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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

Regular Council Meeting for the City Of Midfield

March 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, \$37,677.81
6. Approval of minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting.
7. Approval of Resolution No.2025.02.03-A resolution of the City of Midfield, Al approving the solicitation of funds from city businesses for Midfield 2025 Public Easter Egg Hunt Event and authorizing the Mayor to sign a solicitation letter for this purpose.
8. Approval Of Resolution No. 2025.02.04- A resolution of the City of Midfield City Council Apprising the Jefferson County Alabama Commission of a dangerous road condition on Rutledge Road and requesting the County Commission to abate the dangerous condition by adding guard rails and flashing lights and/or other appropriate devices
9. Approval Of Resolution No. 2025.02.05- A resolution of the City of Midfield City Council approving lighting upgrades to city owned property as described in Exhibits A and B.
10. Report from the Mayor

MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2025

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on February 24, 2025 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 Janice Anderson
Councilor James Reasor
Councilor Velma Johnson
Councilor Wendy Merriweather

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

1. **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.
2. **Approval of Minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a 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; the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Bills:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve bills for February #2 bills \$66,913.78. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. February #2 bills were approved.

4. **Approval of Resolution No.2025.02-01 A Resolution of the City of Midfield to approve an Advance Travel Request for Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk in the amount of \$964.52 to attend the Municipal Clerks Spring Training in Tuscaloosa, Al from March 4-6 2025.** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the travel resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.

5. **Report from the Mayor**

- a. **Mayor Gary Richardson-** The mayor had a conversation with the team from Habitat for Humanity and they requested list of parcels that the properties that the city purchased. They are excited to build in the City of Midfield. They will be present at the next City Council meeting. Also, they have a program where they will be providing roofs for Midfield residents that are interested in putting a roof on their house. The qualifications will be posted on the city website. The previous T-Mobile location is being prepared for Little Ceasars Pizza, and the previous Burger King location is being prepared for Jaws Hot Fish and Chicken. The Mayor has a meeting at City Hall with Jefferson County Roads and Transportation on the implementation of our roads and paving. The meeting is to go over the project to pave 12th Ave and Carol Circle. Commissioner Scales has committed 130,000.00 to that project and the total project is \$233,536.49. The city also applied for a grant with Rebuild Alabama as well.
- b. **Chief Bell-** On Saturday there was a fire on Woodfall Drive, and there were two deceased residents, and there is still an ongoing investigation. Lt Logan will be retiring on June 1st, and Sergeant Jefferies has been promoted to lieutenant to take her spot.
- c. **Chief Davis-** Arrived on the scene of a house fire at 6:48 Saturday. There were some statements about an explosion. No comments can be made about what happened due to the ongoing investigation. One victim was transported to the hospital, and there were two fatalities which was a male and female.
- d. **Moses Hill-**There were 5 stop work orders, 6 certificate of occupancies, 6 building permits, 3 electrical permits, 2 sign permit. 1004 Allison Memorial Blvd have obtained plans, and are in the process of getting a building permit, and the electrical was inspected on today. Also had a meeting with the contractor for R&R tire that will takeover the Goodyear building. We are waiting on plans for the renovation for the building. On 1012 Wilkes Rd. they have completed moving the fence and additional plans to be done.

- e. **Donna McKenzie**-There are beaver dams behind the parks where the beavers have built a beaver pool. There are also drains that are coming from Grant St. that run into the park, and all the ditches are backing up. The beavers are going to have to be safely removed so that the dams can be torn down. Per resident David Beach, "The Department of Agriculture can assist with the removal."

Report from Council.

- a. **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adam-**, Mayor Pro Tem Adams would like the city to consider using two of the tennis courts for pickleball. The county has a grant that may be available to assist with reconstruction at the park. Also, it would bring a positive look to the park.
- b. **Councilor Janice Anderson**-No comment currently.
- c. **Councilor James Reasor**-Councilor Reasor would like everyone to make sure we are protecting the city and our residents first, and staying positive and not being negative and being negative towards each other.
- d. **Councilor Wendy Merriweather**-Councilor Merriweather would like the council to run any ideas by each other to make sure that everyone is on the same page. This would allow other council members to be able to answer questions when they receive phone calls from different organizations. On Thursday at 1:45 the Cosmetology Department will be having a Hair Show.
- e. **Councilor Velma Johnson** – Councilor Johnson spoke with Ms. Murff from Commissioner Scales office regarding process and procedure to get some flashing lights on county roads, because it is a curvy road. The city attorney stated that; "A resolution would have to be done. The city cleanup is March 15th from 9:00-11:00am.

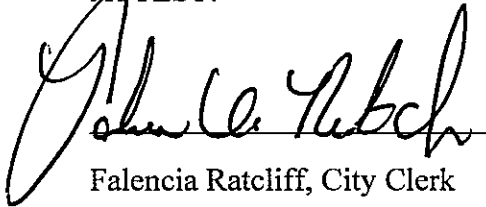
c. **Meeting open to public**

- a. **Rosa Rivera**-They are not using the building anymore because people keep breaking in and stealing their items. They are wanting to use the property and would like to get a business license without having to occupy the business. They are approved to use only one piece of property.

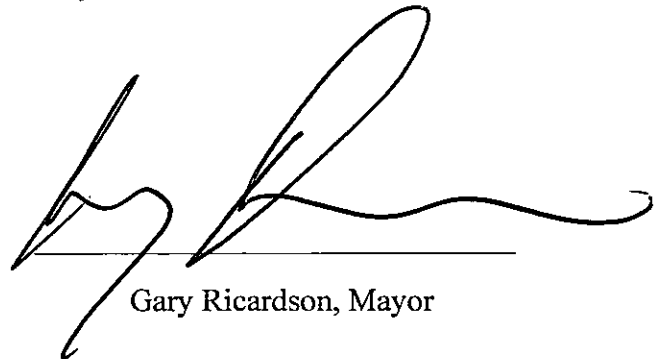
Adjourn: Councilor James Reasor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS 10th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:



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March 12, 2025

Dear Business Owner,

Midfield's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 19, 2025. At this year's event, we will be providing door prizes, bikes, scooters, and other Easter items. There will also be plastic eggs matched with gifts. As well as refreshments.

As you can imagine, the cost of this event can add up very quickly. Please consider donating \$100 to help cover the costs of the event giveaways. Sponsoring will give your business event presence and potential opportunities. We hope you will consider sponsoring our event. We believe our area children are worth it. If paying by check, make it payable to the City of Midfield. For questions, contact City Clerk Falencia Ratcliff at 205-919-4191.

Thanks in advance,


Gary R. Richardson

Mayor

