



City of Midfield
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Gary Richardson, Mayor

Terry Adams, Mayor Pro Tem
Janice Anderson, Councilmember
Wendy Merriweather, Councilmember
James Reasor, Councilmember
Velma Johnson, Councilmember

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

CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MIDFIELD
Regular Council Meeting
August 13, 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 January Bills List #2, \$73,474.29
7. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.106- Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Lieutenant Donna Logan to Montgomery, Al for a training class on Financial Exploitation of the Elderly, September 10-13, for \$1,018.33
- 8 Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.107- Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Sergeant Michael Jefferies to Montgomery, Al for a training class on Financial Exploitation of the Elderly, September 10-13, for \$1,004.76
- 9.Approval Of Travel Resolution 2024.08.108- Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Carolyn Wilson to Orange Beach, Al to the Alabama Municipal Court Clerks and Magistrates Association 2024 Annual Conference September 25th-29th for \$2,739.82
- 10.Approval Of Travel Resolution 2024.08.109- Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Falencia Ratcliff to Tuscaloosa, Al for Municipal Clerks Fall Training, August 27-August 30th for \$906.31.

11. Report from Mayor
12. Report from Council
13. Meeting open to public
14. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on July 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 Janice Anderson
Councilor James Reasor
Councilor Wendy Merriweather
Councilor Velma Johnson

A quorum was established, and the meeting was open for the consideration of city business.

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 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 Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve July #2 bills for \$76,616.88. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.

July#2 bills were approved.

4. **Approval of Resolution 2024.08.104 A Resolution of the City of Midfield City Council Authorizing and Approving an Agreement with Midfield, Al, and Credit Bureaus System d/b/a/ Ambulance Medical Billing.** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.
5. **Approval of Resolution 2024.08.105 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Midfield Appropriating the Sum of \$650.00 for food and beverages for the Employee Safety Training Meeting.** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; The Resolution was approved.
6. **Report from the Mayor**
 - a. **Mayor Gary Richardson-** Hosted the Jefferson County Mayors Association Meeting at Crab Barrack, sponsored by Spectrum.
 - b. **Chief Davis-** There is a shortage of paramedics. So, Midfield will be transporting the more critical patients. Also working in conjunction with the State Fire Marshalls Office. There was an arrest from the fire in January, and they were charged with First Degree Insurance Fraud, and Second Degree Arson.
 - c. **Moses Hill-**There were 3 stop work orders, 5 building permits, 6 electrical permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, and working on two houses that have moved people in without getting certificates of occupancy. Also, there are 72 properties that have been sent to the state. The city is finding out information about these properties.
 - d. **Mike Lloyd -**The alarm has been placed on the Highlands Center, and library. Someone supposed to be coming out to do a quote for the mold at the library. There are two people that are supposed to be doing the test for Certified Pool Operator.
 - e. **Sergeant Jefferies-**There have been two car jackings and the suspects have been identified. There was a traffic stop for reckless driving, there were 300 grams of meth amphetamine found, 8 grams of fentanyl, 3 fire arms which two were stolen, two of the guns had switches on them which turned them into automatic hand guns. The ATF and DEA is now involved.
 - f. **Donna McKenzie-(Sr Rec Leader)-** The Valley Creek Cleanup is August 10, 2024. Everyone is invited to come and participate. In the past Midfield has had the highest participation, and would like volunteers to come and help with t-shirts, hotdogs. It starts at 8:30am. at Freewill Church
- b. **Report from Council.**
 - c.
 - a. **Councilor Anderson-**The Back-to-School Rally is Aug 3rd. Any volunteers are welcomed to come out.

- b. **Councilor Reasor**-No comment.
- c. **Councilor Merriweather**-Attended the Jefferson County Mayor Association Meeting, and attended the Women’s Empowerment Summit, on a panel with Commissioner Shelia Tyson, and Judge Patricia Stevens. Then went to an Art in Preschool with reading initiative, “Reading Advocate Literacy,” and read to 25 preschoolers. Also attending the Career Tech Conference in Mobile. Reminder to have a clear or mesh book bag for school.
- d. **Councilor Johnson** Inquired about tickets for vacant cars, and will follow up with Chief Bell about it.
- e. **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams** -No comments.

d. **Meeting open to public**

- a. **Sharon Kelly (Minister, Nurse, and Mental Health Advocate)**-Inquired about doing a mental health encouragement group for an hour one day a week at the Community Center or Highland Center. This will be to talk about Mental Health Challenges.
- b. **Mary Fuller**- Inquired about overgrown properties. Spoke with the Public Works Director about an overgrown property.
- c. **Daisy Rachel**-Inquired about weeds and grass on Swan Drive. There is a property behind her home and it needs to be addressed.
- d. **David Beach**- Would like bills to be posted for public viewing.
- e. **Vivian Waller**-Wanted to thank the police officers that got the vicious dogs from under her truck.
- f. **Sherman Sterling**- Inquired about doing a Reggae in the Park Series. He is going to submit insurance, license, and an information brochure for the next council meeting.
- g. **Reginald Wilson**-Would like for the City Council to rescind the \$75.00 per game fee.

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

APPROVED ON THIS 12th DAY OF August 2024.

ATTEST:

 Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk

 Gary Ricardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-106

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Lt. Donna Logan

Whereas Lt. Donna Logan is traveling to Montgomery, AL from September 10 through September 13, to attend training for Financial Exploitation of the Elderly

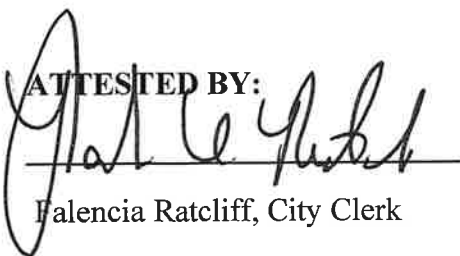
Whereas Alabama Code Section 36-7-1 provides that no officer or employee of a municipality shall be reimbursed from the treasury of the municipality unless an itemized statement of that expense is presented and approved as required by section 36-7-2; and

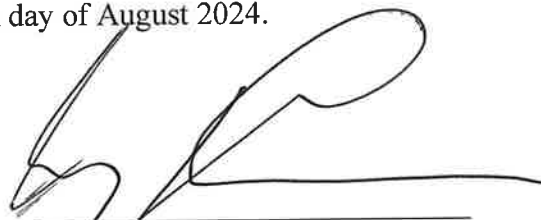
Whereas, if funds are advanced to an official or employee, and the official or employee fails to present the itemized statement of expenses immediately upon return of the official or employee, then the official or employee is personally liable for the amount of the advance received, and the amount of the advance may be deducted from any future salary received from the city, and

Whereas Lt. Donna Logan requests a travel advance of \$1018.33 to cover the cost of lodging, per diem, mileage, and parking.

Now Therefore It Is Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to Lt. Donna Logan.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of August 2024.

ATTESTED BY:

Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk


Gary Richardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-107

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Sergeant Michael Jefferies

Whereas Sergeant Michael Jefferies is traveling to Montgomery, AL from September 10 through September 13, to attend training for Financial Exploitation of the Elderly

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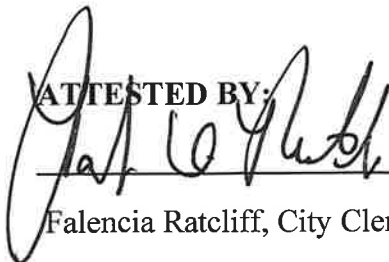
Whereas, if funds are advanced to an official or employee, and the official or employee fails to present the itemized statement of expenses immediately upon return of the official or employee, then the official or employee is personally liable for the amount of the advance received, and the amount of the advance may be deducted from any future salary received from the city, and

Whereas Sergeant Michael Jeffries requests a travel advance of \$1004.76 to cover the cost of lodging, per diem, mileage, and parking.

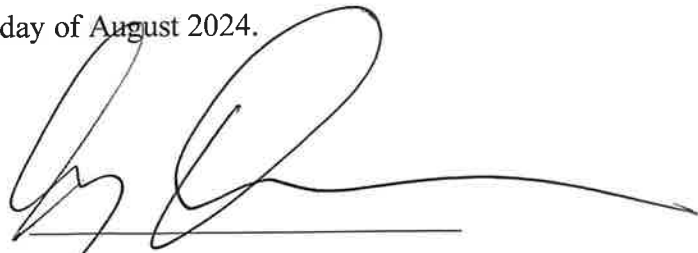
Now Therefore It Is Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to Sergeant Michael Jeffries.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of August 2024.

ATTESTED BY:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Richardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-108

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Carolyn Wilson

Whereas Magistrate Supervisor/Court Clerk Carolyn Wilson is traveling to Orange Beach, AL from September 25th through September 29th, to attend the 2024 AAMCA Annual Conference

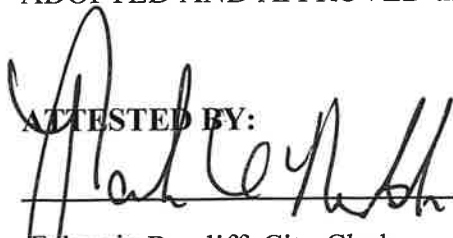
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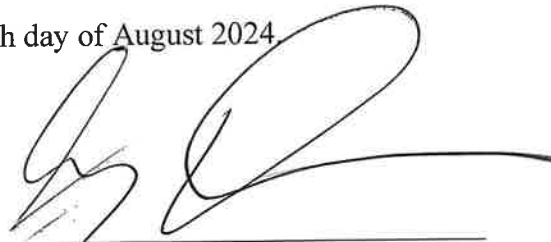
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Whereas Magistrate Supervisor/Court Clerk Carolyn Wilson requests a travel advance of \$2,739.82 to cover the cost of lodging, per diem, mileage, and parking.

Now Therefore It Is Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to the Magistrate Supervisor/Court Clerk Carolyn Wilson.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of August 2024

ATTESTED BY:

Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk


Gary Richardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-109

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Falencia Ratcliff

Whereas Municipal Clerk Falencia Ratcliff is traveling to Tuscaloosa, AL from August 27 through August 30th, to attend the 2024 AAMCA Municipal Clerks Fall Training.

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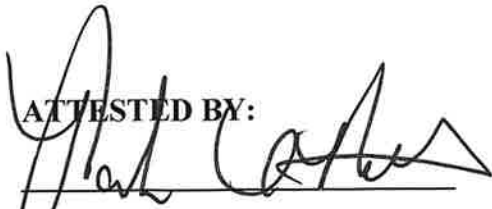
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Whereas Municipal Clerk Falencia Ratcliff requests a travel advance of \$906.31 to cover the cost of lodging, per diem, mileage, and parking.

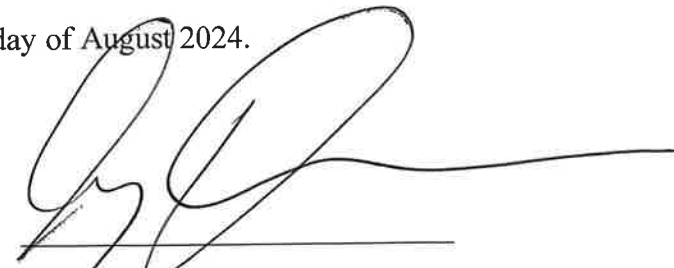
Now Therefore It Is Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City of Midfield to issue the advance amounts set out above to Municipal Clerk Falencia Ratcliff.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of August 2024.

ATTESTED BY:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Richardson, Mayor

