



CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MIDFIELD
Regular Called Council Meeting
April 22, 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 regularly scheduled meeting
6. Approval of Bills List #2: **\$93,344.26.**
7. **Approval of Resolution No.2024.08-81:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL appropriating \$1,660.64 for registration, food, and travel expenses for Councilor Janice Anderson to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Huntsville, Al May 15-18 2024.
8. **Approval of Resolution No.2024.08-82:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL appropriating \$1,660.64 for registration, food, and travel expenses for Councilor Velma Johnson to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Huntsville, Al May 15-18 2024.



9. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024.08-83:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL appropriating \$1,390.64 for registration, food, and travel expenses for Mayor Gary Richardson to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Huntsville, Al May 15-18 2024.

10. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024.08-84:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL appropriating \$1,660.64 for registration, food, and travel expenses for Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Huntsville, Al May 15-18 2024.

11. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024.08-85:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL appropriating \$1,480.64 for registration, food, and travel expenses for Councilor ~~Janice Anderson~~ ^{Fidencio} ~~Anderson~~ to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Huntsville, Al May 15-18 2024. *Noted*

12. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024.08-86:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL to accept monetary donations for the Highlands Senior Center Building from Jefferson County Commission and Commissioner Tyson for \$3,000.00, Commissioner Stephens \$3,000.00, Commissioner Boling \$3,000.00, and Commissioner Knight for \$1,500.00 for a total of \$10,500.00.

13. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024.08-87:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL appropriating \$1,768.65 for registration, food, and travel expenses for Chief Jesse Bell to attend the Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement in Atlanta, Ga. May 1-5 2024.

14. **Approval of Resolution No. 2024.08-88:** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, AL appropriating \$1,768.65 for registration, food, and travel expenses for Chief Jesse Bell ^{and Merhys} to attend the Professionalizing Law Enforcement-Community Engagement in Atlanta, Ga. May 1-5 2024. *✓*

~~14 a. Approval of Resolution No. 2024.07 81 for Fidencio~~
15. Approval of Business License for Ocean Seafood & Chicken Resturant

16. Report from the Mayor

17. Report from Council

18. Meeting Open to Public

19. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on March 22., 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Moses Hill provided the invocation.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**

The following were present at roll call:

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams

Councilor Janice Anderson

Councilor Velma Johnson

Councilor Wendy Merriweather

Council James Reasor and Mayor Gary Richardson were absent.

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

4. Approval of Agenda: Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; agenda was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. 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 minutes were approved.

6. Approval of Bill List for \$69,761.90: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice

vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed. Bills were approved.

6a. Approval of Corrected Resolution 2024.08-80: A corrected resolution of The City of Midfield appropriating 1,920.00 for registration, food and travel expenses for Orlando Robinson and Hazel Cunningham, who are Neighborhood Association Officers to attend Nusa Conference which substitutes and replace Resolution 2024.08-79 adopted by the City of Midfield on March 20, 2024. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed.

13. Report from Mayor Pro Tem-Made everyone aware of the new Newsletter that included projects done by the city, new purchases, road improvements, meeting times and schedules, and past and current events.

- a. **Lt. Logan-**The police department has started putting green stickers on Abandon vehicles. She is going to get more information regarding the people playing soccer on Sundays. The homicide on 1300 block of Woodward is still being investigated.
- b. **Chief Davis-** The Fire Department was involved in a Health Fair. Also has still been installing Smoke Alarms throughout April. Then will be going to the Fire Fighter Recruit school in Nashville, Tn to speak to the graduates and pin a badge on one of his best friend's sons whom was a Fire Fighter for Birmingham that passed away in 2000.
- c. **Moses Hill-**There were 5 stop work, 10 inspections, 2 certificate of occupancy and 7 complaints. 1005 12th St was the last of the 4 homes to be demolished. A new list has been started with 6 homes on the list.
- d. **Michael Lloyd -**The Highlands Building is complete, and the next project will be the library. Pots holes are being patched up.

14. Report from Council.

- a. Councilor Merriweather- On Friday at 9:00 am there will be a Career Fair for the seniors at the High School and are working on Voter Registration to get the seniors registered to vote. Also thanked everyone for participating in the Easter Egg Hunt.
- b. Councilor Anderson- Thanked everyone who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt, and Sign Builders for donating banners for the Event.
- c. Councilor Velma Johnson invited everyone to come and participate in the Cleanup Day and is urging everyone to come out and participate. Also assisted the Fire Department with installing smoke alarms
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Adams- Reminded everyone to please read the newsletter to keep up with all the events in the city.

15. Meeting open to public

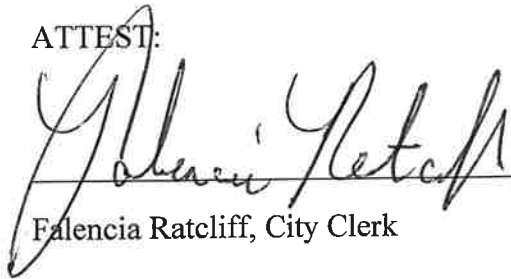
- e. **Vivian Waller-**Stated that she was appreciative of the city getting rid of the vicious dogs in the city.

- f. **Reginald Wilson**-They are appreciative of the city for cooperating in letting the different teams use the fields. Also, will be looking forward to using it for Football Season as well.
- g. **Mr. Marshall**- Would like to volunteer to put two speed bumps in the city. Also inquired about cleaning off his property with a Bob Cat. The inspector advised that he would need a permit. Also, he inquired about acquiring some property in a flood area.

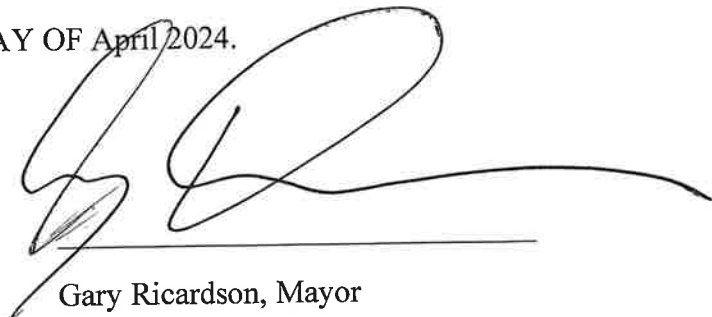
Adjourn: Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS 23rd DAY OF April 2024.

ATTEST:



Faencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Ricardson, Mayor

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Commission adopted a Community Grant Program and Funding Guideline (“Program”); and

WHEREAS, under this Program, The City of Midfield (“Midfield”) applied for a grant of funds for \$10,500.00; and

WHEREAS, The City of Midfield, Alabama a municipality located within Jefferson County, Alabama, which operates the Highlands Senior Center and seeks funding for the Highlands Senior Center to assist with the hosting of various activities throughout the year for Jefferson County Seniors at the Highlands Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, The City of Midfield meets the eligibility requirements of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tyson has recommended funding of \$3,000.00, Commissioner Stephens has recommended funding of \$3,000.00, Commissioner Bolin has recommended funding of \$3,000.00 and Commissioner Knight has recommended funding of \$1,500.00, for a grand total of \$10,500.00 to The City of Midfield, and the grant of such funds serves a good and sufficient public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined that it is in the public interest to provide public funds to assist in the development and promotion of said County resources.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The term of this Agreement shall begin upon execution hereof and end of April 23, 2025.
2. The County shall pay to The City of Midfield, a lump payment of \$10,500.00 upon execution of this agreement.
3. The City of Midfield shall use the public funds for the Highlands Senior Center to assist with various activities throughout the year for Jefferson County Seniors at the Highlands Senior Center.

ANY PASS-THROUGH FOR OTHER USE OR PURPOSED IS PROHIBITED.

4. The City of Midfield will deliver to the Jefferson County Finance Department with a copy of the Jefferson County Manager and to the Office of Commissioner Tyson, Commissioner Stephens, Commissioner Bolin, and Commission Knight a detailed report describing the use of the funds and program benefits no later than sixty (60) days following the expenditures or by April 23, 2025 which shall occur first.

5. The City of Midfield shall create, collect, and retain for inspection and copying by the County or its authorized agent or any examiner from the State Department of Public Accounts, all appropriate financial records, including original invoices, canceled checks, Case receipts and all other supporting documents, as may be necessary to provide receipt of said sum from the County and all expenditures thereof. All such financial records and supporting documents shall be retained and made available by The City of Irondale for a period of not less than three (3) years from termination of the fiscal year set out about.
6. The City of Midfield representative signed below, certified by execution of this agreement that no part of the funds paid by the County pursuant to the community grant shall be passed-through to another entity or individual that is not specifically identified or described in the scope of work of this agreement.
7. The City of Midfield representative signed below, certifies by the execution of this agreement that no part of the funds paid by the County pursuant to this agreement not any part of services, products, or any items or things of value whatsoever purchased or acquired with said funds shall be paid to, used by, or used in any way whatsoever for the personal benefit of any member or employee of any government whatsoever or family member of any of them, including federal, state, county, and municipal and any agency or subsidiary of any such government; and further certifies that neither The City of Midfield nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest in any way colluded, conspired, or connived with any member of the governing body or employee of the governing body of the County or any other public official or public employee, in any manner whatsoever, to secure or obtain this agreement and further certifies that, except as expressly set out in the above, no promise or commitment of any nature whatsoever of anything of value whatsoever has been made or communicated to any such governing body member or employee or official as inducement or consideration for this agreement.
8. Acknowledgement of Funding: In any public recognition is made related to the purpose for which the grant was received, such in media announcements, marketing materials, advertising, or informational campaigns, grant recipients must acknowledge support from the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION as a body and not solely the sponsoring Commissioner(s) Jefferson County should be tagged in all social media mentions regarding County-Funded projects and awards.
9. Any violation of this certification shall constitute a breach and default of this agreement which shall be caused for termination. Upon such The City of Midfield shall immediately refund to the County all amounts paid by the County pursuant to this Agreement.
10. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals or caused this agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates reflected below.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Date

James A. Stephens, President
Jefferson County Commission

THE CITY OF MIDFIELD

Date

Gary Richardson, Mayor

Resolution No. 2024.08-86

Resolution of the City Council of Midfield, Alabama to accept monetary donations for the City of Midfield, Highlands Senior Center Building

Jefferson County Commissioner Tyson wishes to donate \$3,000.00, Commission Stephens wishes to donate 3,000.00, and Commissioner Boling wishes to donate \$3,000.00, and Commissioner

Knight wishes to donate 1,500.00 for a total of \$ 10,500.00 to the City of Midfield Highlands Senior Center for hosting various activities

throughout the year.

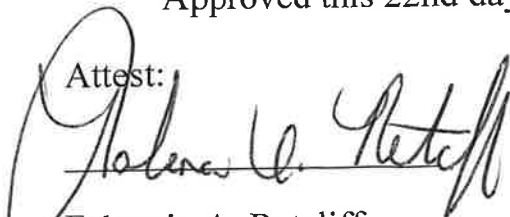
Whereas Jefferson County Commissioner is to be commended for their generous donation from their Community Grant Program.

Whereas Commissioner Tyson, Commissioner Boling, Commission Stephens, and Commissioner Knight are to be commended for their generous donation; and

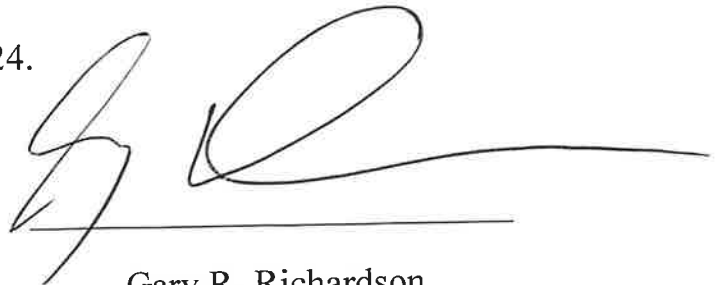
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Midfield accepts the monetary donations from Jefferson County Commission and their Commissioner and Midfield to be used towards Midfield's Highland Senior Center.

Approved this 22nd day of April 2024.

Attest:



Falencia A. Ratcliff
City Clerk



Gary R. Richardson
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-81

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Councilor Janice Anderson

Whereas Councilor Janice Anderson is traveling to Huntsville, AL, from May 15 through May 18, to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention hosted by the Alabama League of Municipalities.

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

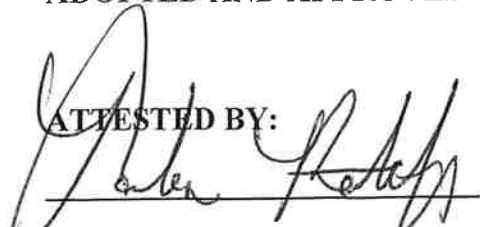
Whereas, if funds are advanced to an official or employee, and the official or employee fails to present the itemized statement of expenses immediately upon return of the official or employee, then the official or employee is personally liable for the amount of the advance received, and the amount of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

Whereas Councilor Janice Anderson requests a travel advance of \$1660.64 to cover the cost of per diem and mileage.


Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to Councilor Janice Anderson

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2024.

ATTESTED BY:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Richardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-82

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Councilor Velma Johnson

Whereas Councilor Velma Johnson is traveling to Huntsville, AL, from May 15 through May 18, to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention hosted by the Alabama League of Municipalities.

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

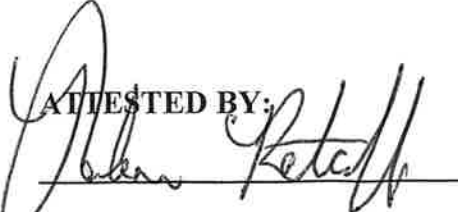
Whereas, if funds are advanced to an official or employee, and the official or employee fails to present the itemized statement of expenses immediately upon return of the official or employee, then the official or employee is personally liable for the amount of the advance received, and the amount of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

Whereas Councilor Velma Johnson requests a travel advance of \$1660.64 to cover the cost of per diem and mileage.


Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to Councilor Velma Johnson.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2024.

ATTESTED BY:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Richardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-84

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams

Whereas Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams is traveling to Huntsville, AL, from May 15 through May 18, to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention hosted by the Alabama League of Municipalities.

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

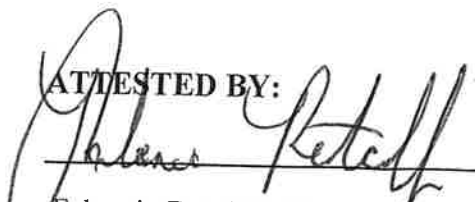
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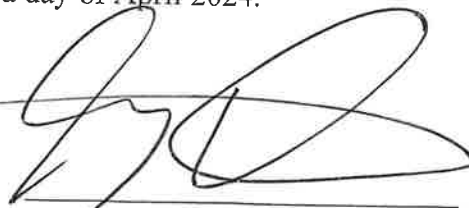
Whereas Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams requests a travel advance of \$1390.64 to cover the cost of per diem and mileage.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2024.

ATTESTED BY:


Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk


Gary Richardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-85

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

Whereas City Clerk Falencia Ratcliff is traveling to Huntsville, AL, from May 15 through May 18, to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention hosted by the Alabama League of Municipalities.

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

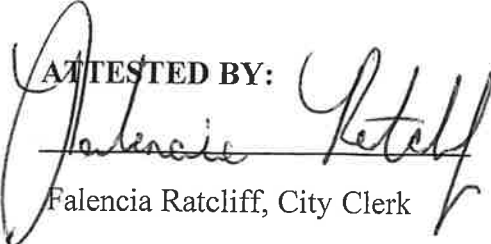
Whereas, if funds are advanced to an official or employee, and the official or employee fails to present the itemized statement of expenses immediately upon return of the official or employee, then the official or employee is personally liable for the amount of the advance received, and the amount of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

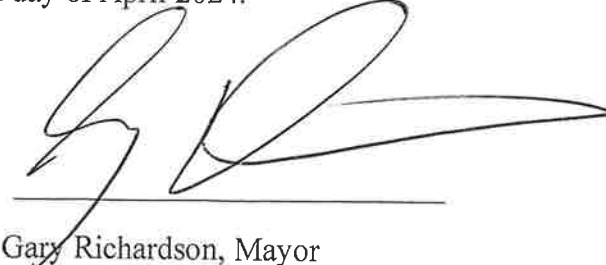
Whereas Falencia Ratcliff requests a travel advance of \$1480.64 to cover the cost of per diem and mileage.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to Falencia Ratcliff

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2024.

ATTESTED BY:


Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk


Gary Richardson, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.08-88

Resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama authorizing travel for Wendy Merriweather

Whereas Wendy Merriweather is traveling to Huntsville, AL from May 15th through May 18th, to attend the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention hosted by the Alabama League of Municipalities.

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

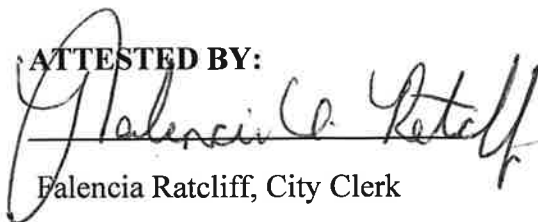
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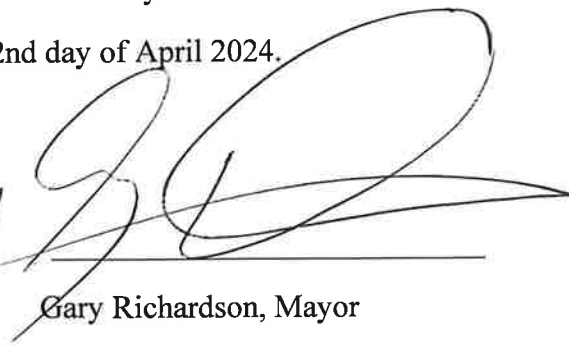
Whereas Falencia Ratcliff requests a travel advance of \$1,660.64 to cover the cost of per diem and mileage.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to issue the advance amounts set out above to Councilor Wendy Merriweather.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2024.

ATTESTED BY:


Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk


Gary Richardson, Mayor