

MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2023

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on July 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams 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 Velma Johnson
Councilor Wendy Merriweather
Councilor Janice Anderson

The following were absent at roll call:

Councilor James Reasor

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

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Janice Anderson made motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting:** Councilor Velma Johnson made motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; The minutes were approved.
3. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor Velma Johnson made motion to approve July #1 bills in the amount of \$43,988.62. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; July #1 bills were approved.

located at 5337B Bessemer Super Hwy, Midfield, AL 35228. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.08-50. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution 2023.08-50 was approved.

5. **Approval of Resolution No. 2023.08-51:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL to approve an advance travel request for Aisha Pegues, HR/Payroll Specialist in the amount of \$355.00 to attend the Alabama Certified Payroll Specialist Program (ACPS) at Auburn University on July 14, 2023. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.08-51. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Adams. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution 2023.08-51 was approved.
6. **Approval of Resolution No. 2023.08-52:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL to approve an advance travel request for Jesse Bell, Chief of Police, in the amount of \$3,202.24 to attend the Alabama Association Chief of Police Summer Conference (ACCOP) from July 29th-August 4th, 2023, in Orange Beach, AL. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023.08-52. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution 2023.08-52 was approved.

7. Report from Mayor

- a. Tyrone Lloyd-Reported 84.7 tons of trash and 4 lots and 243 bags of paper. Ongoing construction at the Highland Center and the Community Center. . Meeting with Freshwater Land trust on Thursday to cut back on illegal dumping.
- b. Chief Jesse Bell-Introduced a new officer. Officer Strickland started on Memorial Day. Mayor Richardson mentioned how our activity has picked up in the City of Midfield when it comes to the hiring of police officers. Chief Bell also mentioned the recruitment of police officers to the City of Midfield.
- c. Chief Ken Davis-504 11th Ave might be domestic in nature but can't comment because it is still under investigation. No fatalities. Another fire and could be mechanical in nature. No fatalities in that fire. The transport unit is in production in about a month. It will help with our ISO review. The main issue is going to be water pressure coming from Bessemer.

8. Report from Council

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Adams- No Report
- b. Councilor Janice Anderson-Reported on the Back-to-School Rally on August 5th at the Community Center as well as the Valley Creek Clean Up on August 12th.
- c. Councilor Wendy Merriweather- Reported on the ongoing updated with the

community center including the roofing, phones, internet, badges, plumbing, ice machines etc. Also reported the fight against illiteracy.

- d. Councilor Velma Johnson-Reported the library will be open soon and that a letter is needed from the Mayor. Also mentioned the library will have a book nook and internet.

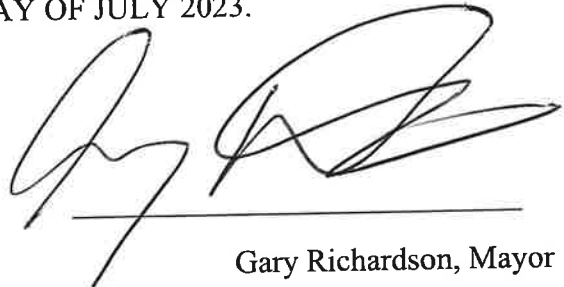
9. Meeting open to public

- a. Felicia Bledsoe- Stated that on 12th and Jay Ave, stop signs need to be replaced.
- b. Terri Locklyn- Stated that it is a dangerous traffic route around the freeway at Woodward County Rd. Also stated we need to check zoning for modular homes.

10. Adjourn:

Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mayor Pro Tem Adams. All members present voted aye, the meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

APPROVED ON THIS 24th DAY OF JULY 2023.



Gary Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Courtney Hunter, City Clerk