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Velma Johnson, Councilmember  
Moses Hill, City Inspector

Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk  
Jesse Bell, Police Chief  
Kenneth Davis, Fire Chief  
Michael Lloyd, Public Works  
David Sullivan, City Attorney

CITY OF MIDFIELD  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 26, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
**AGENDA**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting.
6. Approval of February Bills List #1-86,210.86
7. Report from the Mayor
8. Report from Council
9. Meeting open to the public
10. Adjourn

## MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 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 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:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a 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 the last regular scheduled meeting:** Pro Tem Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. 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 Minutes from special call meeting:** Pro Tem Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

4. **Approval of Resolution No. 2023.08-74:** Approval of Resolution of the City of Midfield, Al authorizing Shwanne Jones to travel to Huntsville, Al on March 6-8 for Regional Seminar FOR Municipal Court Officials.
5. **Approval of Resolution No. 2023.08-75** Approval of Resolution of the City of Midfield, Al authorizing Demari Westbrook to travel to Tuscaloosa, Al on March 27th for CGAT Purchasing/Accounts Payable class towards certification.
6. **Presentation of Library Board Committee** -Alicia Boykin for the library board.
6. **Report from the Mayor**
  - a. **Chief Jesse Bell-** There were 251 calls, 66 reports, 2 arrests, and 19 tickets. Chief Bell and Sergeant Jefferies are Certified firearm instructors for the State of Alabama.
  - b. **Chief Davis-** The Fire Department has participated in some community events including Sound the Alarm event throughout the city till April so far 15 residents have signed up to install fire alarms, a career event at the High School, and a Valentine's Event at the Community Center. There was one house fire that had a working fire detector, no injuries, or fatalities, and has an ongoing investigation by the State Fire Marshall
  - c. **Moses Hill-** There were 15 stop work orders for January, 5 building permits, 3 mechanical permits, and 6 electrical. There have been 6 building permits so far for February, 3 mechanical, and 2 electrical. There were 2 land disturbance permits. Two homes were cited for not having permits. 919 12<sup>th</sup> Ave will be the first home to be demolished.
  - d. **Daryl Robinson (Public Works)** -Picked 325 bags of trash, the cameras are back up on Forest St and 8<sup>TH</sup> Ave as well. There were two more trees one by the Adamson West Building and the other off 12<sup>th</sup> St. Currently working on the leak at the Concession stand.
  - e. **Lieutenant Logan-**The police department is in the process of hiring two police officers. One of them is from Bessemer and Tuscaloosa. There have been no shootings. Lt is working on a program, to help people with drug problems. Also, there is a high commodity of trailers and food trucks so please lock them.
  - b. **Report from Council.**
    - a. **Councilor Merriweather** - Did some public speaking on hair loss and hair care at the Senior Valentine's Event at the Community Center. Career Day will be on February 13<sup>th</sup> and Councilor Merriweather and 8 of her students will be going and reading to some students at the elementary school.
    - b. **Councilor Johnson** reminded everyone about the Senior Valentine Fun Day on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 at the Community Center. Mr. Hendrix would like volunteers for the Community Garden every other Saturday.
    - c. **Councilor Reasor-**Food Box giveaway will resume on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in front of the Fire Station.
    - d. **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** reminded everyone about the

Empowerment Meeting on February 22 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Also, there were callouts for the City Council meeting and when there was a weather alert as well.

The Midfield basketball team won the First game of Regionals and played Regional Finals on Friday playing Wallace at 6, and 6:30.

- e. **Councilor Janice Anderson** inquired about an additional grant writer and the Mayor is awaiting an additional resume. She will be out for a month due to surgery.

**c. Meeting open to public**

- a. **Larry Merriweather**-Wanted to thank the police and fire department and show special appreciation for Officer Merritt and Officer Strickland for always showing up. Also appreciated the Street department for taking care of the tree that was hanging out in the road. Also wanted to make the public aware of the various scholarship opportunities and funds available which included over one million dollars in scholarships that were given out. Also to compliment the students on pursuing careers at various colleges that include Harvard, A&M, Alabama State, and many others.
- b. **Marva Douglas**-Working on a project called “Action Coalition for Public Transit” to assist graduates with obtaining transportation for school and work.
- c. **Joan B. Singleton (Tax Collector)** -Running for Tax Collector Bessemer Division which is a 6-year position. She is an attorney and a realtor and would like everyone support.
- d. **Felicia Boykin**-There are concerns about a stop sign on 12<sup>th</sup> St and Jaybird that need to be replaced.
- e. **Nathan Williams** - A mechanic is working on cars on two vacant homes on Creel St. On 536 Lovelin St. there is a family that has chickens and was inquiring to see if there was an ordinance.
- f. **Vivian Waller** - Inquired about trees on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and Jaybird that have trees that are down. It was confirmed by the Street Department that it is the county territory. She would like the police department to check on the loose dogs on Lovoy because they are chasing dogs. The police chief informed her to call at the time of the incident so that an officer could go out. The light at the crosswalk in front of Woodward and BY Williams is not working.
- g. **David Beach** -The sewer pipes at the corner of 1<sup>ST</sup>and Woodward is back up and is causing flooding issues.
- h. **Orlando Robinson** - Wanted to inquire about litter signs being placed and digital speed signs and wants to bring back the beautification board.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, the meeting was adjourned.