

**City of Midway  
50 Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Midway, Florida 32343  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Minutes of January 04, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Midway City Council called to order at City Hall and via zoom teleconference by **Mayor Dickey** at 6:15 PM on Thursday, January 04, 2024.

**Invocation** done with the Lord's Prayer.

**Council members present:** Mayor Ella Parker-Dickey, Mayor Pro Tem Brahem Russ, NanDrycka King-Albert, Charles Williams and Charles Willis (via zoom).

**Council members absent:** None.

**Other staff present:** Henry Grant (City Manager), Antonio Jefferson (KMR Senior Consultant), Anthony Thomas (City Attorney) and Frances Harrell (City Clerk).

**Agenda Modifications – None.**

**Adoption of Agenda –** It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to adopt the agenda. The motion unanimously approved.

**Consent Agenda –.** It was motioned by **Councilman Williams** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to approve the Consent Agenda Item. The motion unanimously approved.

**Request to Adopt Ordinance 2024-01 – City of Midway Code of Ordinances –** Memo provided and explained by **City Manager Grant** and read by title only by City Clerk. No Public Comment. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to Accept **Ordinance 2024-01** on First Reading and Direct Staff to publish a notice in the newspaper of the Council's intent to consider the Ordinance for approval at the February regular council meeting. The motion unanimously approved.

**Monthly Financial Update –** A written report provided and explained by **Mr. John Grayson (via zoom)**. Floor was open for questions or concerns. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to accept the Financial Update for December 2023. The motion unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Request to Consider Midway Lighting Project Report and Recommendations** – Memo and supporting documentation provided and explained by **City Manager Grant**. Floor was open for questions and concerns. **Councilwoman Albert** asked that it is noted there will be a reoccurring cost after five years and a tax increase will have to be considered to pay the \$6,000.00 per month expense. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to approve the lighting report and recommendations; authorize Staff to submit to the Florida Department of Transportation; authorize **City Manager** and **City Attorney** to negotiate and **Mayor Dickey** to execute contract with Talquin Electric for the installation of lighting per the approved plan. The Motion unanimously approved. **Citizen Verda Owens** requested a copy of the proposal.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to Approve Agreement with Talquin Wastewater Cooperative for Midway Septic to Sewer Project** – Memo provided and explained by **City Manager Grant** and **KMR Senior Consultant Antonio Jefferson**. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to approve the contract with Talquin and authorize **Mayor Dickey** to execute. The motion unanimously approved.

**Request to Approve the City of Midway's Participation in the Gadsden United Municipal Association Resolution 2024-01**. Memo and Drafted Resolution provided; explained by **City Manager Grant** and read by title only by City Clerk. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to approve **Resolution 2024-01** authorizing the City of Midway's participation in the Gadsden United Municipal Association. The motion unanimously approved.

**Request to Award Contract for Architectural Services for Eugene Lamb Community Center** – Memo provided and explained by **City Manager Grant**. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to authorize Staff to negotiate a contract with Barnett Fronczak Barlowe & Shuler Architects, subject to review and acceptance by the **City Attorney** and authorize **Mayor Dickey** to execute. The motion unanimously approved.

## **City Manager's Report**

**City Manager Grant** provided an update on **Midway Community Development Block Grant Road Paving Project**; stated the contract is signed; work is expected to start shortly; asked council if they would like a ground breaking ceremony prior to the beginning; Council consented to having a ground breaking and gave City Staff directions to schedule.

**Police Department** – Written Report provided

**Fire Department Monthly Report** – Written Report provided.

**Public Works** – Written Report provided.

**City Attorney Report** – **City Attorney Thomas** had no report; reminded Council of approaching Disclosure deadline.

**Council Reports**

**Councilman Willis** thanked Council, Staff and Public Works for the work done on Peters Road.

**Councilman Williams** – No Report.

**Councilwoman Albert** reminded everyone of the Upcoming Legislative Session and stated that she will be providing information as it relates to the Legislation on Public Safety Recruitment and Retention; asking for assistance from the Council and Citizens.

**Mayor Pro Tem Russ** – No Report.

**Mayor Dickey** – No Report.

**Public Comments**

**Citizen Mary Hinson** asked for status of Lamb Senior Center. **Mayor Dickey** and **Councilwoman Albert** explained once Lamb Center is complete workshops will be scheduled.

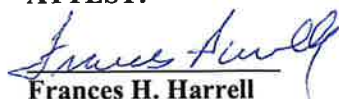
**Citizen Verda Owens** asked if her Corrected Consumer Complaint filed received. **City Manager Grant** said “yes”. **Ms. Owens** asked **Mayor Dickey** if she had made a complaint against her and **Mayor Dickey** said “no”. **KMR Senior Attorney Harold Knowles** explained Complainant name listed if a complaint filed.

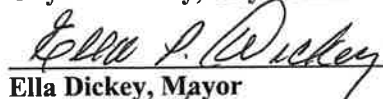
**Citizen Bobby Clemons** wished everyone a Happy New Year; gave a shout out to Public Works for taking care of a sinkhole reported; questioned cost of lighting does not agree with contract.

It was motioned to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Frances H. Harrell  
Dated this 1st day of  
February, 2023

City of Midway, City Council  
  
Ella Dickey, Mayor  
Dated this 1st day of  
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