

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 26, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Joseph Rembert
New Beginnings Christian Center

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members, Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilman Greg Bjelke, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw and Councilman Corey Bowie. Others present were Mayor George Evans, City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant, Ms. Brenda Smothers. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent during roll call, but arrived at 6:52 p.m. Councilman Benny L. Tucker was absent from the Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the agenda items as written. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Williamson asked for the approval of the minutes of June 12, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, to approve the minutes of June 12, 2012. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Attorney Faya Rose Toure`
Slavery & Civil Rights Museum

Re: \$20,000.00 Reward Money for Nathan Bedford Forrest

During her presentation, Attorney Toure` made a request for answers to the following questions: (1) Is that a Public Cemetery (New Live Oak Cemetery)? (2) Since she is a Taxpayer, is any of her money being used to preserve and take care of a monument where she is being accused of a crime, where Confederate Flags are everywhere, and where the spirit of Nathan Bedford Forrest is in that Cemetery? President Williamson stated to Councilman Bjelke, that since he is Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, that he would like for him to look into this matter, and bring back a report during the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Elton Johnson

Re: Pavilion Issues

Mr. Johnson made a request to the Council to amend "your Laws, and not allow it to be sold nor served this close to a Church", and that he is not just speaking on behalf of his Church, but the whole City of Selma. President Williamson stated that since this is in Councilman Randolph's Ward, he is going to ask that Councilman Randolph, Councilman Bjelke, Councilwoman Crenshaw, act as an Ad Hoc Committee, along with Councilman Atchison, as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, for the purpose of looking into this matter, and bringing back a recommendation to the Council during our next Council Meeting, as to what they can do, and what they should do, as a Council.

Ms. Nancy R. Bennett
Preservation Society
Re: Old Y.M.C.A.

Ms. Bennett stated that she is here to ask for Two (2) Requests: (1) Waiver of Building Permit Fee, when they begin Stabilization and Re-Grouping of the Y.M.C.A. Building; and (2) In writing, the "Footprint" of the Building on the sidewalk, and half-way out into the parking spaces, that they be given written permission to "block" that off for safety purposes for Nine (9) months after they begin construction, which possibly will take Four (4) to Six (6) Months, but she is requesting Nine (9) Months. During discussion, President Williamson stated that he will be placing these Items on the Agenda at our next Council Meeting for action by the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Before beginning the Mayor's Report, Mayor Evans stated he would like to state, for the record, that the Monument that was spoken of earlier, during the Citizens' Requests, was a matter that came before the Council years ago, and during those years when that was a discussion in terms of where it would be placed, the Council voted to approve the placement of that particular statue to go into the Cemetery Property.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE, WILLIAM T. RILEY, BY MR. JASON CAPSTRAW, RESIDENT AGENT-IN-CHARGE, DEA MOBILE RESIDENT OFFICE. A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE" WAS EXTENDED IN RECOGNITION OF THIS PRESENTATION!

PROCLAMATIONS. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to present and acknowledge the following Proclamations, and that each of them should also have a copy within their packets, beginning with:

Proclamation - "Honoring Sponsors of the "Unity in the Community" Praise and Worship with an International Taste Event". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize and Honor the Sponsors of the "Unity in the Community" Praise and Worship with an International Taste Event, and would like to do so in the form of, a Proclamation, "Honoring Sponsors of the "Unity in the Community" Praise and Worship with an International Taste Event"! Councilman Bowie stated that we had "Unity in the Community", which was an Inaugural Program with an "International Taste", and that he would like to thank the Vendors for coming out and participating in that Event. Councilman Bowie asked that each Individual Sponsor come forward, as their name is called, in order to be presented with a Proclamation: Ms. Evelyn Cox (Eve's Kitchen), Rev. Winston Williams, Mr. Mervin West (Southern Deli), Dr. Kirit O. Chapatwala, Mrs. Dawn Freij (Oasis Steakhouse & Grill), and Ms. Mo Ezez (New Orleans Steak & Seafood). Mayor Evans thanked Councilman Bowie and Councilman Randolph, and other Council Members who all made that happen. Mayor Evans stated that it was a great day there in the Park, and that it was a wonderful gesture. Mayor Evans further stated that that is an area to support those types of events, and that the Community comes out to support it. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council do hereby express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their generosity and support of the "Unity in the Community" Praise & Worship with an International Taste and all City-Sponsored Events.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to ask Mr. Tracey Williams to stand, and that he is leaving the City of Selma, effective the end of this month, and will begin working with E-911. Mayor Evans stated that we would like to thank Mr. Williams for the years that he has put in with the City. Mayor Evans further stated that we are going to miss him, and we want to thank him for the work that he has done in the Recreation Department, and we wish him well in his new job. Mr. Williams stated to Mayor Evans and the Council that he would like to thank the City of Selma for the Nineteen (19) years he has worked with the City, and appreciates all of the opportunities the City has given to him. President Williamson stated on behalf of himself and the Council that he wanted to thank Mr. Williams for all that he has done, especially with our Recreation Program, and he thanks he and Coach Reece, and everyone else who has worked with the Recreation Program. Coach Reece addressed the Council, and stated that he has a tremendous Staff, and that it has been a great time working with Mr. Williams, and Mr. Terry Jackson. Coach Reece thanked Mr. Williams for what he has done for us, and appreciates everything that he has ever done. Best Wishes were extended to Mr. Williams! Mayor Evans also announced that his Secretary, Mrs. Rachel Foreman, will be leaving the end of this week, and that she and her husband, Mr. Ray Foreman, will be moving to Missouri, where her Husband who did work for us, has "landed" a great job in St. Louis. Mayor Evans stated that Mrs. Foreman has done an outstanding job, and that we are going to miss her. Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Michelle Armstrong will be coming back in that position, temporarily.

A. Resolution #R194-11/12 - Resolution to Appoint Dr. Chris Searcy to the Selma Historic Development Commission to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. Bruce Burson, Ending in October, 2013. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R194-11/12, Resolution to Appoint Dr. Chris Searcy to the Selma Historic Development Commission to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. Bruce Burson, Ending in October, 2013. Mayor Evans stated that the Selma Historic Development Commission has a vacant seat that must be filled, and that he would like to appoint Dr. Chris Searcy to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bruce Burson, Ending in October, 2013, and desires ratification of the same by the Council. Mayor Evans stated that Dr. Searcy is here at tonight's Council Meeting, and asked that he stand and be recognized by the Council. Following recognition of Dr. Searcy, Mayor Evans asked Council's approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R194-11/12, Resolution to Appoint Dr. Chris Searcy to the Selma Historic Development Commission to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. Bruce Burson, Ending in October, 2013. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Congratulations were extended Dr. Searcy by Mayor Evans and the Council.

B. Authorization to Split the Cost of the Storm Drainage Repairs at Selma High School with the Selma City Schools in the Amount of \$25,300.00 to be Paid from Gasoline Tax Monies. Mayor Evans stated to Council that at Selma High School, there is a drainage area there that is critical to the new school there on Memorial Avenue. Mayor Evans stated that the Superintendent, Mr. Gerald Shirley, came by and the two of them talked about this, and that Mr. Ray Hogg has also gone over and inspected the area. Mayor Evans further stated that he is asking the Council for approval to proceed with this, so that he will be able to tell the School Board and the Superintendent, that the City will be able to split the difference, once the Council has approved. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration for approval of the Authorization to Split the Cost of the Storm Drainage Repairs, in an estimated amount of \$25,300.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, to approve Authorization to Split the Cost of the Storm Drainage Repairs at Selma High School with the Selma City Schools in the Amount of \$25,300.00, to be Paid from Gasoline Tax Monies. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. Update on the Quote from Frasier-Ousley Construction and Engineering, Incorporated in the Amount of \$4,125.00 to Repair the "Welcome Sign" at the Foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a quote from Frasier-Ousley Construction and Engineering, Incorporated, and that this is where our "Welcome Sign" was damaged and/or destroyed by someone who was driving improperly, as a result of that. Mayor Evans stated that this is an update on that matter, and a quote from Frasier-Ousley Construction and Engineering, in the amount of \$4,125.00, which is the cost to repair the "Welcome Sign". Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration and approval to move forward with repairs to the "Welcome Sign" at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, in the amount of \$4,125.00, and that later on Bids will come in, for the actual construction of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve Repair of the "Welcome Sign" at the Foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, by Frasier-Ousley Construction and Engineering, Incorporated, in the amount of \$4,125.00. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, for the record, that she would like for them to continue to be able to look for those Individuals, smaller Contractors, so that they can also make some of the money that the City of Selma is disbursing out. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were six affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote. Mayor Evans stated, for the record, that he will always work hard to try to get People to do things, such as this, despite the other things that are being portrayed otherwise.

D. Resolution #R185-11/12 - Resolution to Surplus Vehicles, Tractors and Miscellaneous Equipment. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R185-11/12, Resolution to Surplus Vehicles, Tractors and Miscellaneous Equipment, which represents certain items of personal property which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes. Mayor Evans further stated Resolution #R185-11/12 deems the property as surplus, and gives authorization to the Mayor and City Clerk to dispose of the personal property owned by the City of Selma; further description of the property can be found in the attached list. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R185-11/12, Resolution to Surplus Vehicles, Tractors and Miscellaneous Equipment. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

E. Update on the Renewal of the Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS for the Operation and Maintenance of a Continuous-Record Stage Gaging Station on the Alabama River at Selma in the Amount of \$3,250.00. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have information before them as it relates to the Renewal of the Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the Operation and Maintenance of a Continuous-Record Stage Gaging on the Alabama River at Selma, in the amount of \$3,250.00. Mayor Evans further stated that this is something that we do annually, and that the current Joint Funding Agreement between the City of Selma and the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) will expire on September 30, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have a copy of the proposed renewal agreement for the period of October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013, in the amount of \$3,250.00 to be

paid out of next year's Budget. Mayor Evans stated that this is something that we do with the County each year, and that Ms. Rhonda Abbott is here in the event the Council has questions. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve the Renewal of the Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the Operation and Maintenance of a Continuous-Record Stage Gaging Station on the Alabama River at Selma, Alabama, in the amount of \$3,250.00, to be paid out of next Fiscal Year's Budget. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

F. Resolution #R193-11/12 - Award of Contract for Surplus Vehicles, Tractors and Miscellaneous Equipment to Coastal Recycling, LLC. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R193-11/12, Award of Contract for Surplus Vehicles, Tractors, and Miscellaneous Equipment, to Coastal Recycling, LLC. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that we received Three (3) Bids for the Surplus Vehicles, Tractors and Miscellaneous Equipment, and that Coastal Recycling, LLC, offered the Highest Bid, in the amount of \$28,963.00. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Resolution #R193-11/12, Award of Contract for Surplus Vehicles, Tractors and Miscellaneous Equipment to Coastal Recycling, LLC, in the Highest Bid amount of \$28,963.00. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

G. Minutes of Boards and Commissions - Update. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have a copy of the current Minutes of the Boards and Commissions, that the Council had made a request for.

H. Public Buildings Rental Fees and Policies for Review and Consideration. Mayor Evans stated to President Williamson that he would ask that he and the Council appoint a Committee of the Council to come up with a fee as it relates to the Public Buildings for usage, and the criteria for which it would be used, including the new building down on the Riverfront. Mayor Evans stated to the Council that he would like for them to allow him to serve along with the Committee, as well as, Mrs. Kay Jones, Director of Public Buildings. Mayor Evans stated that he would like for the Committee to meet, and bring back a recommendation to the Council, as to what they should do with our Buildings as far as rental fees and usage. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he would ask the Community Development Committee and Councilwoman Keith, as Chairperson, to handle this.

I. Trash Trailer Placements for July, 2012. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a schedule for the Trash Trailer Locations for the Month of July:

- July 6th - 9th - Ward 7 (Young Street and Minter Avenue; Church Street and L.L. Anderson Avenue; Edgewood School); and
- July 13th - 16th, Ward 6 (Plant Street and Philpot Avenue; LeGrande Street and Keller Avenue; Maxey Street and 2nd Avenue; Washington Street and Philpot Avenue).

J. The Jackson Home, 1416 Lapsley Street, Selma, Dallas County, Alabama. Mayor Evans stated that he would like to mention for the benefit of Citizens and the Council, as well, that on today, he received a letter from the State of Alabama, Alabama Historical Commission, that the Alabama Historical Commission is pleased to inform us that The Jackson Home, located at 1416 Lapsley Street, in Selma, Dallas County, Alabama, has been favorably reviewed, and now listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage, which is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks, worthy of both recognition and preservation. Mayor Evans stated that Mrs. Dorothy Jackson is not here with us tonight, but he is sure that she is proud of this recognition as we are, as well. Mayor Evans stated that he wanted to make this publicly known, that she has been given that Award.

K. Reminder, and Announcements. Mayor Evans stated he would like to announce, and advise the Council of the following:

- (1) June 26th - East Selma Fish Pond Opening Day, www.selma-al.gov/recreation
- (2) June 30th - Citywide Clean-Up Day
- (3) June 30th - Wounded Warriors Track & Field Program, Memorial Stadium
- (4) July 4th - Fourth of July Celebration, Memorial Stadium
- (5) July 6th - 8th - Sales Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Preparedness, www.revenue.alabama.gov/
- (6) July 12th - 17th - Dixie Majors State Baseball Tournament, Memorial Stadium

- (7) July 14th – “A Fun Day in the Park”, Hosted by Professional Basketball Player Michael Johnson, Ronnie Sharp Park
- (8) July 19th – KaBOOM! Playground Build Day, First Avenue and Green Street
- (9) August 6th - 15th – Military Medical Mission II, Riverfront Venue, 2 Lawrence Street
- (10) Selma Walton Theater – “Brave” is Showing Through July 1st, “The Amazing Spider Man” Opens on July 3rd, and “Faith-Based Movies Series” on Sundays at 2:00 p.m., www.sellmawaltontheater.com
- (11) “Tuesday at the Movies” (Senior Citizens) – Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- (12) “Wednesday at the Movies” (Children) – Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- (13) Pray for Selma Every Wednesday, Between the Hour of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

View the City of Selma Calendar at www.selma-al.gov and the Chamber of Commerce Calendar at www.selmaalabama.com for details and upcoming events.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Renaming of Texas Avenue, Texas Court and Texas Alley - Public Hearing. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that if they recall during our last Council Meeting, we were following the Procedures for Renaming Streets as stated in our Resolution #R176-08/09, in which a Survey would be conducted by City Employees. Attorney Nunn further stated that they were given notice on Tuesday of last week, that a Survey would be performed on Thursday and on Saturday. Attorney Nunn stated that we did take the Survey on Thursday, and for the ones who were not at home, we went back out on Saturday, and there was One (1) Resident who was not at home but that we went back on Sunday or Monday he believes. Attorney Nunn stated that there were only Four (4) houses, and Two (2) Residents who were not at home, and the others are just abandoned houses. Attorney Nunn proceeded opening the envelopes, and stated: 612 Texas Court, “No, No, No”, Total of 3 – Not to Rename; 1024-B Texas Avenue, “No, No, No”, Total of 3 – Not to Rename; 520 Texas Avenue, “Yes, Yes”, Total of 2 – In Favor of Renaming; 1016 Texas Alley – “No”, Not to Rename. There were two affirmative, and 7 nay votes. Attorney Nunn stated that there is a majority of Residents on that street, that says “No”. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked Attorney Nunn if the “voters” who voted actually live in these houses, and are they voters, and whether or not they have a stipulation in the Resolution, that these voters have to live at that property? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that these are the actual Individuals who live at that property; either they own the property or live there. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she would like to recommend that they come up with a procedure as to how to identify household members. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated that she thinks that she would like to recommend that they inform the Petitioners, and also let them know how the vote was taken; that she thinks that is very important. Attorney Nunn stated that we called for a Public Hearing and we had the Petitioners here, and notice was gotten to everyone, but no one attended the Public Hearing. Attorney Nunn further stated that he thinks that a little bit of “misinformation” got out from the time that we had the Public Hearing to the time that the Surveys were done and that he had to correct a couple of People concerning a few issues, and the confusion that came about. Attorney Nunn asked about the Application Fee of \$1,000.00 that was paid by the Petitioners, and the Council asked Attorney Nunn to return the said Application Fee to the Petitioners. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn if there were Two (2) homes that were unreachable? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated the following: 611 Texas Avenue was an abandoned house; 523 Texas Avenue, Not at Home; 614 Texas Court was a Vacant House on the Corner; 610 Texas Court, Abandoned House; 608 Texas Court, Vacant House on Corner of Texas Alley; 617 Texas Avenue, Not at Home; 613 Texas Avenue, Not at Home, and 619 Texas Avenue, Abandoned. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated to President Williamson that she does think that there is a stipulation somewhere that they can go back until they find out what the vote will be. Attorney Nunn stated that they went on a Thursday, and a Saturday. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that we will just have to report to the Family the results, and move forward; hopefully they will change their minds, and can come back and get a favorable vote. Attorney Nunn stated if they (Residents who voted “no”) should change their minds, they (Petitioners) can bring it back before the Council. President Williamson stated that if they do decide, it can be brought back before the Council at that time.

B. Resolution #R187-11/12, #R188-11/12, #R189-11/12, #R190-11/12, and #R191-11/12 - Special Use Permits for Use of Wireless Telecommunications Facility. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolutions for Special use Permits for different locations, and that the Applicant is Verizon Wireless. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. David Andrews is here at tonight's Council

Meeting, and he is our Consultant, the Consultant for Center for Municipal Solutions, along with Ms. Mignon Bowers. Attorney Nunn asked that Mr. Andrews come forward to address the Council. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that they have the addresses for each one of them; namely, #R187-11/12, 12883 Highway 14, West; #R188-11/12, 212 Washington Street; #R189-11/12, 105 County Road 934; #R190-11/12, 527 Sunny Lane, and #R191-11/12, 2101 J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard. Mr. Andrews addressed the Council, and stated that the Resolutions are being brought before the Council, all for the same thing; that they are taking down Three (3) Antennas, and putting up Three (3) new Antennas so that they can update their System, going from 3G to 4G, or LTE. Mr. Andrews, as the City's Consultant, recommended the granting of a Special Use Permit for all of the said locations. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, to approve Resolution #R187-11/12, Special Use Permit, 12883 Highway 14, West; Resolution #R188-11/12, Special Use Permit, 212 Washington Street; Resolution #R189-11/12, Special Use Permit, 105 County Road 934, Resolution #R190-11/12, Special Use Permit, 526 Sunny Lane, and Resolution #R191-11/12, Special Use Permit, 2101 J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. Resolution #R192-11/12, Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties.

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that under the provision of Alabama Code Section 11-46-37, when the Mayor is a Candidate in any Municipal Election, he shall be disqualified to perform the duties set forth in Alabama Code Section 11-46-36. Attorney Nunn further stated that the Council has the authority under the Laws and Statutes of the State of Alabama to designate a disinterested individual to perform the election. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R192-11/12, Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties, states that Ivy Harrison, City Clerk for the City of Selma, is designated and appointed to perform the election duties required of the Mayor during the General Municipal Election on August 28, 2012, and the Run-Off Election, if necessary, to be held on October 9, 2012. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, to approve Resolution #R192-11/12, Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

D. Notice of Election. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the Mayor will be giving Notice of Election of Municipal Officers, and the Selma City Board of Education. Attorney Nunn further stated that Notice will be given via publication in the Newspaper, on Tuesday, July 3rd, which is next Tuesday, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Council President, Council Members, a Chairman of the School Board, and Members of the City Board of Education. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that the Polls will open up at 7:00 a.m., and remain open continuously until 7:00 p.m. Attorney Nunn stated applications for Absentee Ballots may be obtained and made at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 222 Broad Street, Selma, until August 23, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., and Emergency Absentee Ballots must be applied for on or before 12 o'clock noon, August 28, 2012. Attorney Nunn stated that a person who cast an Absentee Ballot in the election must apply again for an Absentee Ballot in a Run-Off Election. Attorney Nunn stated the Run-Off Election is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th, and Applications for Absentee Ballots may be obtained from of the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 222 Broad Street, Selma, until October 4, 2012. Attorney Nunn stated Emergency Absentee Ballots must be applied for on or before 12 o'clock noon, October 9, 2012. Attorney Nunn further stated any qualified elector who will have resided within the City of Selma for a period of at least Ninety (90) days on August 28, 2012 may qualify to run for office, beginning July 3rd, through July 17th, until 5:00 p.m., by filing the appropriate forms and paying any appropriate fees, as otherwise provided by Law.

E. Election Updates. Attorney Nunn stated to Council again, the qualifying date is July 3rd through July 17th. Attorney Nunn stated that the Council approved the Contract with Alabama State University during our last Council Meeting, and the work has been performed and that we are awaiting the Approval from the U. S. Justice Department.

F. Redistricting Updates. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we have not received Approval from the U. S. Justice Department, but that we have been in constant contact with them, at least every other day. Attorney Nunn stated that we are hoping to receive a response to the Submission from them by the end of this week, no later than Tuesday, July 3rd.

G. Resolution #R195-11/12 - Weed Abatement (Phase I) - Declaring a Nuisance and Immediate Abatement. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R195-11/12, Weed Abatement (Phase I), Declaring a Nuisance and Immediate Abatement, which consists of Four (4) pieces of Property that have been identified to have noxious and dangerous weeds that are growing on the properties listed herein, via the Code Enforcement Office. Attorney Nunn further stated Resolution #R195-11/12 authorizes the City Clerk, Mrs. Ivy S. Harrison, to forward Certified Letters to the Property Owners, as it relates to weeds that have been declared a public nuisance via the Code Enforcement Officer, advising them of the same. Attorney Nunn stated that the Certified Letters request the Property Owners to abate the weeds that have declared a nuisance, and if they shall not do the same, then the City of Selma will abate the weeds, and place a Lien on said property. Attorney Nunn asked Council's approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R195-11/12, Weed Abatement (Phase 1). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

H. Resolution #R196-11/12 - Resolution to Declare the Surplus of Unneeded Personal Property Belonging to the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R196-11/12, Resolution to Declare the Surplus of Unneeded Personal Property Belonging to the City of Selma, which he has just handed out to them. Attorney Nunn further stated that the City of Selma received a Condemnation Order, attached to Resolution #R196-11/12, as it relates to a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria, and said vehicle was inspected by Sergeant Neely, who has advised the City of Selma and Chief of Police Riley, that the City's Drug Unit cannot use the vehicle due to the vehicle being inoperable. Attorney Nunn stated that AI's Towing and Recovery Wrecker Service has agreed to purchase the vehicle in the amount of \$200.00, and *Forgive* any Fees and Charges which may have accumulated on the vehicle for storage. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration and approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R196-11/12, Resolution to Declare the Surplus of Unneeded Personal Property Belonging to the City of Selma and, further, to sell said vehicle in the amount of \$200.00 to AI's Towing and Recovery Wrecker Service, for the Purchase and *Forgiveness* of any Fees and Charges for the Storage of said Vehicle. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Williamson stated that we do have a Noise Ordinance, and we would like to have it enforced.

II. UPDATE ON PEG CHANNEL

President Williamson asked Mayor Evans when are we going to be able to have the Council Meetings televised? Mayor Evans asked Ms. Bessie Curtis to come forward, and address the Council with an update as it relates to the PEG Channel. Ms. Curtis addressed the Council, and stated that the "Basic" Box Channel is "65-5", and the Cable Channel is "84".

III. OLD Y.M.C.A.

Councilman Bjelke stated that he appreciates Ms. Nancy Bennett coming and addressing the Council with an update tonight. Councilman Bjelke further stated that he does want the Council after further consideration, to consider waiving the permit fees with this Project. President Williamson stated that he thinks that we should waive that fee, and also permit them to use part of the parking spaces because when we were talking about tearing it down, it was understood that we were going to have to be off the street to tear it down; so, to build it, we certainly want to give them permission. President Williamson further stated that we are going to put those Two (2) Items on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting, and asked everybody to try to look into it between now and then, and get answers to "good" questions.

IV. TEPPERS BUILDING

Councilman Bjelke stated that he will be meeting with Mayor Evans and Attorney Nunn shortly, and they will be planning our next "step" on this.

V. UPDATE ON 2709 NORTH BROAD STREET

Councilman Atchison stated that they have met, and discussed this, but they are "kind of" unclear as to what, if any, possible resolutions we can have for the Resident there. Councilman Atchison stated that they have made a decision to at least go ahead and get a Contractor in there to look, and give them an estimate on what it would cost to repair the damage to the foundation which he believes is the sole claim of the foundation of the water, but that it is kind of a "sticky" situation. Councilman Atchison stated that they are still working on some issues with the Release, but that this is the Plan of Action at this point and time. President Williamson stated that this is a good plan. Councilman Bjelke stated that he is trying to connect the Homeowner and the Contractor, to look at this situation. President Williamson thanked Councilman Atchison and Councilman Bjelke for doing that.

VI. WARD 4 WALKING TRAIL

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she would like to thank everyone who attended the June 19th Ribbon Cutting for the Walking Trail. Councilwoman Benjamin announced to Citizens that they can go to the Dallas County Extension Agency, and ask for Mrs. Callie Nelson, and she can give them a Pedometer, because we ran out, and that it was only for the first "100". Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that they will give out Pedometers for "Free" until they run out. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Walking Trail is in Ward 4, but that it is for everyone who wants to use it.

VII. KaBOOM! PLAYGROUND PROJECT - 200 VOLUNTEERS - TOOLS NEEDED

During the Mayor's Report, Mayor Evans stated that the Council should have been given a hand-out which lists all of the Tools that we must have available in order to build the Playground, and that all of the Tools listed will be needed by July 19th. Mayor Evans stated that if anyone has any of the Tools that are going to be needed, to please let him know, or Councilwoman Benjamin. Councilwoman Benjamin concurred, that Mayor Evans has passed out a Tool List, and asked that everyone look at it very closely, and if they have some of these Tools at home, let either she or the Mayor know prior to July 19th. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that Mayor Evans has passed out the Tool List for KaBoom, and asked everyone to let us know if they have some Tools. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that we are recruiting for the 200 Volunteers needed, but that once it gets to 225, we have to cut it off because then it will become a liability issue for us. Councilwoman Benjamin stated if anyone wants to be a part of this, to please go ahead and give us your name, and Ms. Sykes will place your name on the list for the Volunteers. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that we do have "youth involvement", and that there is something to do for everybody, on that particular day.

VIII. 4TH ANNUAL CITY OF SELMA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she has been told by their Administrative Assistant, Ms. Sykes, that the Pre-Conference is probably closed; that they've taken all that they can for the Pre-Conference and will have to cut those "numbers" off. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they will accept Pre-Conference Applications, and they can still bring in their forms, in the event there is a cancellation. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they are still taking applications for the General Conference, and then they will have to close it. Councilwoman Benjamin asked that Individuals who are doing a Workshop, or taking some part of the Program, to get their information in to Ms. Sykes as soon as possible, for the Souvenir Booklet; that she would hate to put the Booklet out without them being included; so, please get your information in to Ms. Sykes as soon as possible.

IX. OPERATIONAL TIMELINE FOR G.W.C.HOMES PRECINCT

During the Mayor's Report, Councilman Bowie asked Chief Riley to update the Council with an operational timeline for the G.W.C. Homes Precinct. Chief Riley addressed the Council, and stated that One (1) Lieutenant has already been moved over there, and hopefully after the July 4th Festivities, we will be able to place a night-shift Lieutenant over there. Councilman Bowie stated that he will be forwarding some additional questions in writing to Mayor Evans.

X. "UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY" PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH AN "INTERNATIONAL TASTE" EVENT

This Item was covered during the Mayor's Report. Councilman Randolph also stated that he would like to thank everyone who participated, and that the food and everything was great. Councilman Randolph stated that the "turn-out" was great, and they had a good time. Councilman Randolph further stated that they need to keep this going, and not "stop" this. Councilman Randolph asked that they try and do something at least once a quarter, down there, and keep it moving. President Williamson stated that it was a wonderful Event, and that he certainly would like to commend Councilman Randolph and Councilman Bowie for "heading" this up, and all of the other Council Members who helped with it.

XI. RECYCLING

Councilwoman Keith stated that on yesterday she was real pleased to "Kick-Off" our Recycling efforts in Selma. Councilwoman Keith stated that she hopes that People notice the big, red Recycling Bins that we have in Three (3) locations; One (1) on Washington Street, in the big Parking Lot across the Street from Washington Street Supermarket; One (1) at Memorial Stadium, near the Tennis Courts; and One (1) in the old Piggly Wiggly/Wal-Mart Parking Lot. Councilwoman Keith further stated that we are Recycling Paper, Plastic, and Corrugated Card Board (Card Board that has the "weighty" stuff in the middle). Councilwoman Keith stated only Paper in the Paper Slot; Plastic in the Plastic Slot; and Corrugated Card Board in the Corrugated Card Board Slot. Councilwoman Keith asked that we please keep it only to those things that are supposed to go in those Slots. Councilwoman Keith stated that we need to work to make Selma "Green and Clean". Councilwoman Keith further stated that she would like to thank us in advance for our participation in these efforts. President Williamson stated to Councilwoman Keith that he would like to thank her for her persistence in this, and sticking with this in getting it done, and that it is going to be a great benefit to the City of Selma. President Williamson thanked Councilwoman Keith again, for "heading" this (Recycling Project) up.

XII. DISCRETIONARY

No Discretionary Requests for this Council Meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Thomas Atchison, Chairman

No Report. President Williamson stated he wanted to thank Councilman Atchison again, for dealing with the situation at North Broad Street.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

Councilwoman Keith made a report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Greg Bjelke, Chairperson

Councilman Bjelke made a report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson

Councilwoman Crenshaw was absent during this time.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President*

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*