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Janice Anderson, Councilmember
Wendy Merriweather, Councilmember
James Reasor, Councilmember
Velma Johnson, Councilmember
Carolyn Wilson, Court Clerk

Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk
Jesse Bell, Police Chief
Kenneth Davis, Fire Chief
Michael Lloyd, Public Works
Moses Hill, City Inspector
Donna McKenzie, Park Director

March 24, 2025

6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of March Bills List #2, \$93,196.80
6. Approval of minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting.
7. Report from the Mayor
8. Report from Council
9. Meeting open to the public
10. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Regular Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met for a regular council meeting at City Hall on March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

1. Councilor James Reasor provided the invocation.
2. Mayor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**

The following were present at roll call:

Mayor Gary Richardson
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 Wendy Merriweather. 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 March #1 bills \$37,677.81. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition. March #1 bills were approved.

4. **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. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.
5. **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. Councilor James Reasor made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wendy Merriweather. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.
6. **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. Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. A voice vote was taken. All present voted aye and there was no opposition.

7. Report from the Mayor

- a. **Chief Bell-** On March 6, there was a call where there was a male holding another male at gun point on 12th Ave. An arrest has been made, and the charges were: unlawful possession of a control substance, having a firearm, and there is an ongoing investigation for kidnapping. There was also a domestic dispute at the auto part store in Midfield. There was a male striking a female, and he was also strangling her. The suspect was held at gunpoint by someone witnessing the situation to give the police time to get there. The police, public works department, and the inspector went to the house on Wilkes Cir and the person staying there was cited for all the items because it was a violation of an ordinance in Midfield. This is believed to be a hoarding situation. The attorney is recommending Department of Human Resources to be notified, because the home is uninhabitable.
- b. **Chief Davis-** The Coroners and State Marshall's office has been contacted regarding the house on 1200 block of Woodfall. The fire is still being investigated but the preliminary reports are that the fire was an accident, and the cause of death for the two deceased is smoke inhalation. The fire and police department went and read to the elementary school for National Red Cross American Week.
- c. **Michael Lloyd-**Public works is currently hiring to assist with grass cutting season. Preparation for the Splash pad as well.
- d. **Donna McKenzie-**Still awaiting third quote for repair of gym roof. Also awaiting

quote for repair or replacement lights in the gym. There was a call to Alabama Power to fix lights outside the community center.

Report from Council.

- a. **Mayor Pro Tem Terry Adam**-Found a vendor for the community center vending machine, and currently working with Chief Bell to obtain training for the dispatchers.,
- b. **Councilor Janice Anderson**-Will be reaching out to businesses to solicit donations for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- c. **Councilor James Reasor**- Encourage the council members to engage with each other and to bring ideas to the city in a proper manner.
- d. **Councilor Wendy Merriweather**-Attended the Neighborhood association meeting and they discussed ideas for the community to keep their yard maintained and to give out beautification awards. On Friday, there is a voter registration at 11:30 and a campus cleanup with the Barber department at the high school.
- e. **Councilor Velma Johnson** -There is a city cleanup Saturday from 9am-11am.

Meeting open to public

Mary Fuller-Inquired about the next Townhall meeting, and election. Also inquired about the various closings in the city.

David Beach-Inquired about the flooding at the park, and ask for the road paving to be published online.

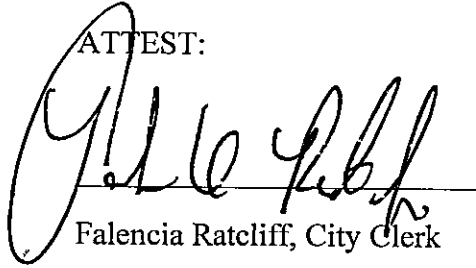
Reginald Wilson-Inquired when the library would be open.

Jimmy Robinson-Inquired about the contact person and procedures when the Mayor isn't available. The Mayor and City Attorney went over the correct procedure.

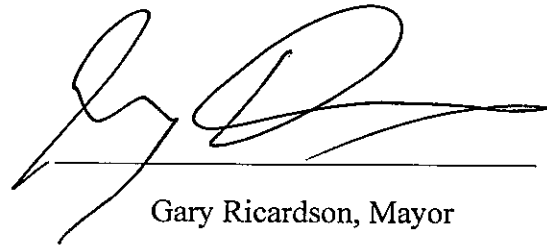
Adjourn: Councilor Wendy Merriweather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor James Reasor. All members present voted aye, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS 24th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:



Falencia Ratcliff, City Clerk



Gary Ricardson, Mayor

