

## MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on January 22, 2024, 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 Velma Johnson  
Councilor Wendy Merriweather

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:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve 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 Bills:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve January #2 bills for \$99,195.40. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. January #2 bills were approved.

4. **Approval of Permit Field Application for Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School:** All approved from the pending contract between the City of Midfield and Holy Family Rey Catholic High School with \$75.00 for 5 home games that include practice time. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson.
5. **Approval to use Grant Writer when needed:** This was tabled until there is two additional Grant Writers to be reviewed.
6. **Report from the Mayor**
  - a. **Mayor Gary Richardson-** Recognized the School Board members for School Board Recognition Month by issuing a proclamation thanking them for all of their dedication, and hard work.
  - b. **Chief Davis-** There is a public safety event on January 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a house fire last week on Lovett St. There were no injuries or fatalities. One structure and 3 vehicles were destroyed, and one exposure which was the house next door. There are 16 fire positions. There are 10 full-time employees, 6 paramedics, and 4 EMTs. There is a pool of 12 part-time employees which consists of 4 paramedics 6 in paramedic school, and EMTs. Staffing runs three 24-hour shifts, having a maximum of five on-duty, and a minimum of four, which gives 24 services while maintaining 24 paramedics on staff at a time. All up-to-date information is posted on Midfield's social media page.
  - c. **Moses Hill-**There were 59 stop work orders, 30 with permits, and 29 outstanding. There was a body shop at the end of Allison Bonnett that received a stop work order due to no business license. There were 7 other stop work orders, 2 land disturbances, and on 920 Rutledge Dr., new construction has started. The dumpsters at Dollar General and Meat Department are off site and there have been two complaints. Dollar General and the Meat Dept have been informed that the dumpster needs to be moved and a lock needs to be put on it because it's on someone's property. Certified letters will be sent out for the five unsafe properties that are needed to be torn down.
  - d. **Mike Lloyd -**The Highlands Center hood needs to be redone because it was not put up properly, and new gas lines are being put in. There are going to be two new workers for the Street Dept. There was one tree cut down because it was affecting public safety.
  - 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-Attended the MLK Unity breakfast and they had some really good speakers.
    - 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. 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.

c. **Meeting open to public**

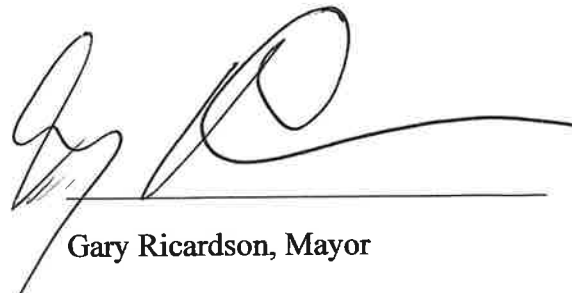
- a. **Reginald Wilson**-Wanted to thank the council members and City Clerk for supporting him with helping to get the Youth Sports started. Also, he wanted to thank the Street, Sanitation, Fire, and Inspection departments for their commitment and hard work throughout the community.
- b. **Jameria Ogunmakin** - (Library Director) Is currently in training while awaiting the library to open, and is working in Birmingham, and Fairfield library. Mr. Jimmie Robinson has stepped down from his position.
- c. Attorney Joi Travis-Running for Probate Judge place 1 which will be focusing on voting and elections, guardianship, name changes, marriage licenses, and land filings. She has been practicing probate since 2017. She has 4 opponents. Trust in Travis on the March 5<sup>th</sup> election. Anyone can apply for an absentee ballot but you have to send in id. There are exceptions where you don't have to if you have special accommodation.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Velma Johnson 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.

APPROVED ON THIS 12th DAY OF February 2024.

ATTEST:

  
Valencia Ratcliff, City Clerk

  
Gary Ricardson, Mayor

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# SIGN-IN SHEET

If you wish to address the City Council regarding a matter, please sign in prior to the Public Comments section of meeting.

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2	Reynolds Wrisa	690 D. W. L. King Jr. Drive		
3	<del>Marsh</del> Marshall	1530 High School Rd		
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