



City of Midfield

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Velma Johnson, Councilmember	Moses Hill, City Inspector
Jame Reasor, Councilmember	Michael Lloyd, Public Works Director
David Sullivan, City Attorney	Donna Mckenzie Park Director
Carolyn Wilson Court Supervisor/Court Clerk	

CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF MIDFIELD

Regular Council Meeting

February 10, 2025

6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of February Bills List #1, \$68,328.52
6. Approval of minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting.
7. Approval of Ordinance 2025.01-An ordinance establishing the use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices
8. Report from the Mayor
9. Report from Council
10. Meeting open to public
11. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2025

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on January 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams 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 Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. 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: There were corrections to Councilor Merriweather verbiage stating that the council will do their due diligence. Also, a voice vote was added to numbers 1-3 instead of voice. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed. The minutes were approved with corrections.

6. Approval of Bill List for \$63,776.38: Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the Bill's List. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. Motion passed.

7. Motion to Table Resolution to vote on voting machine due to the name of the machine was unavailable at the time.

8. Report from the Mayor- Forty-nine property deeds came back from the state.

The next step is to do a title search and we will do 10 properties at a time.

Once the properties come back free and clear from the state, the state will remove their taxes, municipal taxes, and any liens. The cost is \$300.00 per title search.

The old Burger King Building has been bought by Fish and Chips, and the T-Mobile building by Little Ceasars Pizza.

- a. **Sergeant Jefferies-**There were two officers hired, and two officers will be attending an Evidence Submission Course at Jefferson State College. Also, two police officers were selected to be part of a recruitment video at the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. There are still vacancies to be filled.
- b. **Moses Hill-** There were 6 inspections, 2 electrical permits, 2 plumbing permits, 0 mechanical permits, 3 buildings permit, 4 stop work orders. Also, 1107 Oak St had a stop work order for using their home as a club, and for not having a certificate of occupancy. The original owners sold the property to the occupants of the home. The new owner was provided building codes and ordinances so that he will be able to obtain a certificate of occupancy. There will be a billboard at 1301 13th St. the power will be released on tomorrow. There was also communication made for the owners of a building at 204 2nd Ave that put up a roof without prior approval or permits. They will be submitting plans from their engineer, and will also get permits. An officer is needed to be able to serve some paperwork for 52 Wilkes Cir. There are plans for a new subdivision off Rutledge which will include five houses. The paperwork has not been selected, and the contractors and/or project managers was asked to attend a council meeting.
- c. **Donna Mckenzie-** The community center is still awaiting the last quote for the roof. During Covid the contract with Buffalo Rock ended, and we are now looking at various vendors so that the community center will be able to obtain vending machines. Also, there is still striping of the parking lot, and cleaning being done at the Community Center.
- d. **Report from Council.**
Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams-No comment.

Councilor Janice Anderson-Family Dollar, and one of the grocery stores is closing in Midfield so the city is losing revenue from the closing of these businesses, as well as others that previously closed. A copy of the budget was sent to all the council members and Mayor to give an update for any questions or comments.

Councilor Reasor-No comment.

Councilor Merriweather-Principal Perdue turned in her resignation on today, and her going away celebration was on today.

Councilor Velma Johnson- The library board has an open position, and if anyone is interested, please contact Orlando Robinson or the City Clerk. The construction process will start next month for the city garden pavilion. The Community Development Center on 1126 Wilkes Rd, is an open and free center for anyone that would like to utilize it. They will also be having a garage sale on the 22nd which will be held on the inside of the building.

The meeting open to the public

Rosa Rivera-Requesting more time to get their business established. They are trying to get in contact with the owner of the business to do repairs to the fence, and to get the electrical issues fixed.

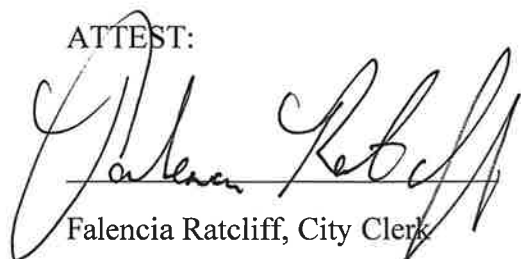
OC Curry- There have been having a lot of break-ins on his property. He has alarms and cameras and they are still breaking in. Although he has had policeman come out no paperwork has been done. Sergeant Jefferies is going to speak with the owner of the home after the council meeting.

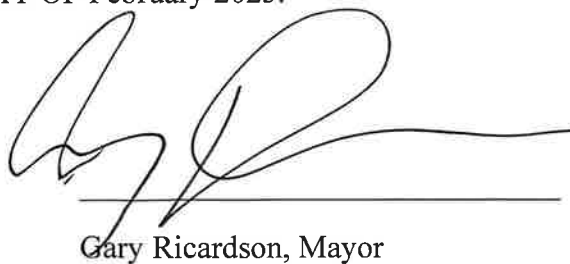
Tonya Duke- Responded to comments made by the Mayor on the radio station regarding the parents' complaints about the school board. The Mayor stated that once the school board are autonomous council cannot intervene. She wanted to address the kids not having enough computers to use.

Adjourn: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adams 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 10th DAY OF February 2025.

ATTEST:


Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk


Gary Ricardson, Mayor