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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

## CITY OF MIDFIELD

### AGENDA

December 11, 2023

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- December 11, 2023-\$70,548.87
7. Report from the Mayor
8. Report from Council
9. Meeting open to the public.
10. Adjourn

## MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2023

### Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on Sept 11, 2023, 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  
Councilor James Reasor  
Councilor Janice Anderson was absent.

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. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams. 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 last regular scheduled meeting:** Pro Tem Terry Adams made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. the motion was passed and minutes were approved.

**6. Approval of Bills:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve November #2 bills in the amount of \$20,957.14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye after Eagle Cleaning Service was removed. Motion passed; November #2 bills were approved.

**6a. Approval of No. Resolution 2023.08-71** to appropriate the amount to not exceed \$1,000 for Annual Christmas Parade. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve, and seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. All present voted aye and there was no opposition the motion was passed and the resolution was approved.

**7. Approval of No. Resolution 2023.08-70** authorizing travel for City Clerk Falencia Ratcliff to attend Municipal Clerk Conference November 28th -December 1, 2023 in Orange Beach, Al and travel advance in the amount of \$1,756.27. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve, and seconded by Councilor James Reasor.

**8. Approval of Resolution 2023.08-73** setting the minimum permit fees for gas, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permit fee to increase from a minimum of \$50.00 to a minimum of \$125.00. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve, and seconded by Councilor James Reasor.

**9. Report from Mayor**

a. Mayor Gary Richardson-Has a meeting November 30, 2024 with a developer that has purchased 30 acres of land and warehouse at the Joe Piper Distribution Center, and would like to put a distribution center at that location. Also had some conversations regarding telecommunications, and attended several workshops including one on transportation. There is a new grocery store in Midfield name "La Vaquerita Supermarket."

b Chief Jesse Bell- Looking to refer a case to ATS involving a fully automatic which is illegal in the U.S. The police department is asking for the community to assist with reporting people with weapons and any involvement with crime. The burned vehicle on High School Rd. is still being investigated.

c. Chief Kenneth Davis-The Fire Dept is still working with the Red Cross, and will be working with the Fire College and surrounding Fire departments to help improve training for mutual aid purposes in 2024. The ambulance has been picked up and will be moving forward in 2024 with it.

d. Mike Lloyd – Reported that the Street Truck was in the shop for repairs for two weeks, and they are looking to hire an additional CDL driver. The Highlands Building only have a few more items needed which include painting and cameras. Then the Health Department will be coming to review the building again.

Moses Hill- Gave update on 41 vacant homes, 1 home with a tarp, 6 burned homes, 29 homes that had trash on the property. He also updated that out of 41 work orders only 8 had come to get permits. Waiting on update on farm animals in the area. Inquired about liens being put on homes.

#### **10. Report from Council.**

- a. Councilor Pro Tem Adams- Remainder about Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15, and lunch will be served. December 14 will be Christmas dinner for the city employees. Working on Empowerment Conference regarding topics to empower the City of Midfield. Also, he addressed Reginald Wilson sport application, and the council will have an update regarding that at the next council meeting.
- b. Councilor Janice Anderson-Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- c. Councilor Reasor- Gave updated on Free Box giveaway on December 4th, and he attended classes at the National League of Cities conference regarding Crime Solving and Community Safety. Also recognized the department heads for updates on service in the community
- d. Councilor Wendy Merriweather- Attended a few round table discussions at the National League of Cities. One of the classes were Reimagining Community and Safety, dealing with Neighborhood Watch and everyone pitching in. She gave ideas on how to implement the people in your neighborhood to help prevent crime, and working together to lookout for each other houses. Also, she put neighborhood watch signs on everyone house. Also reminded residents to be diligent about taking care of their block and working together.
- e. Councilor Johnson- Attended the Community Development meeting at the National League of Cities. She reminded everyone that they can get neighborhood watch signs from the police department and reminded people to get together and to get the trash out of their neighborhood, and to remind everyone to care about where they live.

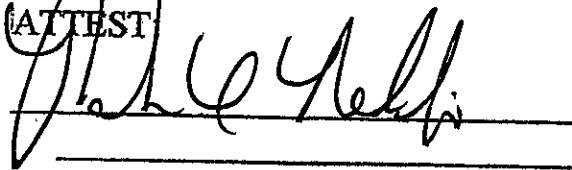
**11. Meeting open to public**

- f. Marva Douglas- Inquired about a letter for residents who cannot come to the council meetings with updates.
- g. Reginald Wilson- Inquired about the Youth Sports Program.
- h. Otis Davis- Upset that the house across from him was set on fire, and it was classified as criminal mischief. He also expressed concern over cars speeding and racing down the road.
- i. Kimberly Davis- Express concern over dumping close to 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and people cutting down trees along the side of the road, and burned properties.
- j. David Beach - There are 100 bags on his street where he has been assisting his neighbors by cleaning up their lots. Inquired about new fee schedule for permits.

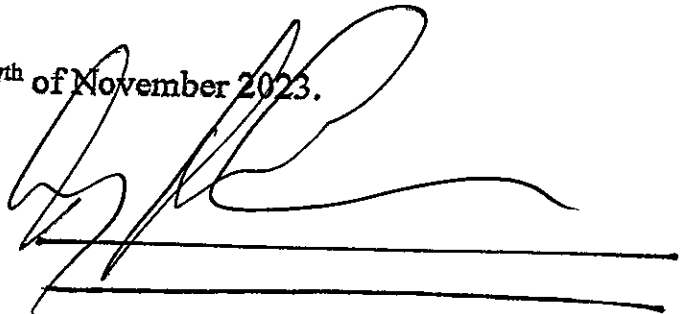
**12. Adjourn:** Councilor James Reasor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

ATTEST



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Ricardson, Mayor



## DECEMBER #1 BILL'S LIST

FUND: 001	GENERAL FUND		
DEPARTMENT	60 POLICE		
	BESSEMER UTILITIES		\$ 687.36
	BRADY KILMURY		\$ 1,983.83
	CENTRAL ALABAMA TRAINING SOLUTIONS		\$ 2,733.00
	GALLS		\$ 639.99
	O'REILLY		\$ 384.31
	WHITT COMMUNICATIONS		\$ 570.00
	<b>60 POLICE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 6,998.49</b>

DEPARTMENT	61 FIRE		
	AMERICAN OSMENT		\$ 72.00
	AT&T		\$ 446.89
	BESSEMER UTILITIES		\$ 525.98
	MED PRO DISPOSAL		\$ 128.05
	MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS		\$ 26.22
	<b>61 FIRE TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,199.14</b>

DEPARTMENT	62 STREET		
	CINTAS		\$ 297.93
	G&C SUPPLY		\$ 30.00
	GOODYEAR		\$ 459.74
	SOUTHLAND TRUCKING		\$ 1,894.32
	<b>62 STREET TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 2,681.99</b>

DEPARTMENT	66 PARK		
	ADVANTAGE SERVICES LLC		\$ 500.00
	CHORUS		\$ 49.99
	CINTAS		\$ 171.56
	<b>66 PARK TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 721.55</b>

DEPARTMENT	99 ADMINISTRATION		
	DAVID SULLIVAN		
	ADP	PREPAID	\$ 1,191.00
	AFFORDABLE COUNSELING THERAPY		\$ 3,090.50
	ALABAMA LABOR LAW POSTER		\$ 375.00
	ASCENSION		\$ 301.50
	AT&T		\$ 36.00
	ATT FIRST NET		\$ 1,119.29
	BESSEMER UTILITIES		\$ 4,529.44
	BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS		\$ 687.68
	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES		\$ 164.40
	CIVIC PLUS		\$ 248.54
	DELL		\$ 275.00
	HARRIS		\$ 271.41
	KS STATE BANK		\$ 313.98
	LEXIS NEXIS		\$ 1,354.70
	MIKE WALKER		\$ 101.66
	PITNEY BOWES		\$ 350.00
	STAPLES		\$ 225.00
	STERICYCLE		\$ 177.78
	WHITT COMMUNICATIONS		\$ 108.84
	H2O		\$ 575.00
			\$ 1,200.00


99 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL \$ 16,696.72

001 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$ 29,019.44

FUND: 005

DEPARTMENT

05 CORRECTIONS FUND		
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60 POLICE TOTAL \$

005 CORRECTIONS FUND TOTAL \$ -

FUND: 007

DEPARTMENT

07 STREET FUND		
REPUBLIC SERVICES		\$ 35,997.16

007 07 STREET FUND TOTAL \$ 35,997.16

FUND: 12

DEPARTMENT

009 E911		
AT&T		\$ 5,998.32

60 POLICE TOTAL

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009 E911 FUND TOTAL \$ -

GRAND TOTAL \$ 70,548.87

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