first donation. Preventing period poverty is a drive that accepts donations of personal hygiene products for kids to have at school.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Councilor Reasor stated he visited Midfield Highschool and was able to tour the Fire Science/Health Science Program. While brainstorming with Chief Davis, thought of ways of expanding the Fire Science/Health Science Program. Councilor Reasor stated that as of today, they were able to get a total of \$700 committed to the program. Councilor Reasor stated that small portion of the funds would be used towards a party for the interested high schoolers at the fire station to bring awareness to the program. Also, would like to get with the school and Jefferson County Personnel Board to administer the firefighter’s test at the school so that seniors can be certified to work as a firefighter right after graduation. Councilor Reasor stated that he has collaborated with Chief Bell and the Boy Scouts to start an Explorer Program in the city through the Police

Department. We have several donations committed to the Explorer Program to help us get the program up and running.

- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Councilor Johnson thanked Rep Louise Alexander for her donation of \$5000 to the Public Works Department and \$1000 to Midfield’s Neighborhood Association. Thanks to all who helped and participated in the citywide clean-up.

12. **Meeting open to public**

- Leo Zeigler (1123 Oak St) – Mr. Zeigler expressed his concerns about Midfield’s Police Department and the appearance of the neighborhood surrounding his home.
- Vivian Waller (508 Lovoy St) – Ms. Waller stated she has required signature to allow a speed bump to be placed on Lovoy St. Ms. Waller also asked for a status of enforcing residents to move their trashcan in once trash has been picked up.
- Lynneice Washington (Jeffco Bessemer DA) – DA Washington spoke about several programs that she has currently put in place to help our kids and community. DA Washington asked for Midfield’s citizen’s vote in the upcoming election.
- Louise Alexander (2508 11th Ave N) – Rep. Alexander respectfully asked the citizens of Midfield for their vote in the upcoming election on May 24th for State Senator
- Marva Douglas (716 Rutledge Dr) – Ms. Douglas inquired about pre-council meetings and the property on High School Rd. Also concerned with the amount of paper being used to produce the agenda package each council meeting.

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.