



**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  
Moses Hill, City Inspector

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

**CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MIDFIELD**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**August 26, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**AGENDA**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of August Bills List #2, \$82,695.82
6. Approval of minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting.
7. Approval of Ordinance 2024.60-A Ordinance of the City of Midfield, Alabama to regulate food safety operations
8. Report from the Mayor
9. Report from Council
10. Meeting open to the public

## MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Chaplain Orlando Robinson provided the invocation.
2. Mayor Gary 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 Velma Johnson  
Councilor Wendy Merriweather  
Councilor James Reasor

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

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

**5. Approval of Minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting:** Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. 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 \$62,904.77:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the Bill's List. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed.

**7. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.106.** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Al authorizing travel for Lt. Donna Logan to Montgomery, Al for training class on Financial Exploitation of the Elderly for \$1,018.33 on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>-Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve. Councilor Janice Anderson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

**8. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.107.** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Al authorizing travel for Sergeant Michael Jefferies to Montgomery, Al for a training class on Financial Exploitation of the Elderly for \$1,004.76 on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>-Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed.

**9. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.108.** A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Al authorizing travel for Caroline Wilson to Orange Beach, Al to the 2024 Annual Municipal Court Clerks and Magistrate Conference Sept 24<sup>th</sup>-Sept 29<sup>th</sup> for \$2,739.82. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed.

**10. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.109-**A Resolution of the City of Midfield, Al authorizing travel for Falencia Ratcliff to Tuscaloosa, Al for the Fall Municipal Clerk Training August 27<sup>th</sup>-August 30<sup>th</sup>. in the amount of \$906.31. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

#### **11. Report from the Mayor**

- a. **Lt. Logan-** Addressed a request that was received for the 600<sup>th</sup> & 700<sup>th</sup> block of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Also advised everyone that when residents call in, they are not required to give their information.
- b. **Chief Kenneth Davis-** Midfield now has an ambulance transporting and backing up RPS which is an Ambulance company and more critical patients. There is a press release on Monday at the fire station. The Fire Dept and Police helped welcome the kids back to school.
- c. **Mike Lloyd-** Working on getting quotes for the Midfield Public Library. Also posting lots that need to be cleaned and cut.
- d. **Moses Hill-** 14 inspections, 5 complaints, 0 electrical permits, 0 plumbing permits, 0 mechanical permits, 4 buildings permits, 5 stop-work orders. Also, there were three quotes for the Adamson West Building which were: Dynamic

Electric \$18,45.00, Lee Electric \$25, 700.00, and Jones Electric \$31,250.00.

These quotes were to replace all the electrical in the building.

e. **Mayor-** Matthews & Associates is a realty company that the city is interested in partnering with to develop vacant and undeveloped properties.

e. **Report from Council.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams-**No comment

**Councilor Merriweather-**On July 29<sup>th</sup> she did a Free Back to School Hair Style Giveaway, where twenty-nine students were serviced. On August 5<sup>th</sup> received a Midfield District Proclamation for Community Service Event, Last Thursday she attended a Right to Read symposium sponsored by the Zeta's and attended the Valley Creek Cleanup with sixty-two students.

**Councilor Anderson-**Thanked everyone that came out to the Back-to-School Rally. She will be graduating from the Certified Municipal Official with an Emeritus Status on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilor Velma Johnson-**The Senior Building is now open from 9 am-1 pm, and lunch is served as well. Showed appreciation for everyone who participated in the Valley Creek Cleanup.

**Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams-** No comment.

### **The meeting open to the public**

**Larry Merriweather-** Thanked the police and fire department for participating in the Back-to-School Rally. Also showed appreciation for everyone who participated and gave assistance to the teachers on the first day of school. Also, he wanted to thank Councilor Merriweather for all her community service and participation throughout the community.

**Mary Fuller-** Inquired about getting the grass cut throughout different areas in the city. Also, she wanted to show appreciation to the Public Works Director for cutting grass on the empty lot in front of her home.

**David Beach-** Inquired about houses on Collier that were condemned and people still trying to live there. Also, he wants to make sure that the agendas from the council meetings are posted properly on the website.

**Judge Ruby Davis-** She and her family are new to the City of Midfield, and she is also the owner of "The Avondale West Event Center." There is going to be a soft opening at the end of September.

**Reginald Wilson** Youth Sports program started well with ninety-two kids. The first game will be on August 21<sup>st</sup> and he also asked for the \$75.00 per game fee to be rescinded.

**Billy Irving is interested** in having his food truck in Midfield and was advised to see the Clerk's Office.

**Sherman Sterling-** Interested in having a Caribbean Festival which will be free to the public, on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Paul Morris-** Inquired about shootouts on Grant St., and the Mayor

advised that an investigation would be done.

**Lucretia Brown-** Inquired about current shootouts as well on Grant St. The Lieutenant took notes and will investigate.

**Ernestine Burgin-** Inquired about shootouts on Stone Rd. the Lt from took note and will investigate.

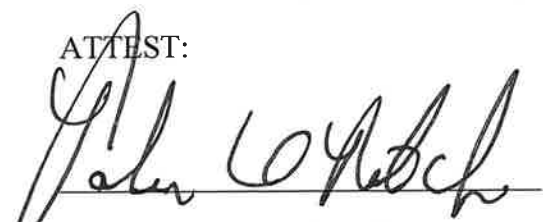
**Sade Charlie-**Inquired about recent shootouts in the community and would like something to be done,

**Lakendra Kelly-** Would like something to be done regarding the recent shootout in the communities, because some of the activity is being put on social media. She was advised to send the information to the police department.

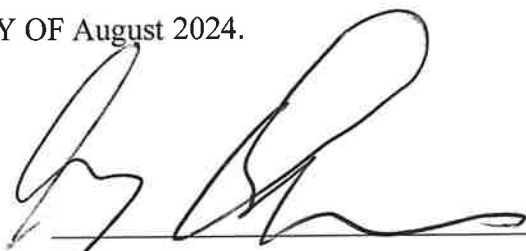
**Adjourn:** Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Velma Johnson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye; the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS 26th DAY OF August 2024.

ATTEST:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Ricardson, Mayor



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## ORDINANCE NO. 2024.60

### **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE HANDLING OF FOOD BY PERSONS, COMPANIES AND OR BUSINESSES BOTH FOR PROFIT AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Sec.1 Purpose of the ordinance.**

The Purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and safety of the public from sickness or disease which may occur from consumption of unsanitary, contaminated, or adulterated food and beverages.

#### **Sec 2. Be It as ordained as follows;**

#### **Sec.3. Right of entry of health officer, etc.**

(a) In order to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, the city building inspector, county health department, the health officer and their duly authorized representatives shall have the right at all times, while in the discharge of their duties, to enter upon or into the premises of any person engaged in the production, manufacture, preparation, storage, serving, disposing of, distributing, selling, giving away , or exposing for sale in the city any article of food or beverage used or intended for human consumption, and refusal on the part of that person to allow

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the inspection as may be necessary and proper for the enforcement of this chapter may be punished by the revocation of the permit of that person.

(b) The city building inspector, county health department, the health officer and their duly authorized representatives shall have the right and it shall be their duty to enter and have full access, egress and ingress to all places where any article of food, beverage or other liquids used or intended for human consumption are produced, manufactured, prepared, stored, kept, served, disposed of, distributed, sold or exposed for sale or give away, and to all wagons or other vehicles, cars or conveyances of every kind used for the transportation or delivery of food, beverages or other liquids for the purpose of sale, give away or distribution in the city.

**Sec. 4. Hindering officers in performance of duties.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to impede, obstruct, hinder, or otherwise prevent or attempt to prevent any duly authorized officer in the performance of his or her duties in collecting samples of food or beverage or otherwise.

**Sec.5. Sanitary permit for handlers, producers, etc., of food—Required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to prepare, sell, offer or expose for sale, exchange, give away, deliver, dispose of or have in possession, custody or control, in the city, with intent to sell, offer or expose for sale, exchange, gift or delivery,



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any meat, prepared food, vegetable, beverage, liquid or other article used or intended for use as food for human beings, without a valid, unsuspended and unrevoked sanitary permit issued by the health officer, pursuant to regulations of the state committee of public health.

**Sec.6. Same—Prerequisite to issuance of business license, permission, or city authorization.**

No business license, permission or authorization shall be issued, given, or granted by the City of Midfield to a person to engage in the business of producing, handling, selling, serving, giving away or distributing any article of food, liquid or beverage used for or intended for human consumption in the city unless the applicant for that business license holds an unsuspended and unrevoked sanitary permit issued by the health officer.

**Sec.7. Enforcement of this ordinance.**

It shall be the duty of the city building inspector, or county health department to cause the building, store, place or premises used in connection with the manufacture, preparation, storage, serving, disposal of, distributing, selling, exposing for sale exchange, gifting or delivering ,in the city, any article of food, beverage or other liquids used or intended for human consumption, to be inspected

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from time to time and to see that the provisions and requirements of this chapter are constantly complied with.

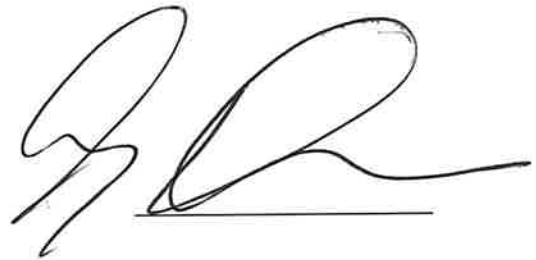
**Sec.7. Effective date of this ordinance.**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



Falencia Ratcliff  
City Clerk



Gary R. Richardson  
Mayor

**Certificate of City Clerk**

I, Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk of the City of Midfield, Alabama, for the sole purpose of administering and implementing the above and foregoing Ordinance, certify that the above and foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2024.60 adopted and approved by the City Council of the City of

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Midfield, Alabama at its regular Meeting held on the 26th day of August 2024 as same is represented in the Recorded Minutes.

Moreover, I further hereby certify that the above and foregoing ordinance was published by Posting on August 27, 2024, the same at the following four (4), locations: Midfield City Hall, Midfield Community Center, Midfield Post Office, and the City of Midfield's Website.

Certified and acknowledged on this 27th day of August 2024.



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk