

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

The Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Middletown held a regular meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor J. Byron Chapman  
Commissioner Ron Wolf  
Commissioner Mark Stigers  
Commissioner Paul Hayden  
Commissioner Amy Oliver  
City Attorney John Singler  
City Clerk Deborah Columbia - absent  
Director of Operations, Marty Stansbury  
Treasurer Tracy Dohn  
MPD Chief Rob Herman

Call to Order

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Silent reading of minutes from the Regular Meeting of 11/11/21

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/11/21 and Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Silent reading of Treasurer's report for November 2021

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for November and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Middletown Cemetery 4A

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve the November financial report for the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hayden and unanimously approved.

Middletown Cemetery 4B

None.

Announcements

Light Up 2021 was a huge success.

### Museum Moment

Commissioner Stigers reported that progress has been made in opening the museum and it looks like it might be ready to open in January. Mayor Chapman encouraged him to make it happen.

### Comments to the City Commission

Terry Wetherby, resident of Middletown, spoke about her concerns over the excessive amount of apartment complexes being built in Middletown.

### Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director, Laura Wright was in attendance and advised the total membership is 456. The chamber is making plans for 2022. Dr. Warren Lessor is working on a five-year business plan.

### Middletown Police Update, Chief Herman

Expressions of sympathy were extended to Chief Herman over the passing of his father.

The chief reported on several community events that MPD attended. There has been no arrest in the recent carjacking at the Brookview Apartments.

### KIPDA Report on ARPA

No comments were made regarding the report.

Commissioner Stigers expressed concern over the condition of the historic Middletown signs. He said while they were not approved for ARP funding, they still need to be replaced. He suggested the funding be put in the next budget if the ARP Final Rule does not relax the guidelines.

### Municipal Order 12-09-21-C ARPA Funding-Wetherby Park Drainage

Kent Gootee, Mindel Scott was at the meeting and presented a plan for the drainage at Wetherby Park.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 12-09-21-C and Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

After some discussion, Kent Gootee, advised the commission that they were ready to move forward with plans to put the project out to bid.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to put the drainage at Wetherby Park out to bid. Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The award date will be 2/10/22.

Municipal Order 12-09-21-A Audit approval 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

Roy Hoagland with Welenken CPA presented the audit to the commissioners. He reported the audit went well, the city is strong, made sound investments and expanded the police department. The city ended the fiscal year with a surplus.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 12-09-21-A and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 12-09-21-B Professional Services Contract - Bayus Design Works

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 12-09-21-B and Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 12-09-21-D Approving MPD Radio Upgrades using ARPA Funds

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to approve Municipal 12-09-21-D and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 12-09-21-E Opioid Abatement Allocation Agreement

Attorney Singler discussed the agreement and allocation available to the city. Additional pharmaceutical companies may be added in the future which would be an additional award to Middletown. The money is restrictive on how it can be spent; however, it may be beneficial to MPD in fighting addiction and related crime.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Municipal Order 12-09-21-E. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigers and unanimously approved.

Attorneys Report

None.

Project Updates

Previously discussed.

Motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel per KRS 61.810 (1) (F)

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to go into Executive Session and Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Motion to go into open session

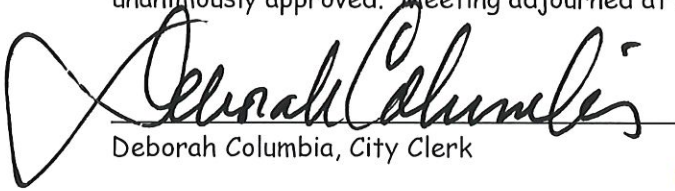
Commissioner Stigers made a motion to go into open session. Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Possible action on personnel

No action taken.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Oliver and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Deborah Columbia, City Clerk



J. Byron Chapman, Mayor