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Kenneth Davis, Fire Chief
Mike Lloyd, Public Works Director
David Sullivan, City Attorney

CITY OF MIDFIELD

AGENDA

November 13, 2023

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting
6. Approval of Bills
November #1 \$91,176.58
7. Report from Mayor
8. Report from Council
9. Meeting open to public
10. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2023

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on October 23, 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 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.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Janice Anderson made motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. 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:** Pro Tem Adams made motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; The minutes were approved.
3. **Approval of Bills:** Mayor Pro Tem Adams made motion to approve October #2 bills in the amount of \$120,663.96 with corrections to remove Verra Mobility and American Traffic Solutions. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no

opposition. Motion passed; October#2 bills were approved.

4. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-08-62 all approved except Mayor Pro Tem Adams pending additional information from the pending contract between the City of Midfield and Brock's Gap Training Center, Inc.
5. Approval of Resolution No.2023-08-63 authorizing Councilor Velma Johnson to attend the National League of Cities in Atlanta, Ga November 16th-18th.
6. Approval of Resolution No.2023-08-64 authorizing Councilor Janice Anderson to attend the National League of Cities in Atlanta, Ga November 16th-18th.
7. Approval of Resolution No.2023-08-63 authorizing Councilor Velma Johnson to attend the National League of Cities in Atlanta, Ga November 16th-18th.
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10. Approval of Resolution No.2023-08-64 authorizing Mayor Pro Tem to attend the National League of Cities in Atlanta, Ga November 16th-18th.
11. Approval of Resolution No.2023-08-63 authorizing Councilor James Reasor to attend the National League of Cities in Atlanta, Ga November 16th-18th.
12. Approval of Resolution No.2023-08-63 authorizing Fireman/Paramedic Steven Dutton to attend the Alabama EMS Conference in Orange Beach, AL November 13th-16th.

13. Report from Mayor

- a. Introduction to City Inspector Moses Hill.
- b. Chief Davis- There was no fire report, but there was a medical emergency and the person had to be transported to hospital after a specialized rescue. Fire prevention was last week in the community and schools. The Fire Dept will be partnering with the Red

Cross.

- b. Seargent Grace- The new police cars have everything installed on them and are being used.
- c. Michael Lloyd- The street department is filling pot holes, replacing street sign, repairing speed bumps, replacing lights at the park and Highland Center. We are waiting on the Health Department to say what else we need to do before the Senior Center is open.
- d. **Report from Council.**
 - a. Councilor Anderson- The Fall Festival is October 26 from 5-7pm. Any donations for candy will be accepted. Please pray for our troops and her daughter that are in Israel.
 - b. Councilor Reasor-Attorney Brown came out to the Senior Resource Fair to talk about wills and trust. The health Dept came out to talk to the seniors about sexually transmitted diseases. The Western Health Center is giving free test, with no appointed necessary at the upcoming Health Fair. The senior leisure group has a meeting on Oct 30th at the Community Center.
 - c. Councilor Merriweather-There was a Stop the Violence Rally. There were two parents that were there whose sons were killed by acts of gun violence. All the students signed the pledge to not use weapons or guns when they are in an argument. There was a Breast Cancer parade, and the students had a pink out, where they wore all pink. The Fall Festival at the school will be Thursday at 1:30 across from the Cosmetology School. There will be a "Street, Hair, and Fashion Affair", where there will a fashion show, with food, fun, and music.
 - d. Councilor Johnson- There has been a lot of progress with library opening. The library board is preparing an event once the Senior Building open.
 - e. Mayor Pro Tem Adams- Introduced a new insurance from Ruckerts Insurance company for critical illness, life insurance, cancer policies, and various policies to fit your individual needs. The Christmas parade will be December 2nd at 10:15. The lineup will start at ten and march off at 10:15.
- e. **Meeting open to public**
 - a. Robert Hendrix-Made and brought pepper sauce, from peppers from the city garden. Wednesday work days have started back from 10-12. Broccoli, collards, cabbage, beets spinach, and Swiss chard seeds, and vegetables donated by Acipco has been seeded. Also, he would love to partner with the Senior Center once they open.
 - b. Mary Fuller-Inquired about a burned home on 5424 Wilkes, because it is unlocked and there are dogs going in there sleeping. The front has been

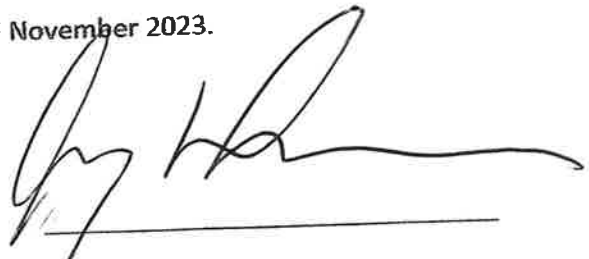
- cut but the back bushes need to be cut. There are three homes on that street, including 1001 that need to be addressed.
- c. Marva Douglas - Inquired about changing the time for Council meeting being, are the alerts still going on to let the citizens be notified about events going on in the city, are the discussions regarding the concerns of the citizens addressed, and are there pre-council meetings before the actual meetings.
 - d. ^{V. Johnson} Martin Johnson and Jana White - Passed out surveys for a poverty study. He is working with the Regional Planning Commission of Birmingham to get information from the Westside Communities. There were questions regarding transportation, and what the communities need. This study is in place so once grants become available, we will know how and where to utilize funds.
 - e. Denise Fuller - Inquired about timeframe for cleaning up plants on Jefferson Ave. Chief Davis said the Health Department has been conducted and they can wet the area down to settle the dust. He will follow-up with them.
 - f. Deborah Looney - Presented pillow cases to 287 children in grades 1-4. The pillow case will help to prepare for a fire and provide Disaster Awareness. Midfield will be the target city on MLK day to provide residents with smoke alarms. The Red Cross, Mr. Ackerson, and Chief Davis will be assisting her with Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Awareness.
 - g. Orlando Robinson Jr. - Presented all the members of the library board of Directors. The new Librarian is Jameria Hogan-Mickens, who will be starting training soon, at the Birmingham Library. The library will initially open part time and then will go to full time. She is working on classes for the elderly and kids.

Adjourn: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS 13th DAY OF November 2023.

ATTEST:


 Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk


 Gary Ricardson, Mayor