

## MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2022

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:02 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 Velma Johnson  
Councilor Wendy Merriweather  
Councilor James Reasor

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

4. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilor James Reasor made motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; agenda was approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Councilor Janice Anderson made motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. Councilor Wendy Merriweather seconded the motion, and a voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; minutes were approved.
6. **Approval of Bills:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made motion to approve August #1 bills in the amount of \$54,473.27. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; August #1 bills were approved.
7. **Approval of Resolution No. 2022.08-33:** Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made motion to approve a resolution of the City of Midfield, Alabama appointing the new City Clerk, Courtney Hunter. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution No. 2022.08-33 was approved unanimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution No. 2022.08-34:** Approving travel for Carolyn Wilson and Falencia Ratcliff. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-34. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye, there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution No 2022.08-34 was approved unanimously.
9. **Approval of Resolution No. 2022.08-35:** Allowing Mayor Gary Richardson to enter into a contract with Alabama Power to install a LED pole at 1441 Delton Place at \$10.17 per month. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams made motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye, there was no opposition. Motion passed; Resolution No 2022.08-35 was approved unanimously.
10. **Mayor Gary Richardson** - appointed the new city inspector, Darryl Aldrich
11. **Report from Mayor** – Welcomed the new city clerk, and all city administrative positions have been filled. He was invited to speak at the Midfield Board of Education’s Institute, it was a wonderful occasion
  - **Chief Kenneth Davis, Fire Department** – reported update on mechanical issues with fire engines. Engine #3 is back in service, #2 will be back next week. Rescue vehicle was approved, is in the comment phase on the Jefferson County Department of Economic Development website until August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Tyrone Lloyd, Public Works Director**- Thanked the Mayor, Council and volunteers for a successful Back to School Rally, it was the most attended that he could remember. Reported there was a disturbance at the park this past weekend, some patrons were upset because the splash pad had to be shut down due to thunder and lightning. The Valley Creek Clean up Event is this Saturday. Meet at Midfield St. next to Freewill Church of God starting at 8:30 to 11:00. The Street Department has already picked up 65.3 tons of trash and 135 bags of paper from the streets, grass crew has cut at least 5 lots. Discussed a ban on anyone that is disorderly and park rental forms will now have to include name, address, telephone number and a picture ID. Highland Building renovations still ongoing. Still working on cleanup of Police and City Hall Building to make it look better
  - **Chief Jesse Bell, Police Department** – Sent out over 200 emails to applicants to be interviewed for police officers. There were 6 responses, only 4 showed up, 2 had warrants, 1 has an active case. Discussed need for new police cars, at least 6-10 vehicles. Can procure them through a lease/purchase agreement for \$8,000.00 a year, per vehicle. At the end of the lease, each vehicle can be purchased for \$1.00.

### 13. Report from Council:

- **Councilor Adams-** welcomed the new city clerk and looking forward to working with her.
- **Councilor Anderson** – welcomed the new city clerk and reported she has been helping her with some of the office procedures. Reported that year's Back to School Rally was a success and the Employee Appreciation lunch will be this Thursday from 11:00-1:00. Encouraged all employees to attend.
- **Councilor Reasor** – Circulated a flyer from the County about having a job fair in Bessemer across from the DHR Building on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The County is also offering an Expungement Program for non-violent and non-sex offenders. Thanked Chief Bell for the crime cameras, residents say they are really working to decrease crime.
- **Councilor Wendy Merriweather** – School starts on Wednesday and encouraged all to keep everyone in their thoughts and prayers that we have a safe and productive school year. Asked for more volunteers from the community and she will try to bring at least 10 student volunteers. She was also in attendance at the BTS Rally with 8 volunteers from the cheerleader team. Asked if city has an ordinance for people who litter and put all kinds of items out on the curb.
- **Councilor Johnson** – Welcomed the new city clerk to Midfield. Still seeking community participation in the crime camera program. The library is ready to be opened. Board is waiting for budget from the city council. Having a Senior Awareness Day at the community center on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 1:00.

### 14. Public Comments

#### **Bridgett Tabb – 1110 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Requested a crime camera, have not received it nor a phone call. Councilor Johnson explained installer called but got no answer at her number, but she will put in an inquiry. Reported a green dodge charger speed up and down her street (12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 12<sup>th</sup> St) during different times of the day. Have not been able to get tag number.

### 15. Adjourn:

Councilor Anderson made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson. All members present voted aye, meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

APPROVED ON THIS THE 22nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

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Gary Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Courtney Hunter, City Clerk