



Welcome to the Midfield City Council Meeting

Please sign in to speak.

CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MIDFIELD
Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 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, \$74,480.91
6. Approval of minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting.
7. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.110 for Jesse Bell to the 2024 Nena Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama, from October 12th – October 17th, 2024, for \$804.46
8. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.111 for Therman Moore to the 2024 Nena Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama, from October 12th – October 17th, 2024, for \$804.46
9. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.112 for Donna Logan to the 2024 Nena Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama, from October 12th – October 17th, 2024, for \$4,424.49. Her per diem was 804.46, but she prepaid on her credit card lodging for Chief Bell for \$1201.30, Therman Moore for \$1300.27, and her lodging of \$1,118.46. The funds for this conference will come out of the E911 fund account.

10. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.113 for Falencia Ratcliff to the 2024 AMCCMA Annual Conference in Orange Beach, AL, where she will obtain the required 6 ceu's to maintain her Magistrate status from September 24th to September 29th for \$2785.72, which will be taken out of the Court Fund Account.

11. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.114 for Shwana Jones to the 2024 AMCCMA Annual Conference in Orange Beach, AL, from September 25th to September 29th for \$2872.49. Taken out of the Court Fund account.

12. Approval of Travel Resolution 2024.08.115 for Everett Wess to the 2024 AMCCMA Annual Conference in Orange Beach, AL, from September 25th to September 29th for \$1,903.67. Taken out of the Court Fund Account

13. Report from the Mayor

14. Report from Council

15. Meeting open to the public

MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on August 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Nathan Williams 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 Velma Johnson
Councilor Wendy Merriweather

*Councilor James Reasor arrived during the approval of the Food Safety Ordinance, Councilor Janice Anderson was absent, and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams left slightly early while meeting was open to the public.

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 Wendy Merriweather 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: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Velma Johnson 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 \$82,695.82: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve the Bill's List. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed.

7. Approval of Ordinance 2024.60. An ordinance of the City of Midfield, Al to regulate food safety operations. There was a roll call vote for Consideration and Approval: Mayor Richardson, Mayor Pro Tem Adams voted yes, Councilor Reasor voted yes, Councilor Wendy Merriweather voted yes, and Councilor Velma Johnson voted yes. The ordinance was approved.

8. Report from the Mayor- Councilor Janice Anderson mother passed, she was 102 years old, and the funeral will be at Macedonia Baptist Church in Bessemer, on Saturday at 12pm. The Mayor and Council voted to split the Public Works and Recreation Department. We now have a new director for Park and Recreation, Donna McKenzie. We have a letter of understanding from the Governor's office, Department of Tourism, for our City-Wide Cleanup, and a check for \$2600.00.

- a. **Chief Kenneth Davis-** There were no major incidents. Working on maintaining staff, and new transport unit service. There was a broadcast on the news with an overview of what services will be provided, and the resources that it be providing in the city.
- b. **Mike Lloyd-** Working on cutting lots, there was a bid for repairs on the library, and hanging televisions at the Senior Highland Center, there are two people taking the Certified Pool Operators Exam. Also working on the list for the potholes in the city.
- c. **Moses Hill-** 18 inspections, 1 stop work orders, 5 electrical permits, 0 plumbing permits, 1 mechanical permits, 6 buildings permits, 2 stop-work orders. There was one bid for \$2700.00 for the library for repairs to the ceiling, painting, hanging the sheetrock and labor. The quote for putting down vinyl flooring at the Highlands Center was \$2300.00 for labor only. Repairs have started for the Adamson West Building, and it should be complete by the end of the week.
- d. **Donna Mckenzie-** There were 4 pavilion rentals, two at the Highlands Building, and two at the gym. The Ballroom dancing and Stepping class has started back up. There is a new group meeting on Thursday which is Encouragement Mental Health.

Report from Council

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams-No comment

Councilor James Reasor- Inquired about different Senior groups. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams stated that there is a group from the county that is overseeing the Highlands Center and Senior Program.

Councilor Merriweather-On August 14, went to a AARP senior event, and took 25 students, and they pampered the seniors. On September 3, at 5:30 pm there is going to be an open house at the High School, and everyone is invited. There will be a free chicken dinner to the first 100 guest. Also, will be partnering with Mara Allen to do a voter registration that night. Also moving forward there will be a

voter registration every Wednesday starting at 11:30 am until October 21st for the senior students that are turning 18 years old, and anyone needing to be registered.

Councilor Velma Johnson-The Senior Building is now open from 9 am-1 pm, and lunch is served as well, and activities is done every day.

Meeting open to the public

Reginald Wilson-Asked for the \$75.00 per game fee to be rescinded. The mayor stated there will be no change at this time.

Vanessa Long Lewis-Inquired about the situation on Collier Dr. where there are a few homes that need to be investigated that people think is involved in criminal activity. The neighbors are concerned and would like something to be done about it.

Lamar Martin-Did a presentation where he spoke about a tax incentive for city employees where they can save \$41,300.00 a year as a tax incentive. It will not change the take-home pay and will be no additional charge to the city.

Nathan Williams-Inquired about a no dumping sign on 1333 Creel Street. Also, the Welcome to Midfield signs need to be trimmed down as well.

Marva Douglas-Inquired about speed bumps being put Rutledge Dr. and litter signs to be put out in that area as well. She would like the city to do a proclamation or document from the city in support of her getting the speed bumps on this road.

D'ante Jones- Inquired about different events in the city, and who she can reach out to regarding suggestions for entertainment throughout the city.

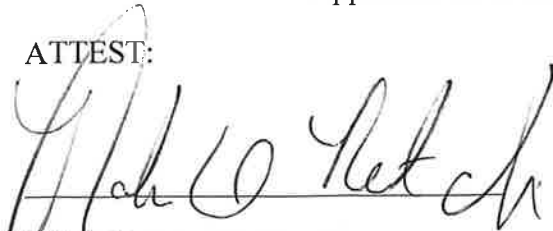
David Beach-Inquired about what the city was going to do about Door Dash and is it included in the new ordinance. The Mayor stated that Door Dash will not be affected by the new ordinance because they are a private business.

Daisy Rachel- There is vacant property on Swann drive where the property needs to be addressed. Councilor Merriweather advised the public to call Public Works so they can be put on the list.

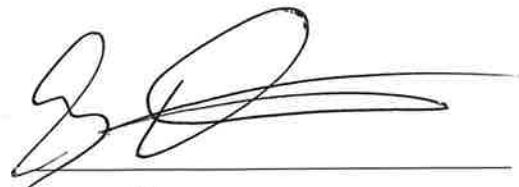
Adjourn: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion. All members present voted aye; the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on this 9th day of September 2024.

ATTEST:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Richardson, Mayor
R. Richardson