

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, April 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Pastor Charles Winston II 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams, and Mayor Gary Richardson. The following members were absent at the time of roll call: Councilor Velma Johnson and 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 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.

Councilor Velma Johnson present at council meeting

5. **Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather 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 Velma Johnson made a motion to approve April# 2 bills in the amount of \$66,665.58. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously
7. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.04 – 17:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.04 – 17 to purchase the Chorus SmartSecure alarm system located at Midfield Park and Recreation Center. Mayor Pro-Tem Terry

Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.04 – 18:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.04 – 18 to purchase the Chorus SmartSecure alarm system located at Midfield Street and Sanitation Department. Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

9. **Approval of Resolution No 2022.04 – 19:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.04 – 19 to enter into a contract with Ryan Public Safety Solutions (d/b/a RPSS) for the purchase of hardware and compatible software to replace the aging 911 Emergency System. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

Councilor James Reasor present at council meeting

10. **Report from Mayor:**

- **Chief Davis (Fire Dept):** Chief Davis announced that the fire department will give out and install smoke detectors for anyone who needs one. Chief Davis also stated that the fire department will start their annual testing of fire hydrants in the city
- **Chief Bell (Police Dept):** Chief Bell stated that the police department received a call from a 17-year-old male stating that he was shot while walking by the Citgo gas station. The shooting is currently under investigation. Chief Bell also stated that the police department made reassignments within the department to make sure there are enough police officers patrolling the streets.
- **Tyrone Lloyd (Public Works):** Tyrone announced that the Midfield Community Center will reopen starting May 3, 2022, on Tuesdays and Thursday from 2PM - 6PM and on Saturdays from 12PM - 5PM

11. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Adams** – Mayor Pro-Tem Adams thanked Jefferson County for their work on the drainage issues. Also thanked Tyrone and the Public Works departments for getting the recreation center ready to reopen.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** - Councilor Anderson asked if the rental fees for the recreation center are compatible with other recreation centers in surrounding cities.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – Councilor Reasor announced that there will be a prayer visual next Sunday at 4PM. Pastors from Midfield and surrounding area will be in attendance. The prayer visual will be on Woodard Rd. between Grants St. and Bessemer Super Hwy.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Councilor Merriweather thanked everyone who attended the Autism Walk on Saturday. The school system exceeded their goal

for donations. The cosmetology hair and fashion show postponed to April 28, 2022, at 1:30PM

- **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Councilor Johnson asked if it was safe to say that the library is clear to open once the board has produced a budget to the city.

12. **Meeting open to public**

- Marva Douglas (716 Rutledge Dr) – Ms. Douglas expressed concerns over the appearance of City Hall
- Kerri Page Parker (Candidate for District Court Judge Place 10) – Ms. Parker asked the citizens of Midfield to consider and vote for her on May 24, 2022, for District Court Judge
- Merika Coleman (Candidate for Senate District 19) – State Representative Coleman thanked the citizens, mayor, and council for their support with the feminine hygiene drive. Rep. Coleman asked the citizens of Midfield for their support to elect her for Senate District 19
- Charles Winston III (Candidate for State Representative District 57) – Mr. Winston asked the citizens of Midfield for their support, prayers, and vote on May 24, 2022, for State Representative District 57.

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.