

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 28, 2009  
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Tom McLemore, Pastor  
Houston Park Church of Christ

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Geraldine Allen and Council members Cecil Williamson, Monica Newton, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie R. Crenshaw, and Corey Bowie. Others present were Mayor George Evans, City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell and the Mayor's Executive Assistant Brenda Smothers. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:13 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:59 p.m. Councilwoman Susan Keith was absent from the Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Allen asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the agenda items as written. The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After approval of the agenda, President Allen asked for the approval of the minutes of July 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes. President Allen asked that the record reflect that she thanks City Clerk, Ivy Harrison, for always being very expedient and on time in getting the minutes to the Council Members. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2009. The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. David J. Turner, P.E. and Mr. John Matthews, P.E.  
Southern Resources Mapping Corporation - *Photo of the City of Selma*

**CITIZENS' REQUEST**

Ms. Barbara Douglas  
Re: Community Garden Coalition - Request for "Volunteers"

Ms. Diane Walter  
Re: "Victim of Violence" Memorial

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. **Length of Service Recognition Award.** Mayor Evans stated he would like to present Certificates of Service and Longevity Pins in recognition of the following employees: Battalion Chief Joe Phillips, Selma Fire Department, *Twenty Years of Service*, Ms. Clarissa Cole, Selma Police Department, *Ten Years of Service*, Mr. Harry Pritchett, Selma Public Works Department, *Ten Years of Service*, and Police Officer Natasha Rozell, Selma Police Department, *Five Years of Service*, to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated he would like to thank each of them for their Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Selma.

B. **Bond Referendum - Proposed Project List - Update.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the proposed Project List for the Bond Referendum. Mayor Evans further stated to Council we have had two public meetings as it relates to the Bond Referendum, and he is very pleased with the turn-out that we have had as a result of it so far, along with the questions and discussions from the Citizens in attendance. Mayor Evans stated this is a "work in progress" that we are trying to complete, in an effort to get a consensus from Citizens as it relates to their feelings and the particular items listed. Mayor Evans further stated he is there to answer any questions that they may have about the proposed Project List.

C. **302 - 304 Second Avenue - Sewer Cave-In.** Mayor Evans stated to Council if they recall this item was "tabled" during a previous Council meeting, and that he is proposing to add this project to the list of Proposed Bond Projects, because it is just a matter of time before something could occur, and we would be held liable, and he would just like to put something in place as a precautionary measure with this.

D. **Meadowcraft Purchase by Home Casual, LLC - Update.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that as they probably know Meadowcraft has been purchased by Home Casual, LLC, and that is a Blessing that we will not lose that Business, because they do a lot to bring revenue into our City.

E. **Survey of Storm Damage on July 27, 2009.** Mayor Evans stated to Council as they know we had a severe wind and thunderstorm on last night, and we several trees around the City were uprooted. Mayor Evans further stated Ms. Rhonda Abbott and EMA did an outstanding job in getting out and assisting where needed. Mayor Evans further stated he contacted Mr. Tommy Smith, Public Works Director, and he came out and surveyed, and got some houses covered with tarp, along with Ms. Abbott and EMA. Mayor Evans stated in one of the homes, someone was "pinned" in the home by a fallen tree onto his home, but he wants to commend the Selma Fire Department who did an outstanding job in rescuing him. Mayor Evans further stated once rescued the individual was taken to the hospital because of his injuries, but he thinks he is going to be alright. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank everyone, including our Selma Police Department, who rendered service on last night.

F. **Resolution #R224-08/09 - Proposals for GASB 45 (Government Accounting Standards Board) Actuarial Services.** Mayor Evans stated to Council if they recall, they had received information from the Audit Report stating that they would have to proceed with a GASB 45 (Government Accounting Standards Board) Actuarial Services. Mayor Evans further stated Ms. Cynthia Mitchell has spoken with three (3) Companies as it relates to this, and she was asked to come forward to answer any questions that the Council may have. During discussion, Mayor Evans stated he would like to recommend the firm of Rebowe Fontenot Benefits Actuarial, LLC, to perform the actuarial study for the GASB 45 Analysis, for a cost of \$10,000.00; said funds to be transferred from the Grant Match Account (#1.7000 7300-29) to the General Government Professional Services Account (#1.6000 100-70). A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve Resolution #R224-08/09 for the GASB 45 Analysis, for a cost of \$10,000.00, from the Grant Match Fund (#1.7000 7300-20), and transferred to the General Government Professional Services Account (#1.6000 100-70). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

G. **Request for Proposal for a City-Wide Infrastructure Improvement Program.** Mayor Evans stated he wants to update the Council and inform them that we have forwarded R.F.P.'S that deal with Honeywell, and others, trying to get funds for infrastructure, broadband and wireless networking. Mayor Evans further stated the R.F.P.'S are due back to us on August 7<sup>th</sup>, no later than 2:00 p.m. Mayor Evans stated on that following Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, he will ask the Council to consider approval of one of the Bidder's Proposal. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Bessie Curtis, IT Director, to come forward and address the Council in case they had questions, as it pertains to this.

H. **Weed Abatement Procedures.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he realizes there has been an outcry of Citizens about grass being cut, garbage being picked up, homes being demolished, and that some of the complaints have been concerning cutting the grass on private property. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that, as they also know, the City cannot go and cut grass on private properties, and that there is a process that must be followed before grass can be cut on private property, as it relate to both State Law, and the City's Ordinance which is in place. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have a copy of those procedures within their packet of information, which gives them all of the Steps that we are having to follow, approximately 16 Steps which can take 6 - 8 weeks. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Tommy Smith to

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come forward to answer questions that the Council may have, as it relates to Weed Abatement. During discussion, Attorney Nunn also addressed the Council and explained the State Law as it relates to Weed Abatement, which was established in approximately 2004, or 2005. Attorney Nunn further stated in 2006 we drafted an Ordinance that reflected the State Law; namely, Ordinance #O118-06/07. Attorney Nunn stated after the Weed Abatement Ordinance was drafted, he came back and drafted a step-by-step procedure, which simplified said Ordinance #O118-06/07. Following discussion, President Allen asked Attorney Nunn to bring back to the next Council meeting, a revised Step-By-Step process of the Weed Abatement Procedures for Ordinance #O118-06/07, deleting Steps 1 and 2. Mayor Evans stated he will be placing a copy of Weed Abatement Procedures on the City's Website, as well as, providing a copy to Ms. Faulkner, to be published in the Selma Times-Journal Newspaper.

I. **Grass Cutting - Schedule.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of areas they are planning to cut for the next four (4) weeks, and at the next Council meeting they will get a schedule of what has been done over the past four (4) weeks. Mayor Evans asked Mr. Smith to come forward and address the Council as it relates to the schedule for cutting grass in the City.

J. **Re-Issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Permit.** Mayor Evans stated to Council, for informational purposes, they should have a copy of the Solid Waste Facility Disposal Permit for the City's Jeff Davis Avenue Landfill. Mayor Evans further stated said Permit was re-issued by A.D.E.M, effective July 15, 2009, and will expire on October 31, 2009.

K. **Responses to Mayor's Request for Bond Structuring - Scenarios.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that each of them should have gotten copies of information for the purpose of bond structuring. Mayor Evans further stated that he thinks that they need to be thinking about making a decision on who they will select for the purpose of getting started on this, and getting some things in place to proceed forward on this. Mayor Evans stated he asked the Companies to forward additional information as it relates to the bond, based on 15 years, 20 years, retiring bond debt, as well as, 4 Million Dollars being used in some of the places. Mayor Evans further stated he did not know whether the Council wants to delay this until the next Meeting or not, but he thinks we need to do something. President Allen asked Mayor Evans if he had a recommendation before the Council makes that decision, and he stated he did. Mayor Evans stated he would like to recommend Sterne, Agee & Leach, Incorporated, and asked Council's favorable consideration of them to handle the finances of the bond. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve Sterne, Agee & Leach, Incorporated, to handle the finances of the bond. During discussion, Councilwoman Newton stated, for the record, that Ms. Brenda Smothers (B.J.) and Mayor Evans did a great job of bringing to the Council five (5) excellent proposals, and regardless of the Council's decision, she thinks that all of them really brought something to the "table" and for those of them who came, she thinks they learned a lot about what will be happening with the bond, and came "away" with a better understanding, and that they were all excellent. President Allen stated she concurs with that, and that she thought it was an excellent presentation by all, and she would also like to state that Mayor Evans and Ms. Smothers gave them everything that they asked, and any responses after that. President Allen further stated the Council was very diligent in questioning the Firms, and they were also diligent in being expedient in giving them responses. Councilman Williamson stated he would like to agree with President Allen and Councilwoman Newton, that he does not think that they would go wrong with any of these Firms, and for any of these Firms, this is a relatively small issue; \$10,000,000.00. Councilman Williamson further stated it is not that he does not like Sterne Agee; "they would be fine with me, but it's just that I prefer someone else". 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 Williamson cast a nay vote.

L. **City Hall - Roof Repairs.** Mayor Evans stated he just wanted to mention to the Council that one of the pieces of wrought iron ornament off of the roof fell about a week ago, and we were very fortunate that it did not strike anyone as they were walking into City Hall. Mayor Evans further stated he and Mrs. Kay Jones has been meeting about it, and it has been determined that the wood trim in those areas has "rotten out", and is in need of emergency repair. Mayor Evans stated he just wanted to update the Council that they are proceeding to have the repair work done on those areas, in an effort to prevent any injuries.

M. **Memorandum of Agreement with Decisions, Incorporated - Professional Services for the Fire Engineer Examination.** Mayor Evans asked Ms. Valeria Jones to come forward and address the Council as it relates to the Memorandum of Agreement with Decisions, Incorporated. Ms. Jones stated to Council, in keeping with the Personnel Policy, it is time now for us to administer another examination for the Fire Engineer, which is administered every two (2) years. Ms. Jones asked Council's consideration for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with Decisions, Incorporated for the Fire Engineer Examination. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve said Memorandum of Agreement with Decisions, Incorporated. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. Councilman Williamson cast a nay vote. Councilwoman Newton abstained from voting.

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N. Recommendations for Selma Police Department - Clerical Staffing. Mayor Evans stated to Council that the Police Chief is asking for some changes in terms of re-organization of Staff within the Police Department. Mayor Evans asked Chief Riley to come forward and address the Council with an explanation of the requested changes; namely:

Recommendation #1: Two clerks vacated their positions; (1) Alice Wooten, Front Desk Clerk, \$7.96/hour; and (2) Shanika Shannon, Clerk, \$7.21/hour; *immediately post externally for fourteen (14) days a replacement for one of the Clerk positions, at a pay rate of \$7.21/hour.*

Recommendation #2: To avoid paying overtime to a Police Officer or any other Civilian to "fill-in" in the Jail, increase the number of Processing Clerks in the Jail from 4 to 5; *this can be accomplished by laterally transferring Darnice Hale, a current Evidence Technician, who makes the same hourly rate as Processing Clerk (\$7.93).*

Recommendation #3: As a replacement for Darnice Hale, immediately post Hale's position as Entry Level Evidence Technician, at same rate of pay, \$7.93/hour.

During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve the recommendations made by Chief Riley for the Police Department. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

O. COPS Hiring Recovery Program - Grant Award. Mayor Evans stated to Council that we got notification today by E-Mail from U. S. Attorney General Eric Holder, who stated that he was pleased to inform us that the Selma Police Department will receive a COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant Award for two (2) police officer positions. Mayor Evans further stated we had applied for nine (9) but he can imagine because of the need for officers all over the Nation, we have only been approved for two (2), for which we are grateful. Mayor Evans stated the funds will not be available to us until September 1, 2009, but we have got to find a way to move forward in hiring the two (2) police officers now before someone else makes them an offer. Mayor Evans asked Council's approval to grant him this authority to hire these two (2) Police Officers who have met all of the criteria, to use another line item in the budget that may have some money he can use to hire them, through September 1<sup>st</sup> only, when the funding is due in from the COPS Grant. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to authorize Mayor Evans to hire two (2) Police Officers, using a line item within the Budget, and that the Council will ratify and affirm said action at their next Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

P. Resolution #R221-08/09 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Budget Line Items. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R221-08/09 represents Authorizing the Transfer of Budget Line Items to meet this month's obligations, by transferring from line items to line items in the Budget for the purpose of getting through this fiscal year. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Cynthia Mitchell to come forward and address the Council with an explanation. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, that, as deemed necessary, with the vote of the Council and the importance of the expedience of something being done, that they will move forward and take a vote on monies being spent at the same Council Meeting. 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 Williamson cast a nay vote. A motion was then made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve Resolution #R221-08/09, authorizing amending the budget by increasing the stated line items in said Resolution #R221-08/09, totaling Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (36,751.51). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Q. Community Forestry Management Plan Grant Through ALA-TOM RD & C. Mayor Evans stated to Council that this particular grant is at no cost, nor an in-kind match, and that Ms. Charlotte Griffeth and Ms. Patti Sexton have been working on this, networking and collaborating for this particular grant to be done. Mayor Evans further stated that there is no vote to be taken on this, and that he is just providing an update for informational purposes.

R. Resolution #R225-08/09 - Authorization to Advertise for Bids on the Landfill Project. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Resolution #R225-08/09 represents Authorization to Advertise for Bids on the Landfill Project, for the purpose of closing the Jeff Davis Avenue Inert Landfill, and constructing the new Landfill on Water Avenue. Mayor Evans further stated that he is not asking the Council to take a vote on spending any money tonight, but to give permission to allow the bids to go out so that we can get them back and take action at that time, in an effort to move forward with things to be done. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Charlotte Griffeth to come forward and address the Council. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Resolution #R225-08/09, with the Authorization to Advertise for Bids on the Landfill Project, to be brought back to the Council for approval or disapproval of those bids taken. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

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S. **AllTel Cellular Company/Verizon Cellular Company - Update.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he just wanted to mention to them that the AllTel Cellular Company has merged with Verizon Cellular Company, and that the local Verizon Cellular Store is now basically managed by an Agent of Verizon only. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that Mrs. Ivy Harrison and Ms. Bessie Curtis are both working in a joint effort on this, and that if anyone should encounter a problem, or a need arises with their cellular phone, that they contact Mrs. Harrison or Ms. Curtis for assistance.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. **Resolution #R223-08/09 - Resolution Declaring Public Nuisance and Immediate Abatement.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R223-08/09, as it relates to weeds and/or grass on the properties described in Exhibit "A" (Attached), being declared to be public nuisances. Attorney Nunn further stated these properties are in violation of Ordinance # O118-06/07, and that this should be at approximately Step #4 of the Weed Abatement Process. Attorney asked for Council consideration of Resolution #R223-08/09. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve said Resolution #R223-08/09, as it relates to properties described in Attached Exhibit "A", as being public nuisances. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

B. **Procedure for Vacating a Street and/or Alley.** Attorney Nunn stated for the purpose of the Members who are just coming on the Council, he passed out information on the Procedure for Vacating a Street and/or Alley. Attorney Nunn further stated as can be seen, this is an Eight (8) Step process, just as we have with speed breakers, and so forth. Attorney Nunn stated he has attached a copy of a letter forwarded to him from the Law Office of Reeves & Stewart, as it relates to a Petition filed to vacate a road which he had discussed earlier with him. Attorney Nunn further stated the Petition is attached, and that this is just for informational purposes only. Attorney Nunn stated probably during the last Council Meeting in August or the first Council Meeting in September, we will be having a public hearing as it relates to Vacating a Street, and he thinks it is within Councilman Williamson's Ward (Ward One).

C. **Public Hearing on Weed Abatement.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council during the next Council Meeting on August 11, 2009, we will be having a public hearing on the Weed Abatement, giving Property Owners Twenty-One (21) days to object to the weeds being in excess of 12 inches high, which said objection has to be made known to the City Clerk, Seven (7) days prior to the public hearing. Attorney Nunn further stated if someone is objecting, he will bring them up to address the Council, and they will state why they feel their grass is not 12 inches high, and why it is not a nuisance, and then the Council will take a vote on whether or not it is a nuisance, and proceed to take action thereafter. Attorney Nunn stated if no one objects on August 11<sup>th</sup>, he will have a resolution before them to vote on, giving the Public Works Department authorization to cut the grass.

D. **Resolution #R218-08/09 - Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Issue Bonds Pursuant to Voter Approval.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that during the last Council Meeting, the City Council voted on this Resolution. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council if they recall the Resolution had an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.00. Attorney Nunn stated during that Council Meeting the Council voted to approve an amount of \$10,000,000.00, and Resolution #R218-08/09 has been revised to reflect that change, along with the Fees which are approximately Four Hundred and No/Dollars (\$400.00). Attorney Nunn passed Resolution #R218-08/09 around to the Council for their review, and also referred them to the last page of said Resolution, which is a Waiver attached for all of the Council Members to sign, that states the Council did have Notice of the hearing during the last Council Meeting, and that they waive any type of irregularities in such Notice that may come about.

E. **U. S. Department of Justice - Letter.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of a letter from the U. S. Department of Justice, dated July 21, 2009. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council, that in the Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Paragraph of said Letter, the Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes, which refers to the procedures for conducting the October 27, 2009, Special Bond Election, for the City of Selma, and the October 27, 2009, Special Election for electing the initial School Members to Selma School District in Dallas County, Alabama. Attorney Nunn stated we are ready to proceed with the Special Election for October 27, 2009.

F. **Election - Update.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council as has been stated by Mayor Evans, they should have a copy of the Public Hearings scheduled for August, 2009. Attorney Nunn further stated he thinks at the first meeting in August we are probably going to have to present the Ordinance to the Council to be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, so that we can proceed, and after the Ordinance is brought back up during the second meeting, it will then need to be published in the newspaper, thirty (30) days away from the Election.

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**G. Resolution #R220-08/09 - Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties.**

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Resolution #R220-08/09 represents Appointment of Alternate Person to Perform Election Duties in the Special Election to be held on October 27, 2009, and a Run-Off Election, if necessary, on December 8, 2009. Attorney Nunn further stated although we only have to give a thirty-day (30) notice of election, with the School Board Members, we have to give a two-month notice. Attorney Nunn stated notice as it relates to the School Board Members will be done in a couple of weeks, and then we will come back at a later date to give notice to the public concerning the bond. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that what they have before them is Resolution #R220-08/09, which they do every time with Elections, appointing Mrs. Ivy Harrison, the City Clerk, to perform the election duties required of the Mayor by the Laws and Statutes of the State of Alabama. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of Resolution #R220-08/09. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Newton, to approve said Resolution #R220-08/09, Appointment of Alternate Person, Mrs. Ivy Harrison, to Perform Election Duties of the Special Election to be held on October 27, 2009, and a Run-Off Election, if necessary, to be held on December 8, 2009. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**H. Ordinance #O118-08/09 - Ordinance Setting Qualification Fees - School Board Election.**

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Ordinance #O118-08/09 represents an Ordinance Setting Qualification Fees for the candidates who are seeking a position on the Selma City School Board of Education. Attorney Nunn further stated presently with the City Council, the qualification fee for a Council Person is \$35.00 each, and the Mayor and the President of the City Council's qualification fee is set at \$50.00 each. Attorney Nunn stated he has prepared an Ordinance for the Chairman of the School Board, who is At-Large, qualification fee at an amount of \$50.00, and then a qualification fee in the amount of \$35.00 for a candidate who is seeking election as a Board Member. Attorney Nunn further stated the Council may change those amounts if they like, and that it is their "call", but we have got to place this Ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading tonight, and if there are any changes those can be made. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to place said Ordinance #O118-08/09 on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Setting Qualification Fees for Candidates Seeking Election in the Special Election on October 27, 2009. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** Attorney Nunn asked the Council to advise him of any changes and/or revisions to be made to Ordinance #O118-08/09, so that he can make those changes and have prepared for the next Council Meeting.

**I. Resolution #R225-08/09 - Resolution Calling for an Election.**

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that Resolution #R225-08/09 represents a Resolution Calling for a Special Election by the City Council, called for Tuesday, October 27, 2009, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Central Time, at which time the Electors will have an opportunity to elect the initial Members of the Selma City School Board. Attorney Nunn further stated also listed in Resolution #R225-08/09 is that the Board shall be composed of Five (5) Members; Four (4) Members to be elected from Districts; namely, District 1, District 2, District 3, and District 4, and One (1) Member shall be elected from the City At-Large, and shall serve as Chair of the Board. Attorney Nunn stated the Voting Precincts are listed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Page of Resolution #R225-08/09. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they can vote on Resolution #R225-08/09, or they can have an opportunity to review it, and vote on it during the next Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve said Resolution #R225-08/09, Resolution Calling for an Election. **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. Councilwoman Newton cast a nay vote.** During Roll Call, Councilwoman Newton stated she is voting "no", because she did not get a chance to get a real good answer as to why the voting districts were determined the way they were, and that the last time she asked Attorney Nunn, he said it was based on a demographic, but he never was real clear as to what demographic was used to determine the voting districts.

**J. Clubs/Lounges - Business Licenses Within the City of Selma.**

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that what they have before them is a list of the Clubs and Lounges who have a business license within the City and the Police Jurisdiction, and he believes this was a request made of him by Councilman Williamson. Attorney Nunn further stated the businesses which have a check mark beside them will indicate whether it is a Club or Lounge. Councilman Williamson stated to President Allen that the reason he asked for this, was for the Council to review each of these businesses before renewal, to see if the business license should be renewed. Councilman Williamson further stated he does not know if the Council wants to do that, or wants a Committee to do it, or not do it at all. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, that the Administrative Committee will review the business licenses, and come back with a report to the Council as a whole. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed due to a tie vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and four nay votes. Councilman Randolph, Councilman Tucker, Councilwoman Crenshaw, and Councilman Bowie each cast a nay vote.**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**I. NOISE ORDINANCE**

President Allen stated that they have already received a report on the noise as it relates to a complaint made by Councilwoman Newton. President Allen further stated that Attorney Nunn and Mayor Evans will follow-up on this incident, and come back to the Council with a report.

**II. FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - AUGUST 6 - 8, 2009**

Councilwoman Benjamin reminded Mayor Evans and the Council that the Youth Conference is scheduled to be held August 6 - 8, 2009, and that they are very excited about it, and what they have in store for the young people of Selma and Dallas County, between the ages of 11 and 21. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they are yet taking registration forms through August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12 o'clock noon, and that she has registration forms with her tonight if they need to sign some young people up for the Conference. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Council Members to please E-mail her as to the "role" that they would like to play in the Conference, and thanked the Council Members who have already forwarded that information to her. Councilwoman Benjamin encourages everyone to come to the General Sessions, and stated that we have some dynamic local Presenters and Trainers for this particular Conference.

**III. PARKING ON YARD ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION**

Councilwoman Newton stated about a month or two ago, the City Council passed an Ordinance regarding parking on yards, and she thinks that they were remiss in passing the Ordinance without discussing an implementation schedule. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, that as of August 1, 2009, that they instruct the Police Department and Code Enforcement Officer, to serve notice to anyone who is in violation of the ordinance for thirty (30) days in the form of a written warning, followed by issuing citations, beginning on September 1, 2009. 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 Randolph and Councilwoman Crenshaw each cast a nay vote.

**IV. STREAMLINING GRASS CUTTING PROCEDURE**

Councilman Williamson stated he thinks that this item was covered previously, but the problem is the procedure that is in place could take six weeks or more to get the grass cut. Councilman Williamson further stated he thinks it is helpful to put the grass cutting procedure on the City's Website, and also on the Selma Times-Journal's Website, so that the Citizens will know what the procedure is, and that it is a lengthy procedure. President Allen stated she agrees fully, and that it has been noted that this is a lengthy procedure, but that at the next Council Meeting, Steps One and Two of those Procedures will be deleted, and our City Attorney will be bringing back those revisions.

**V. UPDATE ON OLD AGENDA ITEMS**

Status of Opening of the Movie Theater - Update:

Mayor Evans stated he recently spoke with Ms. Boynton, and that there has been discussion between Aronov and Gaiter Ventures, and concerns in terms of the lease by both parties, and finalizing the terms and conditions of that lease. Mayor Evans further stated his understanding is that the Movie Theater is still "on board, and in motion".

J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard - Signs - Update:

Mayor Evans stated currently the signs for J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard are available. Mayor Evans further stated he has been in communication with the Family to see when they would like to do the Ceremony, but he has not heard from them in terms of a specific time as of yet.

Audit Questions Sent in from the Council - Response Update:

Mayor Evans stated he turned those questions in to Ms. Cynthia Mitchell who has been working on those questions. Ms. Mitchell stated she is waiting to receive some information back from the Auditors, and will follow-up with the Mayor as soon as she has heard back from them. Mayor Evans stated he is hopeful that he will have all of the information back prior to the next Council Meeting.

Evaluation by Dr. Ioima's Report - Selma Police Department - Update:

Mayor Evans asked the Council to allow him to try and obtain some information on this, and report back to the Council, as it relates to this matter.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman**

Councilman Randolph stated he did not have a report at this time, but wanted to thank Mr. Ben Obomanu and Mr. Michael Johnson, for the Camp they did at Selma High School, which was very diverse and well attended.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Monica Newton, Chairman**

Councilwoman Newton made a report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman**

Councilman Bowie made a report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson**

No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairperson**

No report.

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

There is no verbal response to the Council President.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson**

No report.

**DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Geraldine Allen, Chairperson**

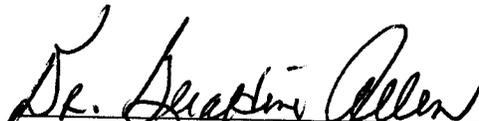
President Allen reported for a total of \$375.00; Ms. Concetta Burton, Selma Early College - High School for purchase of shirts for new students' orientation - "Bridging" - \$200.00; from Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Newton, Councilwoman Benjamin, and Councilman Bowie. Ms. Bonner - Miracle Resource Center Outreach Ministry - Ward 8 Back-to-School Uniform Give-a-Way - \$150.00; from Councilman Williamson, Councilwoman Newton, and Councilman Bowie. Agape Economic Development, Incorporation/Community "Health Fair" - August 8, 2009 - Bishop Johnny Cunningham, Beloved Apostolic Church of God - \$25.00 from Councilman Williamson.

**MAYOR EVANS STATED ATTORNEY NUNN REMINDED HIM TO REMIND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE SCHOOL TAX HOLIDAY - AUGUST 7 - 9, 2009.**

**CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Williamson, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
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DR. GERALDINE ALLEN, *Council President*

ATTEST:

  
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IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:

  
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GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*