



Meeting Minutes City of Midfield, Alabama City Council

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met in regular session on July 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Chaplain Orlando Robinson led attendees in prayer. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie Wagner acted as clerk and conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Councilor Jimmie Robinson, Councilor Janice Anderson and Councilor Velma Johnson. Councilors Terry Adams and James Reasor were absent.

Approval of Agenda: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from last scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of July #1 Bills \$108,092.75. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve July #1 Bills \$108,092.75. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2015-29: Declaring Weeds a Public Nuisance: (A) 425 12th Avenue, (B) 1005 12th Street, (C) 902 8th Avenue, (D) 819 12th Street, (E) 1605 Collier Drive, (F) 1211 9th Street, (G) 1345 Woodward Road, (H) 1381 Woodward Road, (I) 60 Wilkes Circle, (J) 611 11th Avenue, (K) 211 Creel Street, (L) 805 Overlook Drive, (M) 719 Highland Drive, (N) 538 Fairfield Blvd, (O) 408 Newton Drive, (P) 155 West Brookwood Road. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-29. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2015-30: Public Hearing for weeds: (A) 619 7th Avenue, (B) 705 7th Avenue, (C) 625 Bessemer Super Hwy, (D) 64 Wilkes Circle, (E) 68 Wilkes Circle, (F) 1401 Carol Circle, (G) 1416 Carol Circle, (H) 1301 12th Street, (I) 601 11th Avenue, (J) 227 3rd Avenue, (K) 211 3rd Avenue, (L) 1007 8th Street, (M) 1105 Wilkes Road, (N) 1110 Wilkes Road. Councilor Jimmie Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-30. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Cost Report Notice. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the Cost Report Notice. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2015-32: Authorizing Travel Advance for Zykeshia Dock. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-32. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 2015-33: Authorizing Herbicide Program for 2015. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-33. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted “aye”, passing the motion unanimously.

Report from the Mayor: Mayor Richardson was excited that the sidewalks and walking trails projects are in the works. The Mayor yielded the floor to the department heads.

Jeff Zissette, Public Works Director, reported the Woodward Road pavement has begun and the renovations on the recreation center were delayed, however, today is the official start date of the job. The renovation has to be completed by November 19th. The Valley Creek Clean-up is scheduled for August 22, 2015 and ask that the citizens volunteer to assist in the effort, especially since the creek feeds into our drinking water. So far 80 tons has been removed from the creek so far. Lastly, he reported that so far 117 yards have been cut and they are still cutting yards. The mayor asked Jeff to check into what could be done to encourage business owners to repair the potholes on their properties.

Police Chief Belcher reported there is a debit card fraudulent use increase so be aware of where you swipe your cards and closely monitor checking accounts for fraud. He also reported that domestic violence cases are increasing due to warm weather. Chief also introduced Chad Mitchell, a new officer that transferred from Hueytown Police Department. The mayor asked Chief to check to see if we can address cars parking on lawns.

Fire Chief Manning reported that the new fire truck has arrived and will be on display at the town hall meeting.

Report from the Council: Councilor Jimmie Robinson is happy and honored to see the sidewalks and fire truck purchase. He also wants to know what can be done to encourage business owners to pave their properties.

Report from the Public: Geraldine Page, 403 Susan Lane, wants speed bumps added to encourage traffic to slow down in the area and for No trucks in the area. If the speed bumps cannot be added she would volunteer her yard to park the speed detection vehicle to encourage drivers to slow down.

Milton Wren, Kingdom Builder's Church, 103 Bessemer Super Hwy, wants permission to use outside of the Community center for a Health fair, the event is tentatively scheduled for September 6, 2015 from 12p-2p. The Mayor asked if he was a 501c organization and if they have liability insurance and if he can provide the documents to city hall. The Mayor and council agreed to allow his use of pavilion and outside of community center for the health fair once he provides the city with the required documents.

David Beech wants the city to waive permit fees for repairs done by property owners. He also stated some residents will be volunteering to clean the alley.

Adjournment: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted "aye", passing the motion unanimously.