

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003**

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#### **I. MR. CARL C. MORGAN, JR.**

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

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- Went to the Alabama Historic Commission in Montgomery for their monthly meeting and then went on to ADEM. The landfill project in Uniontown still has not been permitted and it is evident that another public hearing will be necessary.
- Attended the Council meeting.
- Went to Uniontown to visit the proposed landfill site.
- Went to Maplesville to meet and visit the man who collects the majority of the waste in Chilton County.

**II. MR. WOODS**

Mr. Woods stated that the citizens of the historic district are not in favor of splitting the Old Towne District. He stated that they are in favor of Plan B of the ward realignment proposals. Councilwoman Martin acknowledged the citizens of the Old Towne District who were present at tonight's Council meeting.

**III. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Department Heads Communication.** Mayor Perkins stated that the memo he wrote to the department heads addresses the communication between department heads and city council committees. Mayor Perkins read the memo dated May 12, 2003 to the City Council members. Mayor Perkins also stated that the Council should not give instructions to department heads because it is against the law to do so. Councilwoman Franklin stated there was a Public Safety meeting today and whenever there is a meeting, it would be helpful if the department heads could attend. Mayor Perkins stated that would be fine as long as she meets with him prior to the meeting to discuss the agenda. Following further discussion, Mayor Perkins stated he would be willing to discuss making some modifications.

**B. Hiring Freeze.** Mayor Perkins presented the Council with a memo, which stated that for the purpose of cost containment, it is necessary to impose a hiring freeze effective Monday, June 16, 2003. The memo also stated that only individuals filling "essential" positions in Public Safety would be approved for hiring until further notice. Any other essential positions necessary for the department's operational needs will only be filled on a temporary basis for a specified period and subject to Mayor Perkins' approval.

**C. Credit Union.** Mayor Perkins stated that all money that was in the Credit Union has been moved and he has written a letter to Mr. Grayson apologizing on behalf of the City of Selma. Mayor Perkins stated that a copy of the letter he read would be placed into the Council's mailboxes on tomorrow.

**D. Resolution – Transportation Enhancement Project.** Mayor Perkins presented a resolution to the Council for a Transportation Enhancement Project with partial funding by the Federal Highway Administration. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Randolph to adopt the resolution. The motion carried with a majority vote of the Council. There was one abstention which was Councilwoman Franklin.

**E. Police Department Incident Report By Ward.** Mayor Perkins presented the Council with a copy of the report from the Police Department showing incidents reported by wards. Councilman Durry stated that this report indicated that ward 8 has the most complaints of all. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that the Council needed to look at the overall percentage and that crime is actually down from last year. Councilwoman Crenshaw also stated that the

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**F. Water Testing Results.** Mayor Perkins stated that Dr. Chapatwala has been consulted to help with water testing in the City. Dr. Chapatwala was asked to speak and give his results and he stated that out of the 30 sites, three sites were not located, six sites do not exist and

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there was one site that was contaminated. Dr. Chapatwala stated that one third of the sites were vacant lots. Councilman Randolph stated that this is the information that he has been trying to tell everyone all along. After further discussion, President Evans asked Mayor Perkins to provide a letter to the Selma Water & Sewage Board with these findings and request a response from them. Mayor Perkins stated he would move forward with these findings and that he would check with the State regarding how to proceed.

**G. City of Selma Compensation Plan.** Mayor Perkins stated the estimated cost for implementation of the compensation plan for the City would be \$676,000.00. Valeria Jones, Personnel Director, stated that this is for the minimum adjustments, and adjustments for years-of-service would be an additional estimated \$150,000.00, pending calculations to be done by Personnel. Mayor Perkins stated that according to the Center for Governmental Services, there is no recommendation for implementation.

**H. HTE – Software Proposal.** Mayor Perkins stated that Vickey Locke, Finance Director, will present the price proposal for the City of Selma from HTE. Vickey Locke, Finance Director, stated that page three holds the major financial functions of their proposal and gave special notice to page four on figures for license and costs for optional software applications for public administration of \$30,688.00, and page five on figures for optional court software applications for municipal court management of \$61,545.00. Further discussion followed regarding the present software system, New World, and Mayor Perkins stated that pertinent software such as GASB34 software has not even been offered by New World. Councilwoman Martin stated that the City has to have software applications that work efficiently.

### IV. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**A. Plumbing Contractors - Emergency Sewage Problem on Green Street & Philpot Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated that there is an emergency situation on Green Street and Philpot Avenue. Mr. Tommy Smith assessed the situation and recommended Plumbing Contractors to help with the problem. Plumbing Contractors charges a fee of \$2,500.00 per day and they have been working at the site for about two or three days. Attorney Nunn stated this is an emergency situation and does not have to go through the normal bid process. Attorney Nunn stated he is requesting approval from the Council to continue services with Plumbing Contractors and payment for the services that they have already provided. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to approve the continued services with Plumbing Contractors. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed with a majority vote of the Council. Councilwoman Crenshaw was out of the chambers when this vote was taken.

**B. Resolution – Regulated Cable Rates.** Attorney Nunn presented a resolution for allowing the City of Selma to regulate basic cable rates pursuant to the cable and consumer protection. Attorney Nunn stated he is asking for the approval of this resolution. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt this resolution. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council.

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#### **V. FRONT DOOR ENTRANCE TO CITY HALL**

Mayor Perkins stated that a proposal has been presented for approximately \$7,800.00 from Darrell Steward of Steward Construction Company, Inc. to repair the front door entrance to city hall. Mayor Perkins stated that additional suggestions or proposals are welcomed. Vickey Locke, Finance Director, stated that the panels could be replaced and put in regular sized doors.

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Mayor Perkins stated that consideration would need to be given to the fact that the front and rear entrance doors are matching doors and if the front entrance doors are changed, the rear entrance doors should be considered as well.

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Councilwoman Sewell stated she and Councilwoman Martin would like to have the RIF program to the Convention Center this year, June 30, 2003 through July 1, 2003 or July 2, 2003. President Evans stated that they would discuss this option at the next Council meeting scheduled for June 23, 2003.

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President Evans stated that the Council department would like to receive a copy of the Selma Times-Journal. President Evans asked Daryl Thomas, City Hall Maintenance/Convention Center Director, if he would check on getting a copy for them.

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**XII. RENAMING OF MECHANIC STREET**

President Evans stated that the Council will table this item until a later date.

**XIII. DR. CARTER'S PROPOSAL FOR NEW BLDG FOR CENTRAL OFFICE**

President Evans stated that Dr. Carter, Superintendent, Selma City Schools, presented a blueprint and proposal for construction of a new building for the Selma City School Central Office. The proposed construction cost for this new building would be approximately \$680,000.00.

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**XV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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There is no report from the Recreation Department Committee.

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There is no report from the Community Development Committee.

**PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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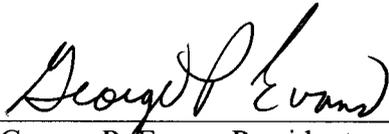
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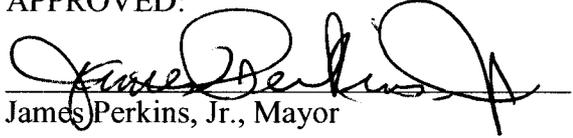
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ATTEST:



Lois Williams, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:



James Perkins, Jr., Mayor