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**Gary Richardson, Mayor**

David Sullivan, City Attorney	Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk
Terry Adams, Mayor Pro Tem	Jesse Bell, Police Chief
Janice Anderson, Councilmember	Kenneth Davis, Fire Chief
Wendy Merriweather, Councilmember	Michael Lloyd, Public Works
James Reasor, Councilmember	Moses Hill, City Inspector
Velma Johnson, Councilmember	Donna McKenzie, Park Director
Carolyn Wilson, Court Clerk	

**May 12, 2025**

**6:00 P.M.**  
**AGENDA**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting.
6. Approval of May 12, 2025, Bills List #1, \$99,584.88
7. Approval of Travel Resolution 2025.05.01-A Resolution of the City of Midfield authorizing travel for Orlando Robinson to attend Nusa 2025 50<sup>TH</sup> Golden Anniversary & Conference in Jacksonville, FL from May 19-24 for \$2207.18.
8. Approval of Travel Resolution 2025.05.01-A Resolution of the City of Midfield authorizing travel for Hazel Cunningham to attend Nusa 2025 50<sup>TH</sup> Golden Anniversary & Conference in Jacksonville, FL from May 19-24 for \$1556.18.
9. Report from the Mayor
10. Report from Council
11. Meeting open to the public

## MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2025

### Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on April 28, 2025 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

A quorum was established, and the meeting was open for the consideration of city business. Councilor Reasor arrived after roll call.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Janice Anderson 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:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Bills:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve bills for April #2, bills \$73,831.37. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.
4. **Approval of Resolution No.2025.04.09-** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama, authorizing a travel advance for Mayor Gary Richardson to travel to Huntsville, Al. Travel to attend the 2025 Alabama League of Municipalities Conference, May 13- 17, in the amount of \$2514.33. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams read and approved the motion to approve the travel resolution. The motion was

seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye, and there was no opposition. Mayor Gary Richardson abstained.

5. **Approval of Resolution No. 2025.04.10-** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama, authorizing travel advance for Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams to travel to Huntsville, Al. Travel to attend the 2025 Alabama League of Municipalities Conference, May 13-17, in the amount of \$2514.33. Councilor Velma Johnson approved the motion to approve the travel resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye, and there was no opposition. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams abstained.
6. **Approval of Resolution No. 2025.04.11-** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama, authorizing travel advance for Councilor Janice Anderson to travel to Huntsville, Al. Travel is to attend the 2025 Alabama League of Municipalities Conference, May 13- 17, in the amount of \$2514.33. Councilor Velma Johnson approved the motion to approve the travel resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye, and there was no opposition. Councilor Janice Anderson abstained.
7. **Approval of Resolution No. 2025.04.12-** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama, authorizing travel advance for Councilor James Reasor to travel to Huntsville, Al. Travel is to attend the 2025 Alabama League of Municipalities Conference, May 13- 17, in the amount of \$2514.33. Councilor Velma Johnson approved the motion to approve the travel resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.
8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2025.04.13-** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama, authorizing travel advance for Councilor Wendy Merriweather to travel to Huntsville, Al. Travel is to attend the 2025 Alabama League of Municipalities Conference, May 13- 16, in the amount of \$2514.33. Councilor Janice Anderson approved the motion to approve the travel resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Councilor Wendy Merriweather abstained.
9. **Approval of Resolution No. 2025.04.14-** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama, authorizing travel advance for Councilor Velma Johnson to travel to Huntsville, Al. Travel is to attend the 2025 Alabama League of Municipalities Conference, May 13- 17, in the amount of \$2514.33. Councilor Janice Anderson approved the motion to approve the travel resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Councilor Velma Johnson abstained.

## **10. Report from the Mayor**

The Mayor was the Grand Marshal at the 2025 Autism Walk in Midfield. Also spoke to four classes at Wenonah High School about entrepreneurship and his background in business.

- **Chief Bell** - The night shift is fully staffed. In the process of reconstructing new red-light cameras. There have been several new officers hired, and Officer Price has been promoted to Corporal. Once he passes the Sergeant exam, he will be promoted to Sergeant. Officer Cleveland also joined and brought a lot of experience the department in December. Attended a career fair at Miles College to try and recruit officers there. The Personnel Board is supposed to be setting up a tent to assist with recruiting new officers for Midfield as well.
  - a. **Chief Davis**- There have been no major incidents or calls. In the month of May, there are several public relations events planned. Encourage residents to come by the fire department to get one and have it setup.
  - b. **Moses Hill**- There have been 23 inspections. There were two sign permits, nineteen building permits, one mechanical, and one electrical permit. Also, Jaws Seafood and Chicken has had their final inspection and is awaiting a Certificate of Occupancy. Little Caesars has not submitted any plans so far. The car shop behind Church's Chicken has not got their business license yet.
  - c. **Darryl** The splash pad will open the weekend of Memorial Day, but will be closed for the holiday of Monday, May 25, 2025. It will also be closed every Monday for maintenance. There were two new hires, and once two additional individuals are hired, they will be fully staffed.
  - d. **Donna McKenzie** the 19<sup>th</sup>, we had our Annual Easter Egg hunt. Met with a company on today to discuss the Baseball lights, and will be meeting with two additional companies soon.
- e. **Report from Council.**
  - a. **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adam**- No Comment.
  - b. **Councilor Janice Anderson**-Thanked everyone for participating in the 2025 Easter Egg Hunt, and Councilor Johnson for going out with her to get donations from the businesses in the city. There will be a Certificate of Appreciation given to all the businesses that donated.
  - c. **Councilor James Reasor**-Setup up for the Midfield police department to attend Career Day at Miles College, so they can go and recruit officers for the city. Also wanted to recognize the Police Chief in the direction that he is taking the police department, and getting everything back on track in a timely manner.

- d. **Councilor Wendy Merriweather**-Took fifteen students to Miles College to a Gun Violence Symposium led by Senator Merika Coleman and the Police Chief from Birmingham. Also attended the Autism Walk and has accepted the position of Co-Chairman for next year.
- e. **Councilor Velma Johnson** --Attended the State Executive Committee in Montgomery, and was able to get a lot accomplished. She also saw the Fantastic Voyage, an organization that mentors kids and teaches them about Black History. The mayor is also a sponsor for this organization. Three busloads of kids attended. The building for the pavilion has started.
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- c. **Meting open to public**
  - a. **Geneise Fuller** -Thanked the city for beginning to clean up by Dunn Construction, and inquired about what is going to happen with that property. The Mayor stated that it will not be an industrial plant.
  - b. **Mary Fuller**- Inquired about the cameras and the Midfield Senior Center. The Police Chief will follow up with her about the cameras. The current company is looking for another director to oversee the center. The Mayor would like the city to hire their own director once the contract is up with the current company.
  - c. **David Beach**- Inquired about poles going up on Woodward Road and would like to get the sewer drain fixed on his road. He also wanted to say that he enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt.
  - d. **Marva Douglas**- Went over the history of incidents that have happened at her home. She reported that Rutledge Dr is now a race course, there is a lot of noise, and trash is been thrown out on the road. Also, the no-dumping sign on the side of her home is being ignored. The police chief said they can sit on the side of the road, and if they catch someone, they can give out citations.
  - e. **Reginald Wilson**- Thanked all the departments for doing a good job with the city, and inquired when the library was going to open. Orlando Robinson said they are still working on hiring a Library Director.
  - f. **Ms., Cleveland**- There is an easement on Highland Dr, and her neighbors are putting their bulk trash on the side of the easement, and it is piling up. She inquired what the city is going to do to rectify this situation. The street department will go by there to check it out.
  - g. **Lee Glenn**- Looking to open a fireworks stand and car wash in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams informed him of liability insurance that would be required for the fireworks stand.

- h. **Shannon Rice-** Inquired about the two empty lots near her home. The lots are not being kept up, and she would like to know when the city is going to come out and clean the lots. Also, on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, the road needs to be fixed.
- i. **Larry Merriweather-** Thanked the Mayor, city council members, and everyone who participated in the Autism Walk. He also commended the police and fire department for their help. The graduation for the High School will be May 16, 2025, 6:00 pm at the Cross Plex.
- j. **Felicia Ruffin-** There is an area where there was a burned duplex, and the property needs to be maintained. The address was given to the Street Dept. She also inquired about the baseball fields at the park. The Park Director stated that it is going to take time to get the field together, but it is being worked on.

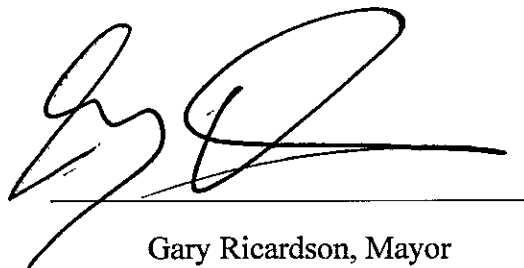
**Adjourn:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS 12th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Ricardson, Mayor

### MAY #1 BILL'S LIST

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