

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 11, 2005  
5:00 P.M.**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Council President George Evans and Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean T. Martin, Geraldine Allen, Samuel L. Randolph, Johnnie M. Leashore and Jannie M. Venter. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Clerk Lois Williams, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn and the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James. Council member Bennie R. Crenshaw was absent from the meeting during roll call but arrived shortly after. Reverend Polk VanZandt 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. Councilman Williamson stated he would like to delete (Team Selma) from the agenda. Councilman Cain stated he would also like to delete (Curfew Ordinance Review) from the agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council members present.

After approval of the agenda, President Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2005 regular meeting. After a brief discussion, a motion was made Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Leashore to approve the adoption of the said minutes with noted corrections. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

**Presentation of Selma Community Pride Committee Members  
By: Chairwoman Mallieve Breeding**

**I. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perkins stated department heads would give the following reports listed as follows:

**A. Employee Service Recognition-Ms. Valeria Jones.** Personnel Director Valeria Jones stated a couple of month ago the Council passed a policy which made it possible for the City to award city employees based upon their length of service. Ms. Jones further stated there are five awards she would like to present to the following employees: Five years of service: Shirley McNeil, General Services, Ten years of service: Kristi Englett, Police Department, Fifteen years of service: Dorothy Cowan, Police Department and Michael Stokes, Fire Department, Twenty years of service: Adolph James, General Services.

**B. Resolutions - Hurricane Dennis-Mrs. Sherri James.** Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James stated there are two resolutions concerning Hurricane Dennis. First, requesting a presidential disaster declaration, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Leashore to ratify the said resolution. The motion passed with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council. Second, requesting a city-state of emergency, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to ratify the said resolution. The motion passed with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

**C. Resolutions - Recreation Capital Improvement Project-Ms. Lois Williams.** City Clerk Lois Williams stated as a result of the Recreation Capital Improvement Project per request from the Recreation Department, bids were submitted and opened in the City Clerk's Office for resolution #R169-04/05 for Ten Basketball Goals awarded to McClendon Athletic Center in the amount of \$15,500.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Leashore to approve the said resolution. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. Ms. Williams further stated bids were submitted and opened in the City Clerk's Office for resolution #R170-04/05 for Playground Equipment awarded to Southern Playground in the amount of \$20,137.00. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the said resolution. Following discussion by Mrs. Kay Jones and Mr. David Painter, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of The Council.

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**D. Recreation Capital Improvement Project-Mrs. Kay Jones.** Following discussion, Public Buildings Facilitator and Project Manager Kay Jones stated Valley Creek and Ronnie Sharpe would be receiving new playground equipment, and other parks will have refurbishment of the present equipment with painting that meets code. Mrs. Jones stated the walking trail is under construction, the trail will be one half mile long, with ten life trail well stations donated by Vaughn Community Health Services at a cost of \$45,000.00 to them. Mrs. Jones stated the expected completion date of this project, weather permitting, would be seven weeks, and parks where new basketball goals will be placed are Ronnie Sharpe, Dinkins, Cedar Park, Buckeye and Meadowview. Mrs. Jones further stated the parts for the fountains at City Hall have been ordered and should be repaired by August. Councilman Williamson stated he would like to know the cost of the track, how much is Khafra being paid and where the money will come from. Mrs. Jones stated the walking trail would cost \$20,018.88 and she understands that the original improvement recommendation to place fences around the basketball courts will not be done; instead the walking trail will be constructed as stated. Mrs. Jones stated the engineering fee would be eight percent for project construction and four percent for inspection. Following further discussion by Mr. David Painter, Councilman Williamson stated he is in favor of the track, however the Council appropriated funding for fences but funds are being used for a track without the Council approving this action. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson and seconded by Councilman Cain to approve that expenditure of \$20,000.00 is used for a walking track at Memorial Stadium. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**E. Hurricane Dennis Clean Up-Ms. Lois Williams.** City Clerk Lois Williams stated as previously stated by Mrs. Sherri James and ratified by the Council by resolutions prepared on July 9, 2005 requesting presidential disaster declaration and city-state of emergency for the purpose of administering public state and federal assistance, in accordance with this request federal emergency forms were distributed to the various departments who may have been affected by any clean up of debris and overtime incurred as a result of Hurricane Dennis. Ms. Williams further stated she has received verbal reports from departments and when written reports are received she will update the Council upon request from Mayor Perkins.

**F. Good Samaritan Project-Mrs. Charlotte Griffeth/Mrs. Bridget Mills.** Planning and Development Director Charlotte Griffith stated in an effort to keep the Council informed of the progress relating to the Good Samaritan project, and as information becomes available, she asks Mrs. Mills, Project Coordinator, to present a brief overview. Mrs. Mills stated there are four confirmed tenants who have verbally agreed to the terms of a sublease agreement with the City of Selma, which include negotiated rent, expected to be signed by the end of the week. Mrs. Mills stated the total projected monthly revenue from rent payments would be \$6,202.00 and historical data has been received from ADECA that assisted in confirmation of the projected expenses, which is as of today, \$3,938.00, leaving a projected monthly balance of \$2,264.00. Mrs. Mills further stated continued meetings are being held with additional potential tenants and she is hopeful that the announcement regarding the UAB wellness, prevention and research application grant submitted will be forthcoming this month. Mrs. Mills stated the City is only required to pay the State twenty percent of our balance after expenses are paid, and months where we break even, there is no required payment; rent payments are being received and presently expenses are being deducted from the rent payments.

**G. Summer Youth Project- Mrs. Charlotte Griffeth/Mrs. Bridget Mills.** Planning and Development Director Charlotte Griffith stated the second project concerning the Summer Youth Program, which she would like to thank Mrs. Mills, Project Coordinator, for her efforts in pulling this program together. Mrs. Griffith stated she would also like to thank everyone who made funds and jobs available for the program. Mrs. Mills stated there are a total of thirty-one pledges for the 500 Club-Summer Youth Program, a total of eleven employers, who employed youth, reflects a \$5,973.00 commitment made for salaries. Mrs. Mills stated a total of twenty youth are on city payroll, reflecting a \$10,860.00 monetary contribution received by the City to provide those salaries. Mrs. Mills stated the total of the entire program is \$16,833.00. Prior to the program, Mrs. Mills stated, the Selma Water and Sewer Board employed ten youth, the Selma City School Board employed three youth, and Cahaba Mental Health employed one youth, totaling fourteen that the City did not place, however, are reflected as part of this effort. Mrs. Mills further stated the program is expected to end on July 29, 2005; reports given by site supervisors have been nothing less than favorable and the youth have indicated that they are really enjoying their

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summer. Also, thanks to the Selma Times Journal for a very positive advertisement of the 500 Club.

**H. Noise Ordinance-Police Chief Jimmy Martin.** Police Chief Jimmy Martin distributed the monthly noise and police report to the Council and briefly discussed.

**I. Insurance Company and FEMA Update (Hurricane Ivan)-Mr. David Painter.** City Engineer David Painter stated briefly that he continues to work with the insurance company (A.M.I.C.) and Mr. David Sykes to reach a settlement amount and from that point we will go back to FEMA and they will pay ninety percent of the difference. Mr. Painter stated he hopes to have a more positive report for the Council in about a month in terms of the dollar amounts.

**J. Crescent Hill Project-Mr. David Painter.** City Engineer David Painter stated briefly that a contractor has been awarded and contract documents are to be prepared. Mr. Painter stated the start date was postponed due to Hurricane Dennis; an extension will be given if necessary, however, with possible breaks in the weather, and the project should be completed sooner than scheduled. Tri-County Construction is the contractor.

**K. Monthly Financial Reports-Ms. Cynthia Mitchell.** City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell distributed copies of the monthly financial reports to the Council. Ms. Mitchell any questions regarding these reports would need to be submitted in writing.

**II. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**A. Ordinance - #O112-04/05 - "The Leash Law".** Attorney Nunn stated this ordinance was presented to the Council for review at the last meeting. Attorney Nunn stated he asks the Council to repeal ordinance #O122-03/04 and adopt this ordinance #O112-04/05. A motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Randolph to adopt ordinance #O112-04/05 "The Leash Law". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to repeal ordinance #O122-03/04. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**B. Update - Charter Communications.** Attorney Nunn stated he has not received a response from Charter Communications since they last met. Attorney Nunn stated two calls have been made to them; still waiting for a response to hopefully update the Council by the next Council meeting.

**C. Update - St. James Hotel.** Attorney Nunn stated meetings have been held with Mr. Charles Bonner and Mr. Larry Striplin concerning the transfer of the lease agreement from Mr. Striplin to Mr. Bonner. Attorney Nunn stated he has met with Mr. Striplin and there is an agreement by him that he will be responsible for the repairs needed on the building. During discussion, Attorney Nunn stated he has spoken with Mr. Bonner and he is still interested in the transaction and he will report back to the Council as the agreement progresses.

**D. Update - Consent Decree.** Attorney Nunn stated he is still working on this matter with Councilwoman Allen and will update the Council at a later date. Councilwoman Allen stated the request is that the attorneys will get together and make a recommendation to the Council on how the board feels as it relates to the consent decree.

**E. Historic Preservation Authority Appointments.** Attorney Nunn stated he would like to briefly discuss this with the Council. President Evans stated this item is addressed to the Administrative Committee to research the history of these appointments and make a recommendation to the Council for the Historic Preservation Authority. Three to eleven persons can be appointed to this board. Attorney Nunn stated on January 26, 1981, the Council appointed three members to the board; Mr. Charles Mauldin, six year term; Mr. David McCullough, four year term; and Mr. Edward Livingston, two year term. Attorney Nunn further stated Ms. Mildred Noah was appointed to the board in November 1981. Attorney Nunn stated it is an urgency that the Council move on this matter as quick as possible, as this is dealing with public funding concerning the Henderson House, and make a recommendation at the next Council meeting.

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F. Liquor License Application - Mr. James Murphy. Attorney Nunn stated this is the first time that we have gone through the new process of approving liquor licenses. Attorney Nunn stated what the Council has is the entire package that was sent to and responded to by the Fire Department, the Building Inspector's Office the Police Department and Tax & License Office. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to place the said liquor license on first reading for a decision to be made at the next Council meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**III. RESOLUTION - TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

President Evans stated City Clerk Lois Williams has a resolution that she asks the Council support concerning funds used for the purchase of the microphones located in the Council Chambers. President Evans stated the microphones, which cost \$3,650.00, were paid for out of the Clerk's budget and as a result of that consumed funds need for a computer and she is asking the Council to reimburse the Clerk's budget in the amount of \$1,300.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Randolph to transfer \$1,300.00 from line item 1.6002.100.70 (Council Special Projects) to line item 1.6007.530.4 (City Clerk's Office Non-Fixed Assets). The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) of the Council.

**IV. CITIZENS' REQUEST DISCUSSION**

President Evans stated this item was discussed at the last Council meeting and the vote was split four to four regarding the question of how to handle the citizens' requests; whether to place them earlier in the meeting oppose to the latter part of the meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Leashore to have the citizens' request to remain at the end of the meeting. The motion carried with a majority vote (show of hands) of the Council.

**CITIZENS' REQUEST REPORT**

Mr. Cedric Griffin  
Re: Club Destiny

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

There is no report for the Recreation Committee.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

There is no report for the Administrative Committee.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Williamson stated he would like to update the Council that he and the Public Safety committee met with Mayor Perkins; he will be gathering some information about the excessive amount of funds being spent in the police jurisdiction and they will be meeting again. Councilman Cain stated the next Public Safety meeting will be held on July 27, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Martin read to the Council as per letter received from the RIF committee, Mrs. Nancy Sewell and Rita Ledbetter, concerning great appreciation to the Council for their generous contributions to the RIF program.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

There is no report for the Public Works/General Services Committee.

**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE**

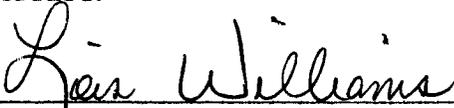
Councilwoman Crenshaw stated the Council has contributed discretionary funds in the amount of \$600.00 for the Youth Fest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Cain, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn this meeting at 7:42 p.m.

  
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George P. Evans, *President*

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lois Williams, *City Clerk*

**APPROVED:**

  
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James Perkins, Jr., *Mayor*