



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in special session on Friday, May 1, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Councilmember Reginald Wilson gave the invocation.

Tameeka Ephriam called roll. The following members were present: Terry Adams, Janice Anderson, Jimmie Robinson, Velma Johnson, Reginald Wilson and Mayor Gary Richardson. Tameeka Ephriam acted as clerk. A quorum being present the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

Financial Report & Report from Mayor: Mayor Richardson asked the Council to refer to their copies of the financial reports that was given to them. Mayor Richardson stated that since we have been catching up on past due bills we are having difficulties paying the current. The Mayor also stated that we are only down by \$60,000.00 in revenue compared to last year. Outstanding payables due by April 30, 2009 totaled \$221,090.23. Outstanding payables due by May 25, 2009 \$ 355,277.65. Anticipated Revenue for the Month of May \$ 228,173.26. The Mayor suggested to the Council to raise sales tax by .5% to bring in additional revenue to help offset the cost of operating expenses. Councilmember Janice Anderson, Councilmember Jimmie Robinson, and Councilmember Terry Adams said that they are not in favor of raising taxes at all. The Council stated that they are fearful of raising taxes because it might make the consumers shop outside of the city limits. Councilmember Terry Adams asked "how much do we need right now?" Tameeka Ephriam, City Clerk reported that the total amount needed within the next 30 days is \$348,194.62.

In addition, Tameeka Ephriam reminded the Council that the AMIC \$149,869.65 invoice and Millennium Risk (Workman's Comp Insurance) are the same past due invoices that has been on there monthly report since October, 2008. The City is in jeopardy of losing the liability insurance and Workman's Comp if it is not paid by the end of the month. Councilmember Terry Adams suggested that instead of laying employees off we cut their hours back to 32 hours a week to reduce the cost of payroll. Councilmember Janice Anderson said that that's a good idea. The employees will still get to keep their job. Councilmember Velma Johnson said that the reduction in hours should be across the board and we should do it for at least 3 months. Councilmember Terry Adams said that the Council is included in the cut. Councilmember Jimmie Robinson said he didn't agree to the pay cut for the Council Salary. Councilmember Janice Anderson told Attorney David Sullivan he's included in the cross the board pay cut. The Mayor said that he will get the numbers from Sherrell and present it back to the Council outlining the

amount the City will save if it reduces the pay week to 32 hours. The Mayor also stated that he received a letter from Adamson Ford saying that they are excited about relocating to the City of Midfield and anticipates generating \$20,000.00 in sales tax monthly. The Mayor reported that he is preparing a proposal to Regions Bank to reopen the City's line of credit.

Report from the Council: None

Open Meeting to the Public: None

Report from the Mayor: The Mayor reported that he will present the Most Outstanding Male and Female Student at Midfield High School Awards Day Ceremony.

Report from the Council: None

Open Meeting to the Public: Nathan Reed petitioned the Mayor and Council to vote for him in the upcoming Senate race for District 19. Nathan Reed is pushing for education, revitalization, and the economic stimulus funds. State Representative Priscilla Dunn petitioned the Mayor and Council to vote for her in the upcoming Senate race for District 19. Priscilla Dunn said she saved DHR in Bessemer from losing 36 workers.

Adjournment: Council member Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye passing the motion unanimously.

