

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 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 9, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Orlando Robinson provided the invocation.
2. Mayor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**

The following were present at roll call:

Mayor Gary Richardson
Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams
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 Merriweather. 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 Johnson made motion to approve the minutes from the December 29th regular scheduled meeting. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion, and a voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; minutes were approved.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Pro Tem Adams made motion to approve January #1 bills in the amount of \$48, 527.10 The motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; January #1 bills were approved.
7. **Approval of Resolution No. 2022.08-86:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL approving the Resolution of The City of Midfield Alabama Authorizing a Travel Advance Request for Rodragus Woods to attend the Certified Governmental Accounting Technician Certificate (CGAT) Program in the amount of \$282.70 at the Bryant Conference Center in . (Recommended by Courtney Hunter, City Clerk). Councilor Johnson made motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-86 The motion was seconded

by Councilor Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution 2022.08-86 was approved.

8. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2022.08-74:** An Ordinance of the City of Midfield, AL to approve the Sun Up to Sun Down hours from 7am-7pm during the Summer Season and 7am to 5pm during the Winter Season at the Midfield Community Park with the amendment for the exception of scheduled events. A motion was made to consider Ordinance No. 2022.08-74. All present voted aye and a voice vote was taken and there was no opposition. Motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Merriweather to approve Ordinance No. 2022.08-74. Councilor Reasor seconded the motion, and a voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Ordinance No. 2022.08-74 was approved.

9. **Report from Mayor:**

- **Mayor Gary Richardson**-Reported he attended the Jefferson County Executive Committee Meeting and they met with Sheriff Mark Pettway regarding a Regional Jail and that the County needs to be unified on this. Also reported that the newsletter is being drafted and if any council members have anything to add, please submit it.
- **Kenneth Davis, Fire Department** – Reported there were 1,163 calls and that 80% were 911 medical calls. 142 fire, 6 hazmat, 23 false, 91 good intent. Also reported that Furniture Masters donated massage recliners to the Fire Dept.
- **Tyrone Lloyd, Public Works Department**-Reported that the Public Works Dept picked 72 tons of trash and that they have been picking up leaves. Also reported the Highland Center will be opened by the end of the March and the Community Center can be fully opened by the end of February.
- **Chief Jesse Bell, Police Department**- Reported the installation of the new 911 system and possibly selling the old equipment. Stated Red Light/Speed Car will have a total of 8 additional locations. (6 red light and 2 speed cameras). Will check about mobile cameras through the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office which can watch over various locations in the city in real time. Also reported the flock cameras will be up around the city soon. Lastly, Chief Bell stated he is in agreement with the Regional Jail.

13. **Report from Council:**

- **Mayor Pro Tem Adams**- Inquired about a grant writer.
- **Councilor Janice Anderson** –Stated there will start being a quarterly finance committee meeting this month. Also stated that we need to check into the collection of the tobacco tax and other taxes to ensure Avenu and Jefferson County aren't overlapping the collection of taxes.

- **Councilor James Reasor** – Inquired about recruitment and retention with the Fire Science students and an intern program. Also, inquired about the difference in numbers between the county jail and city jail regarding the proposal of a regional jail.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – Reported about reviewing the Park and Recreation Ordinance and finalizing the list of committee members. Also stated scheduling a walk-through date for the gym to make sure everything is up to date.
- **Councilor Velma Johnson** –Reported about the library and how there are 2 volunteer members for the library board and looking for 1 more to volunteer. Also mentioned if interested, please reach out to Orlando. Inquired about the community garden and making sure Robert Hendrix has everything he needed for the garden.

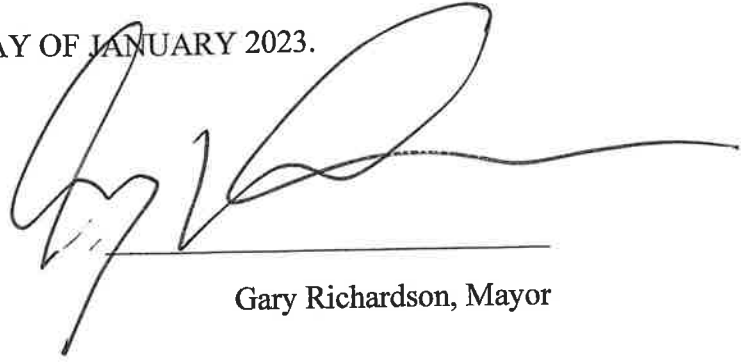
14. Public Comments

- Eneka Carroll- Stated the Endometritis Walk will be March 18th and will be going through the neighborhood beginning at 8am. The route will TBD.
- Marva Douglas- Stated that we need to advocate for better transit services
- Reginald Wilson- Stated we need to open the Community Center back up full time with basketball and baseball season coming up.

15. Adjourn:

Councilor Anderson made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Adams. All members present voted aye, meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

APPROVED ON THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2023.



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Gary Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Courtney Hunter, City Clerk