

MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002

The Selma City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 25, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: President George Evans and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Samuel Randolph, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw and Councilman James Durry. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Clerk Jackie Smith, and the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James. President Evans and Rev. Lee Goodwin gave the invocation.

After roll call, President Evans declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda. President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda prepared for this meeting. President Evans asked that the Christmas Holiday's for the City Employees be added. Councilwoman Sewell asked that Youth - In -Government and RIF Christmas Distribution be added. Councilman Durry asked that the Garbage Fees Report be added. There being no other additions to the agenda, on motion made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, the agenda was approved amended.

President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on Monday, November 12, 2002. Councilwoman Franklin stated that Councilman Tucker cast the negative vote on Public Safety Building Resolution. There being no other additions or corrections by minutes, a motion was by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilman Durry to adopt the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilwoman Sewell and Councilwoman Martin presented 11 students from the area schools who actively participate in the Youth-In-Government program. The students were asked introduce themselves, telling their name, the school they attend, and the position they hold in City Government. The students participate in various activities throughout the school year. Councilwoman Sewell and Councilwoman Martin serve as advisories to our future leaders.

**I. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Resolution - Copier Bid for Police Department.** Mayor Perkins presented Council with a resolution to accept bids during the month of November 13, 2002 through November 21, 2002 on a bid proposal on the Multifunction Copier for the Police Department. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to adopt the resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with unanimous vote of Council.

**B. Resolution - Bids for Fire Department Uniforms.** Mayor Perkins presented Council with a resolution to accept bids during the month of October 31, 2002 through November 15, 2002 on a bid proposal on the Fire Department Uniforms. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to adopt the resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with unanimous vote of Council.

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**C. Financial Report – Sales Tax Report.** Mayor Perkins stated that Sales Taxes collected for the month November totaled \$ 820, 895.76 which shows a 2.2 % increase from last year. Mayor Perkins thanked the citizens for shopping Selma First.

Martha Jackson, Tax Collector facilitated the following presentation.

**D. Resolution-Cigarette Tax Stamps.** Martha Jackson, Tax Collector, presented a resolution to Council which authorized Tax and License Department to sell the present stock of six cent and twelve cent cigarette stamps at the new tax rate of eight cents and sixteen cents established by Ordinance No. 024-02103. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

Elizabeth Driggers, Planning and Development Director, facilitated the following presentation.

**E. Phoenix Building.** Elizabeth Driggers, Director of Planning and Development presented Council with a letter stating the approval for the City to purchase Phoenix Building property from James McDonald for \$ 16,000, plus closing cost, with funds from a grant given to the City by Riverfront Market Authority for revitalization of Water Avenue. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to purchase the Phoenix Building. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of Council.

**F. Cahaba Flower Bed Project.** Mayor Perkins stated that Council needed to amend the Budget to include the full funding of the Cahaba Flower Bed Project. The amendment needs to be made prior to the passing of the 2002-2003 Budget.

**G. 2002-2003 Fiscal Budget.** Mayor Perkins stated his concerns about the passing of the new Budget. After lengthy discussion, no action was taken on the 2002/2003 Budget; however, President Evans stated that Budget would come up for a vote at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**H. Delinquent Garbage Fees.** Mayor Perkins presented Council with a memorandum from Jackie Smith, City Clerk, which states that a recommendation that the City of Selma engage the services of Franklin Collection Services to collect the approximately \$ 1 million in delinquent garbage fees, from 1994 through 2001 for a fee of 35% of the amount collected. An article will be printed in the Selma Times Journal with a disclaimer informing citizens whose accounts are listed as delinquent. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to engage the services of Franklin Collection. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with unanimous vote of Council.

**I. Concerned Citizens –Incorporation.** Several Citizens came before Council to express their concerns and opinions about the annexation and Incorporation issues. Mayor Perkins made a statement after the citizens spoke concerning annexation. Mayor Perkins stated that Council should give Attorney Nunn the authority to investigate the City Legal position in order to protect Selma from land locking. President Evans stated that Attorney Nunn has the consent from Council to move forward and provide Council with information concerning an injunction or restraining order to prevent incorporation. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to give Attorney Nunn the authority to move forward. The motion passed with a majority vote of Council.

## II. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Town & Country Real Estate Company. Attorney Nunn presented Council with a letter to Ms. Lovelady concerning the Central Alabama Animal Shelter. The letter states that the Animal Shelter is still interested in acquiring the property located @ 206 Medical Center Parkway, Selma, better known as, the Central Alabama Insulation Building. The City offers Seventy-Five Thousand ( \$75, 000) for the acquisition of the property which was turned down; however, the City acting in good faith, will make a last and final offer of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) for the property. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to make the last and final offer for the acquisition of the property. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of Council. There were seven affirmative vote and on negative vote. Councilman Sexton cast negative vote.

B. Ordinance – Inert Landfill. Attorney Nunn presented Council with an Ordinance to establish fee for the disposal of refuse. An addition to the ordinance included any vehicle deemed in violation of this provision will be subject to a twenty dollar (\$20.00) surcharge. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to suspend the rule and vote on the surcharge fee amount. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed with a unanimous vote of Council. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to amend the ordinance for the \$ 20.00 surcharge. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with unanimous vote of Council.

C. Lease Agreement – 3108 Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn presented Council with a memo from Lola Rogers, Program /Project Manager requesting for the approval of the contract between the Jonathan Daniels CDC and the City of Selma (Weed and Seed Program) to lease property located at 3108 Water Avenue. The lease amount is \$1.00 per year, renewable each year. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Durry to adopt the lease agreement. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of Council.

D. Resolution – Finance Director. Attorney Nunn presented Council with resolution giving Council the authority to appoint or not to reappoint Mr. Robert Sanders as Finance Director of the City of Selma. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Franklin to adopt the resolution not to reappoint Mr. Robert Sanders as Finance Director. A roll call was taken and the motion carried with unanimous vote of Council.

E. Letter –League of Municipalities. Attorney Nunn presented Council with a letter from the League of Municipalities for informational purpose, concerning the appointment of Water Board members.

F. Ordinance Selma Waterworks and Sewer Board. Attorney Nunn presented Council with an Ordinance to appoint the directors of the Selma Waterworks and Sewer Board, and authorizes the governing body of the municipality to set the salaries of each member of the Board of Directors. Councilman Randolph made a motion to place ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sewell. The motion carried with a majority vote of Council.

## III. HOMELESS SHELTER

President Evans stated that there maybe a need for a shelter during the winter months. There was some discussion concerning the shelter and what the city could do in this matter.

**IV. CITY EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to grant City Employee's Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26, and Friday, December 27 off for the Christmas Holiday and January 1, 2003 for New Year's Day. The motion carried with unanimous vote of Council.

**V. RIF CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION**

Councilman Sewell stated that RIF Christmas Distribution would be held Saturday, December 21, 2002 @ 10: 00 a.m. at the Convention Center with Breakfast with Santa..

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Recreation Committee Report**

There was no report from the Recreation Committee.

**Administrative Committee Report**

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated there was a vacancy on the Selma City School Board and that City Clerk Jacqueline Smith was in the process of getting information for that position.

**Public Safety Committee Report**

There was no report from the Community Development Committee.

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**Public Works and General Service Committee Report**

There was no report from the Public Works and General Services Committee.

**Discretionary Fund Committee Report**

There was no report from the Discretionary Fund Committee Report.

**VII. DOROTHY CHAPMAN**

Ms. Dorothy Chapman came before Council to express her concern regarding a Selma Water Works and request that Council investigate to determine if there are any illegal activities.

**VIII. REV. LEE GOODWIN**

Rev. Goodwin came before Council to express his concerns regarding the increase in salaries at the Selma Water Works & Sewer Board.

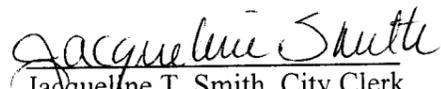
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**IX. JACK SHANNON**

Mr. Jack Shannon came before Council to express his concerns regarding the Selma Water Works & Sewer Board.

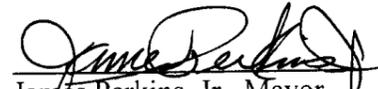
There being no other business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. and have a special call meeting on Friday, November 29, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

  
George P. Evans, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Jacqueline T. Smith, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
James Perkins, Jr., Mayor