

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2003**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: President George P. Evans and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Samuel Randolph, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw and James Durry. Others present were Mayor James Perkins, Jr., City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Clerk Secretary Lois Williams, Finance Director Vickey Locke and the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James. Councilman Benny L. Tucker was absent from the meeting. Reverend Cecil Williamson gave the invocation.

After roll call, President Evans declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda. President Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda prepared for this meeting. As a result, two additional items are requested added to the agenda; Financial Matters of the General Fund Accounting by Councilwoman Franklin and EEOC complaints of the Selma Water & Sewage Board by Councilman Randolph, on motion made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell, the agenda was approved with additions by unanimous vote of the Council.

President Evans stated he understood that the current minutes (February 24, 2003, February 26, 2003 and March 4, 2003) are not available and asked that they are tabled until the next regular scheduled council meeting. On motion made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, the minutes will be tabled until March 25th Council meeting by unanimous vote of the Council.

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I. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Salary Increase for Senior Staff. Mayor Perkins requests the Council's authorization to move forward to approve the salary increases for senior staff members. Over the past two years, other city employees have already gotten raises with the exception of these employees, and it has been indicated that in the month of April they would be given an increase as well. The overall amount appropriated for this increase will be approximately \$21,895.00 and the Council was asked to favorably consider this recommendation. Councilwoman Sewell stated that the increase should be contingent upon the status report from the collection of City Taxes for the month of March, since April is the target date for the salary increases, so the Council would know how the City stands financially. Mayor Perkins stated the tax collection is level with the prior years tax income, and it is alright if the Council would like to defer this decision until the next meeting. Mayor Perkins stated he is making the Council aware that the time is now to make this decision and he is requesting that the Council would affirmatively respond to this request.

B. Transferring of Funds within an Adopted Budget. Mayor Perkins stated that the question of transferring funds within an adopted budget came up in the work session and he would like to remind the Council that the same issue also came up on April 11, 2001. It was addressed by, then City Clerk Jackie Smith, at which time; the Mayor read a memo to the City Council Members. This memo was for information purposes only, however, clarity is needed due to how it will effect changes in the benefits package for the Finance Director. Mayor Perkins stated this is the appropriate time to formally present Mrs. Vickey Locke, the new Finance Director appointed by the City Council.

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President Evans requested to address the Mayor's comments regarding transferring of funds and stated that he thinks any funds being transferred from one line item to another should not be done prior to Council approval, that is a legal issue and whether it has been done incorrectly or not is unknown, but the fact is that he would like to suggest to the Council to have

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any transfer of funds from one line item to another to come before the Council for approval. Mayor Perkins stated if that is done it will lock this government down, he stated he takes a real exception to that and would probably not comply. President Evans stated that he thinks that there can be a procedure set in place whereby the Council can grant certain procedural line item changes based on the amount for the purpose of funding. The Council has to be accountable for an item transferred from one line item to another line item other than payroll or any other normal line item. President Evans stated that the procedural method is that items should come before the Council and this could be a check and balance system for everybody. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she totally agree with the Mayor in that if we have department heads in place, unless it is an emergency, and that it is all about trust and no Council action should be taken unless spending is over budget, it all boils down to day-to-day operations of the person who is put in place and the Mayor and the council will just have to trust that process. President Evans stated he has no problem with departments transferring funds within their department, but he does have a problem with transfers from another department or account into their department. Mayor Perkins stated that monies are not being transferred across departments, this does not happen without Council approval. Mayor Perkins stated that there are no restricted funds being transferred for unrestricted use. Councilwoman Franklin stated she really has no problem with minor transfers within a department, but she does have a problem with major transfers of a significant amount. The Council should be made aware of these changes even within the department, but when the general fund money is used, it should be put back to the appropriate accounts.

C. Car Allowance For Finance Director. Mayor Perkins recommended the transfer of \$700.00 from the Finance Department training account for car allowance for the Finance Director to compensate for travel to and from the banks. Mayor Perkins stated that he would have approved the transfer, but because it impacts the compensation package, he thought it requires City Council approval. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that was one of the concerns of the City Clerk/Treasurers position and it was stated that rather than giving an allowance, to offer a salary of \$55,000.00 would be enough and there would be no other compensations at all. It seemed that for the City Clerk/Treasurers position that was a problem, but now it is not a problem because we have a Finance Director, just trying to find out exactly where we are trying to go with that. Councilwoman Franklin stated that the \$55,000.00 is compensation for her salary, but what the Council doesn't realize is that she uses her car and if she wrecks it the city is legally liable and she is in favor of the \$700.00. Councilwoman Sewell asked what happened to the car that the previous Finance Director used. Mayor Perkins stated that he did not have a car and that the Clerk/Treasurer was doing the bank transactions at that time, and she had an allowance. Councilwoman Franklin stated that it is the same thing as mileage when you go on a trip. Councilwoman Sewell asked does the city have a car that the Finance Director could use to go to and from the bank. Mayor Perkins answered no. Councilwoman Sewell stated that it maybe a matter of rejujgling, because it is known that Kay Jones, Property Manager, has a car to do running to and from and others have cars and we should put our priorities with limited amount of cars we have. Mayor Perkins stated that Kay Jones, Property Manager has to drive to all the facilities and her car is in use most all times. Mayor Perkins stated that the council should approve this car allowance and that is his recommendation. President Evans stated that the person using their car should keep up with mileage when traveling and submit for reimbursement. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that if all positions are included then it is understood, but do not want to single out one position. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the car allowance for travel of \$700.00 for both the Finance Director and the City Clerk and City Treasurer positions. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

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D. Mr. Amos Moore, Digital Divide 2002-2003 Budget Proposal. Mayor Perkins presented a proposal submitted by Mr. Amos Moore, Command Chief Master Sergeant with the Armed Forces and Director of the Digital Divide Program for the 2002-2003 Budget. Mr. Moore stated three programs had closed because of lost funding and he is requesting an extension of the program for one year for \$78,000.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to extend the budget proposal for one year to Digital Divide. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

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During further discussion, Mayor Perkins stated that the city would include soldiers of the war in Iraq and their families in commemorative events being planned. Councilwoman Sewell stated she would like for the city to go on record as are other cities and keep salaries of employees to help the families of the soldiers. Mayor Perkins stated that he is in agreement with that as long as it is appropriate and legal.

E. Liquor License Application. Mayor Perkins presented liquor license application for the Watering Hole, 2400 Hwy 80 West. Councilwoman Franklin stated that is on the very tip end of her ward and she would not like to vote on this license tonight and it needs to be tabled at least until the next council meeting. There should be a public safety committee meeting before making a decision and she will set that up with the consensus of the Council and also on the other one concerning the noise. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilman Sexton to table this license until the next council meeting. The motion as passed with a unanimous vote of the Council

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President Evans suggested appointing a committee to deal with these issues before the Council approves a liquor license. The committee should be called the LLC Committee. The committee was established with the following Council Members appointed: Councilwoman Franklin was appointed as Chairperson of the committee and Councilwoman Crenshaw, Councilman Sexton and Councilman Durry were appointed as committee members.

G. Additional Staffing in Tax & License Office. Mayor Perkins stated the issue of staffing in the Tax & License office needs to be addressed. A part-time person resigned the position of Account Clerk/Computer Operator in the Tax & License office and if you recall Martha Jackson, Tax Collector, came before the Council asking that this position be converted to a full-time position because of the increase in workload due to the garbage collection. President Evans stated that when this issue came up, it was asked if a transfer of another employee within the city could be feasible. Mayor Perkins stated the problem with that would be if there are any qualified people available to transfer, and secondly, if there are any department heads willing to eliminate a position. He also stated that transferring from within would be likely, but at present those conditions are not present. This position needs to be filled per Mayor Perkins. Councilwoman Sewell asked what impact would a full time position have on the budget. Martha Jackson stated that the impact would be about \$16,000.00, and the Mayor stated that she would be eliminating the part time salary of \$6,240.00 and the maximum salary for the full time job posting would be about \$22,000.00. Councilman Durry asked how are the collections of garbage fees coming along in terms of having to hire a new person. Martha Jackson stated that they've collected more than last year and they have more to do than they can handle. Councilman Durry asked if hiring a new person will enhance the collection process. Martha Jackson, Tax Collector, stated that it would help to do the work better. Mayor Perkins stated they've collected \$100,000.00 more than the prior year and the full process has been moved to the Tax & License office. Councilwoman Sewell asked where would the funds come from and would the budget have to be amended to accommodate that. Vickey Locke, Finance Director, stated she would be glad to have information showing the actual impact proposed for the Council and let them know where funding will come from.

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H. League of Municipalities Meeting in Huntsville. Meeting held in Huntsville on April 26th through April 29th with the League of Municipalities. A Motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to elect Mayor Perkins as Voting Delegate, President Evans as 1st Alternate and Councilwoman Martin as 2nd Alternate. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

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I. Research of Safe Program by City Attorney. Mayor Perkins stated the research done by Attorney Nunn results that Councilwoman Franklin was right regarding the Safe Program. He also stated there is a new law approved by the state in 2001 that requires that the Safe Program is only financial institutions that are FDIC insured. Mayor Perkins stated that he had another legal review on this issue and they are saying that the Credit Unions' insurance program is equivalent of FDIC and is provided through the same governmental entity. Councilwoman Franklin asked how much is in the accounts and the Mayor stated not sure, but there are two accounts that have already been transferred back and two are in the process of being transferred. Because of investment issues, to pull them out at this time would cause some penalties and that's what we are looking at right now.

J. Situation on W-2's. Councilman Sexton stated he would like to address the statement he made along with Councilwoman Franklin regarding the W2s being wrong and the situation is worse than what we had anticipated. He stated he also wanted to ask Mrs. Locke if 1099s were not mailed out. Mayor Perkins stated that the whole situation is still being investigated and this will probably involve name and character, but know that he classifies this as a serious issue and we are seriously looking at it as a priority. Councilman Sexton presented a package that he stated were 1099s preprinted with Furniss & Vaughn. After a brief discussion the package was given to Vickey Locke for further investigation.

II. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Dallas-Selma Community Action Agency & Selma School Board Property. Attorney Nunn presented copies of a letter from John Kelly as it relates to Dallas-Selma Community Action Agency and Community Development Corporation, the letter states that the property consists of only one deed, dated August 2, 1937, from the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to the City School Board of Selma. The title for this property remains in the City of Selma School Board. The only interest the City of Selma has in the property is that when the building was first built there was a match of about \$30,000.00 contributed as matching funds for the grant, and the County gave about \$15,000.00 to have the building constructed and we do not own the land. Councilwoman Franklin stated she serves on the board therefore she cannot vote, but her opinion is that it would be cheaper and easier to go to court and get property transferred. Attorney Nunn concurred.

B. Ordinance #030-02/03 - Historic Commission. Attorney Nunn presented an ordinance amending ordinance #01-909. The City Council, about a month ago, passed a longer version of the amended ordinance, but it would cost approximately \$2,812.66 to print for publication. The ordinance was passed, but not published and it would only cost \$300.00 to publish just the amended part of the ordinance that we have before you today. Another option would be to do away with the old ordinance and put the amendment on the second one. Councilwoman Franklin asked if they could suspend the rules on first amended ordinance. Attorney Nunn stated it could be repealed or rescinded. A motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to rescind the first amended ordinance and put the second amended ordinance on first reading. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

C. Statement from A.M.I.C. for Payment of Claims. Attorney Nunn presented a statement requesting payment to the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for two claims. The amounts of the claims are \$785.00 and \$319.92, totaling \$1,104.92. These are two claims that have already been paid. There are two options, A.M.I.C, our insurance company, can send the claims back down and recommend that the city pay them or they can go ahead and pay and

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D. Resolution - Surety Bond on Finance Director. Attorney Nunn presented the Council with a resolution for Vickey Locke as City Finance Director to have a bond in the total amount of \$1,000,000.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by

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F. Contract - E-911. Attorney Nunn present the Council with copies of the an E-911 Communications contract stating it expired September 30, 2002. There are only five more months for this agreement and he requested approval for the remainder of the one-year contract. A motion was made by Councilman Sexton and seconded by Councilman Durry to put the contract on first reading. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

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III. MR. CARL C. MORGAN, JR

Mr. Carl C. Morgan, Jr. stated he was present before Council to make his monthly liaison report. Mr. Morgan report consisted of the following items:

- Went to Montgomery to the Historical Commission to review several matters before our Advisory Committee meeting on the 20th.
- Held the quarterly meeting of the Cahawba Advisory Committee. Several of the new

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Mr. Carl C. Morgan, Jr. stated he was present before Council to make his monthly liaison report. Mr. Morgan report consisted of the following items:

- Went to Montgomery to the Historical Commission to review several matters before our Advisory Committee meeting on the 20th.
- Held the quarterly meeting of the Cahawba Advisory Committee. Several of the new appointees were present and were given a brief overview of the progress that has been made and the plans for the future. We still have a couple of vacancies that the Governor must appoint.
- Made the circuit in West Alabama, visiting Demopolis and Greensboro to take them the amended agreement and to check with May Day at Thomasville regarding their interest in the waste disposal project.

IV. REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

President Evans stated that something has to be done about the realignments. Mayor Perkins stated he has already started inquiring about that and would like to schedule some time to discuss drawing some sample maps of wards evenly divided by population and they may need just some adjustments. Councilwoman Sewell stated she recalls Bill King and some others who went over to have ward lines redrawn and she does appreciate what the Mayor is doing because his leadership is needed, but she would like to see the City Council Members involved in trying to draw those lines and go over to try to get these lines drawn or adjusted. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she is a part of committee for ward lines to be redrawn. President Evans stated that he is aware of Councilwoman Crenshaw being a part of the committee. Mayor Perkins asked when to schedule to meet for redrawing lines. A brief discussion followed and he stated the Mayor's office would schedule a date. Councilwoman Sewell stated software in Montgomery is used for redrawing lines and Mrs. Elizabeth Driggers played a vital role by provided the Council with the necessary maps. Mayor Perkins stated the reapportionment office will be contacted by the Mayor's office and will get dates available. The redrawing can be finished there and the Council will not have to deal with it again. Councilwoman Sewell suggested that all Council Members should attend because who knows the wards better than the Council Members themselves.

President Evans stated that Commissioner Towns of Selmont area is not in support of annexation or incorporation at this time and he is definitely concerned about Police Department and Fire Department services. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked how long does the Council plan to wait on an agreement from Selmont and can the Council ask them to give us an update so that the Council will know what needs to be done. Mayor Perkins stated his concern is that people are overreacting. When the study was done, people overreacted and when the city came back and did the planning, people reacted to the planning. The plan has a series of recommendations from a consultant and that is not a plan approved by city government. The city would be negligent if it didn't discuss some kind of plan and if it didn't review all the options and possibilities. Councilwoman Sewell stated Commissioner Towns suggested working out a compromise since they want the services in their area and he realizes the possibility of something important that would really enhance and beautify. He even suggested working out a new fee for them to pay and he was certainly in support of what is best for the City of Selma, because he actually wants the City of Selma to flourish. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that we need to keep coming to the table and keep having a plan because we need to do something, right now there are some who don't want either but don't want the services cut. Mayor Perkins stated that Commissioner Towns did not express major opposition on annexation and the city has no desire to cut services. What we have a desire to do is to figure out a way to improve the community and we are working towards trying to do that and we are looking at all options as possible ways we can get that done. Mayor Perkins complemented the Council for having the courage to discuss these issues. President Evans asked if member of the Council would like to volunteer to be a part of putting some things in motion that would outline some strategy and to try to put a deadline on something and move forward to work with the Mayor. Councilwoman Martin, Councilwoman Sewell, Councilman Randolph and President Evans volunteer to work with Mayor on an outline strategy.

VIII. SELMA CITY SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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IX. EEOC COMPLAINTS

Councilman Randolph stated to President Evans the awareness that the EEOC has found liability against the Selma Water Works on several accounts of discrimination and he thinks this is very important that the Council needs to take account of because it seems as though in the past the Council has always tried to avoid the issue concerning the Water Works. He also stated we can no longer let our citizens continue to be discriminated against and just sit back and do nothing. Councilman Randolph stated he had requested information from the Water Works such as attorney fees and reports from ADEM concerning bacteria studies and the Water Works refused to provide him with the information. He also stated that at this morning's meeting Councilman Sexton asked him to tell them how much money he paid to Attorney Collins Pettaway to represent him against the Water Board regarding the Sunshine Law, then they would release this information to him. He also stated that if the Council does not help him with this situation, he would have to file a lawsuit against the Water Works because enough is enough, and they are sending false reports to ADEM, the Selma Times Journal prints these reports that the water is fine, when in fact, some of the addresses reported on do not even exist. People are constantly calling about bad water and Councilman Randolph stated that he can't just sit back any longer and he is asking for the Council's help. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she also attended the meeting this morning and she feels the EEOC findings need to be resolved, pay the amount and move on because if it goes to court we are going to lose because they should have paid that money. Councilwoman Crenshaw also stated there is a problem she questioned with how attorney fees are paid, and it was stated by the board that everything is billed together, they do not detail bill. Councilwoman Sewell stated she would like this Council to go on record urging and encouraging the Water Board to resolve that matter with the EEOC as quickly as possible so that they can get on with the business of the city. She also stated that to pay an attorney to fight the issue would only be wasting the taxpayers' money. Councilwoman Sewell made a motion and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to encourage the Water Board to resolve the matter with the EEOC as quickly and as efficiently as possible so as to save the city taxpayers' money. The motion carried with a majority vote of the Council. There were 7 affirmative votes and one negative vote.

Further dialogue on the Water Board issue was discussed and a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to get a second opinion on the testing of the water. Mayor Perkins stated he would pay for testing out of his discretionary funds. The motion carried with a majority vote of the Council. There were five affirmative votes and two negative. Councilman Randolph abstained from voting. Councilwoman Franklin stated she vote no and she wants the record to reflect that she recognize the authority of ADEM. Mayor Perkins stated he would certainly communicate with ADEM and will certainly be working directly with them. Councilman Randolph requested to have the letter he wrote to the Water Board made a part of the records because they would not allow it to be a part of their records at their meeting this morning.

X. NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Councilwoman Franklin made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to consensus the work session and the next regular council meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. instead of on March 24th. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council. The work session will be a 2:00 p.m. and Mr. Charles Polmatier will be attending.

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There is no report from the Recreation Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilwoman Crenshaw stated nothing other than the announcement of the school board appointments.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilwoman Franklin announced that March is Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day today; the City of Selma is Tree City USA for the 21st year, National Arbor Day Foundation Dues, Congressional City Conference in Washington, Ms. Johnson will provide copies for everyone, two things that we need to deal with C.J.'s Lounge, Tornado Lounge with the LLC Committee as quickly as possible, will meet on Monday at 4:00 p.m.

XII. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer. Mayor Perkins stated there was an issue deferred by the Council in the last Council Meeting concerning the Interim Clerk/Treasurer. Councilwoman Sewell stated a motion was on the floor to compensate the Interim City Clerk/Treasurer and Secretary commensurately with the duties and tasks that they are performing and my decision is that we need to get with you or Ms. Jones because there is a lot that they are doing that has been added to their jobs. President Evans stated that they would address the issue on the next Council meeting.

B. Regarding Noise Ordinance. Mayor Perkins stated he would like to revisit the issued of the noise ordinance discussed earlier tonight. What he wants to do is send out an invitation to the entertainment industry; lounges, hotels, restaurants, etc. to go over ordinances they are operating under in the city and he will encourage them to be "neighbor and user friendly". Mayor Perkins stated one of the things he does not want us to do is become anti-business in our decision-making. We are trying to build our tourism industry.

C. Leadership on Clean-Up. Councilwoman Sewell asked the Mayor if he would take the lead on the beautification. Mayor Perkins stated there is City-Wide clean-up day that he is working on and he will give a report on its progress. Wal-Mart has already agreed to be the sponsor this year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

There is no report from the Community Development Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

DISCRETIONARY FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

There is no report from the Discretionary Fund Committee.

XIII. MR. FRANK MCCASLIN

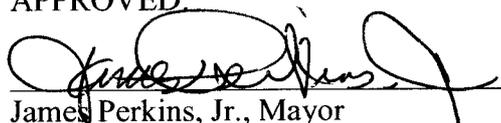
Mr. McCaslin of Sparkle Theatre Production, Inc. presented the Council with a letter from his wife, Mrs. McCaslin expressing her sincere thanks and appreciation to the Mayor and the City of Selma for the support and youth recognition of their "The Power of Dreams" 2003 awards.

There being no other business to come before the Council, on motion made Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.


George P. Evans, President

ATTEST:


Sequita R. Oliver, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:

James Perkins, Jr., Mayor