

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2023

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Councilor Janice Anderson provided the invocation.
2. Mayor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**

The following were present at roll call:

Mayor Gary Richardson
Councilor Janice Anderson
Councilor Velma Johnson
Councilor Wendy Merriweather
Councilor James Reasor

A quorum was established, and the meeting was open for the consideration of city business.

4. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Johnson made motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; agenda was approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting:** Councilor Anderson made motion to approve the minutes from the January 9th regularly scheduled meeting. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion, and a voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; minutes were approved. Pro Tem Adams entered the meeting.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor Anderson made motion to approve January #2 bills in the amount of \$88,397.35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; January #2 bills were approved.
7. **Approval of Resolution No. 2022.08-87:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL authorizing a Travel Advance Request for Jesse Bell, Chief of Police to attend the Alabama Association Chief of Police Winter Conference in Montgomery, AL from February 12-16, 2023 in the amount of \$1564.42 Councilor Johnson made motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-87. The motion was seconded by Councilor Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution 2022.08-87. was approved.

8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2022.08-88:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL to approve the use of the baseball and softball fields for the season beginning February 2023 to April 2023 for Midfield City Schools. A motion was made to consider Resolution No. 2022.08-88. All present voted aye and a voice vote was taken and there was no opposition. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-88. Councilor Reasor Merriweather seconded the motion, and a voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution No. 2022.08-88 was approved.

9. **Report from Mayor:**

- **Mayor Gary Richardson**-Reported his letter of support for a grant for Fairfield City Schools Headstart program and that the Tri-State program that shut down.
- **Kawrean Frazier, Fire Department** – Reported the Media Release for the new Fire Rescue Unit will be January 30th at 10am at the Fire Station. Also reported constituents can pick up smoke detectors from the Fire Dept
- **Tyrone Lloyd, Public Works Department**-Reported that the Public Works Dept picked 65 tons of trash and that the dumpster is still being used. Was also mentioned about getting a list from the personnel board for a Park and Rec Director as well as a Street and Sanitation Director.
- **Chief Jesse Bell, Police Department**- Reported that the flock cameras are going up next week to read camera plates. Also reported he is still hiring police officers

13. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Adams**- No Report.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** –No Report.
- **Councilor James Reasor** – No Report.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Reported an update regarding the Park and Rec Committee and working through the ordinance to update.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** –Reported about the library and looking for volunteers for the board and let her or Orlando know. Also reported that the dumpster is going well regarding clean up.

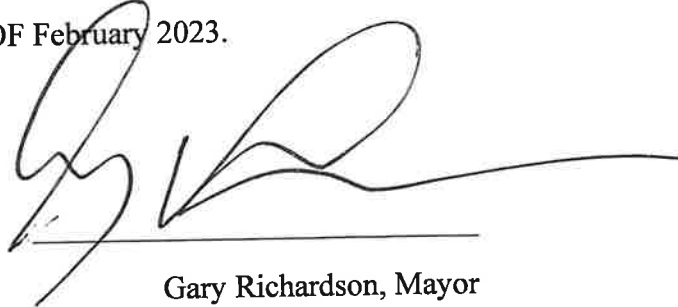
14. **Public Comments**

- David Beach-Inquired about light poles
- Robert Hendrix-Gave an update on the community garden
- David Fuller-Requested the house on 5427 needs to be demolished
- Reginald Wilson-Inquired on the timeline of getting the youth programs organized
- Marva Douglas-Advocated for the City of Midfield to join in better mass transit

15. Adjourn:

Councilor Anderson made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. All members present voted aye, meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

APPROVED ON THIS 13rd DAY OF February 2023.



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Gary Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Courtney Hunter, City Clerk