

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 14, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Meredith B. Jackson  
Dean of Institutional Development – Concordia College

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council President George Evans and Council members Cecil Williamson, Reid Cain, Jean T. Martin, Samuel Randolph, Johnnie M. Leashore, Bennie R. Crenshaw and Jannie M. Venter. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Clerk Lois Williams, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant Darlene Rudolph. Councilwoman Allen was absent during roll call, however "she is in route" per President Evans.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Evans asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the agenda as written. **The motion carried with a majority (show of hands) vote of the Council members present. Councilman Leashore abstained from voting.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After approval of the agenda, President Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the minutes of December 10, 2007. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.**

President Evans also asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2007 Special Called meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Venter and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the minutes of December 13, 2007. **The motion passed with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.**

**CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

Mr. Steve Kopp  
Re: Impact 2008

Mrs. Althelstein Johnson  
Re: Delta GEMS (Girls Exploring Math & Science)

Ms. Glenda Shaw  
Re: Formal Complaints

Mrs. Juanda Maxwell  
Re: Children's Hospital

Mr. Benny Lewis  
Re: Filling vacancies on the Selma City School Board

Mrs. Joan Roussell and Ms. Charlotte Griffeth  
Re: Unity Breakfast

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Resolution #R147-07/08-Award of Contract to Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood, Inc.-CDBG Project LR-CE-PF-07-083 Recipient.** Mayor Perkins stated he would like to ask Ms. Griffeth to come forward to address the council on four items to be considered. Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Planning and Development Director, addressed the Council as per said resolution in its entirety to execute a contract with Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood, Inc. for demolition and clearance in the amount of \$22,500.00 to be paid out of grant funds and local city match funds committed in R229-06/07. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the said resolution. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.**

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**B. Resolution #R148-07/08-Award of Contract to Galbraith & Associates, LLC-CDBG Project LR-CE-PF-07-083 Recipient.** Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Planning and Development Director, addressed the Council as per said resolution, indicating the same grant and source of funding, to execute a contract with Galbraith & Associates, LLC for demolition and clearance in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be paid out of grant funds and local city match funds committed in R229-06/07. 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 members present.**

**C. Resolution #R149-07/08-Re-Stripping Streets and Crosswalks.** Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Planning and Development Director, and Mr. Henry Hicks, Sr., Public Works Director, addressed the Council as per said resolution, in its entirety, to authorize the use of \$71,750.00 from current and prior years' 7¢ Excise Gas Tax Revenue (11.4000.4002.41) with a balance of \$477,074.63 via expense item number (11.6000.123.1) for re-stripping of designated streets and crosswalks. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilman Leashore to approve the said resolution. Following discussion, an amended motion was then made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Williamson to also include Bell Road, Medical Center Parkway and Cahaba Road. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Only Councilman Cain and Councilman Williamson cast affirmative votes. A roll call vote was then taken and the main motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.**

**D. Resolution #R151-07/08-Re-Stripping Streets and Crosswalks.** Ms. Charlotte Griffeth, Planning and Development Director, addressed the Council and asked Mr. Jim Haney and Ms. Tina Price from the National Park Service to join her in addressing the Council as per said resolution, in its entirety, to remove existing Wayside Exhibits and add new Wayside Exhibits and additional Exhibits on Martin Luther King, Jr. Street and additional historic site Exhibits to enhance the National Voting Rights Trail experience for tourist. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the said resolution. During discussion, Councilman Williamson asked if the City was giving the National Park Service the "broad power" to select a site anywhere in the city and put up a sign, without permission of the Council, as stated in the resolution? Mayor Perkins stated he concurred with this question and to an amendment to change this statement, and that it is the authority of the Council to make the final decision. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Cain and Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote.**

**E. Resolution #R146-07/08 - Transfer of Funds to Personnel Department for Interviewing Process.** Mayor Perkins asked Ms. Valeria Jones, Personnel Director, to address the Council regarding this matter. Ms. Jones addressed the Council and read Resolution #R146-07/08 in its entirety. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw and Councilman Leashore to approve the said resolution to transfer \$10,000 from the Police Department's Healthcare (BCBS) Expense line item (1.6100.100.5) to the Personnel Department's Pre-Employment Expense line item (1.6015.113.5) to pay for the cost associated with the interviewing process for the City of Selma's Police Chief. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Cain and Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote.**

**F. Resolution #R150-07/08-Delta Regional Authority - Good Samaritan.** Mayor Perkins read Resolution #150-07/08, in its entirety, which indicates the City of Selma's desire to submit a pre-application to the Delta Regional Authority for the purpose of supporting the cost of clinical, and wellness and prevention services to citizens, and asked the Council's favorable consideration. Mayor Perkins further stated this grant application would be in the amount of \$250,000.00 with no matching funds. Following discussion, **a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Cain cast a nay vote.**

**G. Bush Hog, LLC Plant Improvement Project.** Mayor Perkins stated he wants to thank the Executives at Bush Hog, the citizens in the "Smokey City" area in Ward 6, members of the Council, and the staff who have worked hard to try to develop a consensus strategy that would work on this project. Mayor Perkins stated what the Council has been given is a strategy that predominant three parties have actually been able to enter, Mayor Perkins further stated that if the Council recalls, funds have already been appropriated for the engineering work to be done and what he is doing is providing the Council with an outline of the strategy broken down into three separate phases with the contents of each phase and ask that if there are any questions please let him know.

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**H. Ward Incident Report.** Mayor Perkins stated he would like to bring to the Council's attention, the ward incident report and ask that the Council would begin to pay attention to over 1/3 of the incidents that are addressed by the Selma Police Department are outside of the city limits.

**I. Update on Police Chief Search.** Mayor Perkins stated the interviews have been going well and there is a group of citizens who are meeting with the staff and himself to work through a strategy to deal with the selection, there are four members of the City Council actually serve on that committee, and they are, basically up to this point, monitoring the professional selection of the Chief process have every belief that the interviews will be completed by the end of January. Mayor Perkins further stated there are three candidates on the short list, very good candidates, and he feels very confident that the candidate of choice would be selected and an offer made by mid-February. Mayor Perkins stated Ms. Valeria Jones has been given the responsibility to provide the public with a detail statement, which would include the names of the citizens who are serving as advisors on the committee.

**J. Resolution - #R152-07/08 - Professional Law Enforcement Consultant.** Mayor Perkins read Resolution #152-07/08, in its entirety, to provides the city with the ability to bring Mrs. Glenda Deese, Lieutenant Colonel, on board to serve as a "bridge" between the two chiefs to support knowledge transfer information exchange without requiring the new chief to have any need to breach the chain of command or span of control as he moves through the process. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the said resolution. Following questions and comments by Councilman Williamson and Councilman Cain, President Evans stated he would like the record to reflect that he "does not recall, at any point, any discussions in our budget hearings, a new Assistant Chief." **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Cain and Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote.**

**K. Appointment of City School Board Members.** Mayor Perkins stated he concurs with the decision to move forward with the appointments of the City School Board Members so that this Board would be fully staffed and fully functional.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**A. Resolution #R141-07/08-Softball Uniforms.** Attorney Nunn stated on Thursday night the Council should have received several resolutions, one of which is #R141-07/08, through #R144-07/08. Attorney Nunn stated as per the said resolution, that Taylor Sports was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 1, 2 and 3 in the amount of \$9,135.00 to be purchased with funds from the Recreation Uniforms Account (1.6600.203.0), allocated in the approved FY 2007-2008 Budget. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the said resolution. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.**

**B. Resolution #R142-07/08-Softball Equipment.** Attorney Nunn stated as per Resolution #142-07/08, that Olympia Sporting Goods was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 4, 7 and 14 in the amount of \$1,499.76, and McClendon Athletic Center was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 11 and 12 in the amount of \$1,455.00, and Taylor Sports was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 1,9,10 and 13 in the amount of \$5,273.00, and Riddell was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 2, 3, 5 and 6 in the amount of \$2,011.00, for a grand total bid amount of \$10,239.46, to be purchased with funds from the Recreation Uniforms Account (1.6600.156.0), allocated in the approved FY 2007-2008 Budget. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Venter and Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the said resolution. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilwoman Allen arrived in the Chambers during this vote at 7:09 p.m.**

**C. Resolution #R143-07/08-Baseball Equipment.** Attorney Nunn stated as per Resolution #143-07/08, that Olympia Sporting Goods was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 4, 6, 7 and 24 in the amount of \$3,567.00, and McClendon Athletic Center was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 2, 3, 5, 15, 18,19, and 20 in the amount of \$15,279.70, and Taylor Sports was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 1, 8, and 17 in the amount of \$5,304.00, and Riddell was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 in the amount of \$4,583.65, for a grand total bid amount of \$28,734.35, to be purchased with funds from the Recreation Uniforms Account (1.6600.156.0), allocated in the approved FY 2007-2008 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the said resolution. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

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**D. Resolution #R144-07/08-Baseball Uniforms.** Attorney Nunn stated as per Resolution #144-07/08, that Screenco was the lowest responsible bidder for item #3, in the amount of \$1,346.40, and Taylor Sports was the lowest responsible bidder for item #'s 1, 2, 4 and 5, in the amount of \$14,552.70, for a grand total bid amount of \$15,898.40, to be purchased with funds from the Recreation Uniforms Account (1.6600.203.0), allocated in the approved FY 2007-2008 Budget. A motion was made by Councilwoman Venter and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the said resolution. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

**E. Ordinance - #O104-07/08-Rezoning.** Attorney Nunn stated if the Council recalls, during work session, it was mentioned that a rezoning has been presented to the Planning Commission. Attorney Nunn further stated the recommendation is being made to the City Council for this property and the zoning map to be amended accordingly, from an R60, a residential district, to a B2, commercial district, located at Jeff Davis and Medical Center Parkway. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilwoman Martin Crenshaw to place the said ordinance on first reading until the Public Hearing is held on January 28, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. **The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.**

**F. Ordinance - #O103-07/08-Selma Fire Code.** Attorney Nunn stated, if the Council recalls, during the last Council meeting, December 10, 2008, this ordinance was discussed for regulating the fire code for the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn further stated this was discussed in depth and he and Captain Parker of the Fire Department would takes questions at this time, if not, he would ask for a vote on the said ordinance at this time. There being no further questions, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the said ordinance. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote.**

**G. Alcoholic Beverage License - Mr. NalinKumar Patel - Shopper Stop #209.** Attorney Nunn stated the Council was given copies of this alcoholic beverage license at the last Council meeting for Shopper Stop #209, located at 602 Broad Street (Shell Station). A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the said liquor license. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were seven affirmative votes, one nay vote and one abstention. Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote and Councilwoman Venter abstained from voting.**

**H. Alcoholic Beverage License - Mr. NalinKumar Patel - Shopper Stop #210.** Attorney Nunn stated the Council was given copies of this alcoholic beverage license at the last Council meeting for Shopper Stop #210, located at 215 West Highland Avenue (Shell Station). A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph to approve the said liquor license. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were seven affirmative votes, one nay vote and one abstention. Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote and Councilwoman Venter abstained from voting.**

**I. Update on Hollman's Case.** Attorney Nunn stated he spoke to District Attorney Michael Jackson during a phone call on Friday evening, and Attorney Jackson stated that he did not have an update at this time, and if there is anything done as it relates to the Attorney General, to go forward to the Grand Jury, they are not usually notified, and that he does not participate in the proceedings of the Grand Jury.

**J. Debt Collection Agreement - RDS/ALATAX.** Attorney Nunn stated this is a Debt Collection Agreement for aged receivables management. Attorney Nunn stated the City has several agreements with ALATAX as well as Business License, and they have come forward as it relates to going back for the collection of our garbage fees. Attorney further stated the contract include that "if they do not collect anything, we do not pay them anything", and the collection is based upon a collection fee, which is indicated on the first page of the contract. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Venter to approve the said agreement. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.**

**K. Update on Night Club Safety.** Attorney Nunn stated, if the Council recalls, last year in the month of November, it was requested to review safety issues dealing with the night club Donnie Roy's, aka, The Night Spot, located on Maxey Street. During a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to proceed, as suggested by Attorney Nunn, give notice to Mr. Donnie Roy to appear before the City Council with his attorney and have a Hearing to hear the facts and arguments from the City Police and whoever, as well as arguments from Mr. Donnie Roy as it relates to why he feels his business license should not be suspended. Attorney Nunn stated the license would not be

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suspended until a Hearing is conducted. **The motion carried with a majority (show of hands) vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Leashore abstained from voting.** It was the consensus of the Council to hold a hearing at 4:00 p.m. on January 28, 2008 in the Council Chambers.

**L. Use of City Funds to Promote the Bond Special Election on February 26, 2008.** Attorney Nunn stated during the work session on Thursday, it was presented to you, issues relating to the Mayor and the City Council members participation in the Election and or the use of city funds to promote the Election. Attorney Nunn stated there are several statements per memorandum from Maynard Cooper & Gale, PC, Attorneys at Law, which states that "Council members may publicly support or object to the Election, circulate petitions pertaining to the Election and make contributions to support such activity", also, "because the Election and the promotion of the Election will serve a public purpose, the Mayor and City Council Members may spend city funds to promote the Election in accordance with the authority granted to them." Attorney Nunn stated in conclusion, "Because the promotion of the Election serves as a valid public purpose, each of the Mayor and City Council Members may use his or her discretionary funds, within reason and within the parameters of his or her authority, to promote the Election. Additionally, the City Council Members may vote to allocate city funds to promote the Election in any manner the City Council deems to be appropriate and consistent with the City Council's authority." Attorney Nunn further stated that during research of the 1999 Bond, it was designated, \$250.00 per Council member towards the promotion of the Election and please remember that the Election is scheduled for February 26, 2008.

**M. 2008 Municipal Election Calendar.** Attorney Nunn stated that February 26, 2008 is the last day for the Council to change salaries for officials who will be elected in August, Sections 11-43-2 and 11-43-80, and read to the Council. Attorney Nunn stated if the Council desires to increase or decrease the City Council or the Mayors salary, please give him notification during the next Council meeting, which will be January 28, 2008 and an ordinance would be brought back to the Council on February 11, 2008, and on February 25, 2008, which is the day before the election, a vote will be taken on the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilman Leashore that the next mayor would receive a twenty percent pay increase. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council. There were four affirmative votes, four nay votes and one abstention. President Evans and Council members Williamson, Cain and Allen each cast a nay vote, and Councilwoman Martin abstained from voting.** A motion was then made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilman Randolph and Councilman Williamson to maintain the current salary for the Council. President Evans stated this motion is out of order and concurred with Councilman Williamson that if the Council does not take a vote on the salary, it will remain the same. A motion was also made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by and Councilman Williamson to decrease the Council's salary from \$15,000.00 to \$5,000.00. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were five affirmative votes and four nay votes. Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Randolph, Councilwoman Crenshaw and Councilwoman Venter each cast a nay vote.** President Evans stated this would be for the next Council. Following further discussion, Attorney Nunn stated the salary for the City Council is done by ordinance, and an ordinance must be placed on first reading. Attorney Nunn stated he has heard the vote, however, if the Council would like him to prepare an ordinance to that effect; he would do so for the next Council meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Allen to have Attorney Nunn prepare an ordinance to decrease the Council's salary. There was no vote of the Council on this motion.

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**I. NOISE ORDINANCE**

President Evans stated the Council should have a copy of the noise ordinance and asked if there was any discussion on this matter. There was a very brief discussion by Councilwoman Venter.

**II. BOND ISSUE QUESTIONS**

President Evans stated this item was discussed on Thursday. During discussion, Councilman Williamson asked why there a change in the first year payment in the bond and how would this affect the payment schedule? Mayor Perkins stated he has indicated before, and he strongly encourage the Council to write any questions they have about the bond, and get them to him, he would get them to the bond attorneys and investments bankers and they, he is certain, would be more than happy to respond. Mayor Perkins stated "there is a reason for setting the amortization schedule up that way, but if you would simply document your questions, we would be happy to give you an answer."

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**III. SICKLE CELL UTILIZATION OF OFFICE SPACE IN GOOD SAMARITAN BUILDING**

Councilman Leashore stated Mrs. Mills has emailed the Sickle Cell organization, and if the Council recalls, Council was not in a position to give them the amount of space that they requested with the additional costs that would be incurred. Councilman Leashore stated Mrs. Mills was asked to go back to them and ask if they could reduce their request that would meet their budget, and she did so, but has not received a response from them. Councilman Leashore stated once this information is obtained, it would be forthcoming to the Council.

**IV. RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR GOVERNING THE DELIBERATIONS AND MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL (SECTION 33)**

President Evans stated the information mailed to the Council was incorrect because there should not have been a "money figure on there at all", and he would like to continue this item until the next meeting to make sure everyone gets the correct ordinance.

**V. SELMA CITY SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

President Evans stated he hopes this item can be resolved tonight to the satisfaction of this Council, as well as the citizens, which is the Selma City School Board Appointments. President Evans stated there has been a lot of dialogue in terms of two members or three members. Attorney Nunn stated that the law states that the City Council has the appointment of the eleven members to the Board and that is by Constitution, and he further stated, it does not say "how you go about the appointments." Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilman Leashore to obtain three names from the present list to appoint three members to the Selma City School Board. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were six affirmative votes and three nay votes. Councilman Cain, Councilman Williamson and Councilwoman Allen each cast a nay vote.** President Evans stated at this point three members would be placed on the Board and asked for a roll call vote on the selections: **A roll call vote was taken and Sylvia Smith, Winston Williams and Jane E. Walker were appointed to the Selma City School Board by a majority vote of the Council.**

**VI. UPDATE ON ST. JAMES OPENING**

Councilwoman Martin stated it is her understanding that at 5pm during the week the cocktail lounge is open. Councilwoman Martin stated she had the privilege of being invited to be one of five taste testers and they served some of the food that will be served in the lounge. Councilwoman Martin stated for all Council members who have not yet made your reservations for the Center for Commerce dinner, the menu she was privileged to also enjoy on Thursday, will also be served at that dinner. Councilwoman Martin further stated they plan to open the hotel officially "about" the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month and prior to that she and the photographer from the Selma Times Journal will be there over the weekend to take pictures of everything that has been done, and she feels everyone will be very proud of the St. James and enjoy it very much.

**VII. LOCATION FOR CAMERA**

President Evans stated his question regarding the cameras is "are there going to be any cameras focused on any businesses in Selma?" Mayor Perkins stated the cameras would be located where the Public Safety Department and the professionals say they will be best needed. President Evans stated there have been lots of businesses broken into and maybe as a selling point for the city, all those businesses could be picked out use the cameras in order to safeguard those businesses. Mayor Perkins stated most of the cameras would have that "pan" capability, so it's not that the persons who will be monitoring will be required to look in one direction. President Evans stated on behalf of a lot of the businesses, he feels we may need to certainly consider those businesses who do not have this technology, and place a camera there, because they pay tax revenue and this may a good option to explore.

**VIII. UPDATE ON SELMA WATER WORKS & SEWER BOARD LAWSUIT**

Councilman Cain stated he wants to get some updated information from the attorney about where we are on this process, or someone from the Selma Water Board. President Evans stated keep in mind that "there are only four members there, and by law they are supposed to have five, so how are we going to deal with that?" Councilman Leashore stated, "it is in the Courts, Mr. President, and that is where it's going to have to be until it is resolved." Councilman Cain stated Attorney Nunn was asked at the last Council meeting, to look into this matter and give the Council an update. Councilman Leashore read to the Council, as per State Law 11-43-54, Conflict of Interest, Voting Prohibited. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Williamson to allow Dr. Allen to serve

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on the Selma Water Board until the Courts decide otherwise. Councilman Leashore stated "the Courts have placed an injunction against Randolph and Allen attending our Board meetings, and this Council is not going to send them back there to disrupt our meetings, I'm serving notice tonight." **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members voting. There were four affirmative votes, two nay votes and one abstention. Councilman Randolph changed his abstention vote to a nay vote following discussion, and Councilwoman Venter cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Allen abstained from voting. Councilman Leashore and Councilwoman Crenshaw did not respond when their name was called to vote.**

**IX. GARBAGE FEE CREDIT-GARBAGE SERVICE PICK-UP DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

Councilman Williamson stated the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday people did not get garbage pickup for two weeks, during the Christmas Holidays, and he has "had more calls about that than anything since he has been up here" and it seems to him that it really was a health hazard and he feel those people should be given a half month credit on their bill. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williamson and seconded by Councilman Cain to give a one half month credit on their bills to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday people who did get their garbage picked up. President Evans stated based on the Treasurers comments, the system does not allow this and what we should do, Council members, if there are citizens with a problem with this issue, put it in writing to the Mayor or to the Garbage department and not go and make this "blank statement." Councilwoman Allen stated she feels the Council will not be able to decide "who didn't or who did," and she feels this would be bad practice and everyone will be petitioning to get a discount. Councilwoman Allen stated she feels we should not go there, that we should apologize to our citizens and try to do better next time. Councilwoman Venter stated she concurs with Councilwoman Allen, and every citizen received notification of the pick up schedules for the holidays. President Evans extended this apologize to all citizens.

Councilman Cain stated he would like the Council to consider, in the future, a "twice a week" garbage pick-up service again, for our citizens.

Councilwoman Crenshaw left the Chambers at 9:15 p.m.

Councilman Leashore left the Chambers at 9:25 p.m.

**X. SPEED BUMP ON PINE FORREST DRIVE**

Councilman Cain stated in August he had a petition done, and the Council should have a copy before them, to place speed bumps on Pine Forrest Drive. Councilman Cain stated there were eight people who returned the petition in favor of the speed bumps and five who did not return the petitions, however, they do not protest against them. A motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilman Williamson to approve placing speed bumps on Pine Forrest Drive. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.** Councilman Leashore and Councilwoman Crenshaw have both left the Chambers per President Evans.

**XI. STOLEN MONEY FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Williamson asked if this money was stolen, that according to the newspaper reports, "\$3,300.00 supposedly was not there that should have been there." President Evans stated the last information he received on this matter is that it is being investigated. President Evans asked Mayor Perkins if he has an update on this matter? No comments per President Evans. A motion was made by Councilman Williamson and seconded by Councilman Cain to have President Evans ask the District Attorney to investigate the alleged stolen money at the police department. Following a brief discussion, President Evans stated he would meet with Mayor Perkins to try to find out an update, and give the Council an update at the next meeting. Councilman Williamson stated he would withdraw this motion.

**XII. POLICE NARCOTIC UNIT**

President Evans stated he spoke to the Mayor's Secretary, as well as talked to the Mayor, and asked if anyone had given an update on the question regarding the Narcotic Unit. During discussion, President Evans asked Councilman Williamson to follow-up on this issue. Councilwoman Venter stated she would like to, again, ask that all questions concerning the Narcotics and Police would "be directed on paper like the Mayor asked."

**XIII. PERSONNEL MANUAL**

Councilman Williamson stated, "if you remember back in May or June, it was promised in August, then in November it was promised in December, so do we have it yet?" President

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Evans stated, "no sir." President Evans stated he would get with the Mayor and Ms. Jones and have a report at the next meeting.

**XIV. \$500.00 CHECKS ON NOVEMBER CHECK REGISTER**

Councilman Williamson stated he was reviewing the check register and noticed that there are "four \$500.00 checks to individuals and he wondered if someone could tell him who they are and what they did?" Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, Treasurer, stated they could be the return of a bond payment, but she has a report that she is working on in her office regarding this request. President Evans asked if she could find out the specifics and let the Council know at the next meeting.

**XV. CHARTER CABLE OUTRAGE**

Councilman Williamson stated, "they just went up on everybody's cable bill another four to five dollars and we are still paying more than Prattville and Millbrook have to pay for the same thing." Following a brief discussion, Councilman Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if he could see the franchise agreement. President Evans stated we would read the franchise agreement and discuss again.

**XVI. IMPLEMENTING POLICE ASSESSMENT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councilman Williamson stated he "just put out a suggestion because we've had this \$48,000.00 report for over a month, and as far as I know, and this doesn't mean it's accurate, we haven't done anything about that, and I am not asking for any action, Mr. President, I just put it out there." President Evans stated he believes some action is being taken on this matter and at some point and time the Council may get a full report as it relates to things that are being implemented as a result.

**XVII. UPCOMING CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS/COMMITTEE MEETINGS /CONFERENCES**

Councilwoman Martin stated at 9:30 in the morning Senator Richard Shelby will be at the Public Library and citizens are invited to come.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Leashore, Chairperson**

No Report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Dr. Cecil Williamson, Chairperson**

No Report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Dr. Geraldine Allen, Chairperson**

No Report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson**

No Report.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Venter, Chairperson**

No Report.

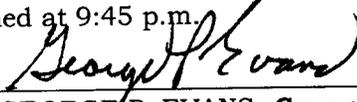
**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE - President Evans, Chairperson**

President Evans stated \$2,400.00 has been collected from Council discretionary.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

  
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GEORGE P. EVANS, *Council President*

**ATTEST:**

  
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LOIS WILLIAMS, *City Clerk*

**APPROVED:**

  
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JAMES PERKINS, JR., *Mayor*