

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
June 9, 2008
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Steve Kopp
Pastor, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and Rhodes Chapel,
Greensboro, AL

Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, June 9, 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, Jean Martin, Johnnie M. Leashore, Dr. Allen, Reid Cain, 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. President Evans stated that Councilman Randolph was running a little behind schedule, but should be arriving shortly, and he arrived at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Evans asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried with a majority (show of hands) vote of the Council members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After approval of the agenda, President Evans also asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008 Regular meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the minutes of May 12, 2008 as written. The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present. There were six affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Leashore and Councilman Williamson cast nay votes.

Presentations: Proclamation - Kathryn Tucker Windham, 90th Birthday
Proclamation - James Richard Boozer, Heath William Brantley and Judson Thomas Mott,
Eagle Scouts

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Mr. Ronald People
Re: Cleaning nuisance property at 2403 North Broad Street/Ward 4

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A. Proclamation - New Westside Empowerment Neighborhood Associations-May 28th, 2008-Family and Fun Day. Mayor Perkins asked that members of the Neighborhood Association would come forward at this time. Mayor Perkins stated that this is an Association that consists of the citizens of Selma that have chosen to take action in their communities and positively impact their surroundings and lives of others for the betterment of Selma. Mayor Perkins asked that Ms. Frances Cole, President of the Association, would please come forward and address the council. Ms. Cole addressed the Council stating that the Neighborhood Empowerment Association is mainly composed of citizens primarily from Ward 5 and Ward 7. Mayor Perkins read the proclamation and its entirety, stating that May 28, 2008 would be declared as New Westside Empowerment Neighborhood Association Family and Fun Day. Mayor Perkins also acknowledged Community Outreach for their assistance in this progressing, newly formed association.

B. Recognition -Alabama League of Municipalities Award of Achievement - TrustBuild. Mayor Perkins asked if the members of Community Outreach would come forward again. Mayor Perkins stated that earlier this year, the Council decided to fund Community Outreach in the development of the TrustBuild program, an effort to make life better for the citizens of Selma. Mayor Perkins stated that the results and impact of the program upon the community have been nothing but miraculous and wonderful. Mayor Perkins presented the Silver award for Best Practices in Municipalities, which is a national award; and read said award in its entirety stating that the Alabama League of Municipalities awarded Selma, AL the 2008 Municipal Achievement Award, for Public Services. This award was

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presented on May 18, 2008 during the League Convention in Birmingham, AL. Mayor Perkins stated that in order for progress to occur in the city, a change must take place. Mayor Perkins further stated he has a multitude of gratitude for the TrustBuild committee, and inspires that this new, innovative program will continue to experience great successes in the future as they continue to reach hundreds of families in the community.

C. **Resolution- #R196-07/08 - Planning Grant Award.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like to ask Ms. Charlotte Griffeth to come forward. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council and read as per resolution that the city of Selma is a recipient of the 2007 CDBG Planning Fund Grant from the State of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the development of a comprehensive plan, and the city did post the request for proposals on public buildings and the responses for these proposals were opened publicly at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 in the City Council Chambers. Ms. Griffeth further stated that Goodwin Mills and Cawood Inc. of Birmingham, AL submitted the most responsible proposal of \$54,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the said resolution. Councilman Williamson asked Ms. Griffeth what was the city's other proposal amount. Ms. Griffeth responded stating that ADL Engineering Services of Prattville, AL was the other proposal, she did not bring the amount with her, but estimated the amount of the proposal to be around \$65,000.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Randolph was still absent at the present time.

D. **Resolution - #R197-07/08 - Transportation Enhancement Agreement.** Ms. Griffeth continued to address the Council stating that the city of Selma is a recipient of the Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation for the development of a multi-use historic river front walk and bicycle trail, and the city pledged to match the amount of \$118,993.00 in Resolution #R110-07/08, which "would be included in the municipal bond voted on in February 2008 by citizens." Ms. Griffeth stated that since the bond failed to pass, that the City of Planning and Development is now requesting that \$118,993.00 be included in 2008-2009 budget via the Grant Matching Fund line item and requested that the execution of the grant agreement be signed as quickly as possible. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the said resolution. Councilman Williamson then addressed Ms. Griffeth, inquiring if work on the trail would begin in this fiscal year. Ms. Griffeth responded and stated that in this fiscal year she would make another appearance in the purpose of discussing the use of funds for preliminary engineering, but actual physical work on the trail would not begin until another six to nine months. Ms. Griffeth addressed Councilman Leashore's concern about the bond with the date of January, but was voted on in February, stating that the bond was brought to the city council in January, but was actually voted on in February. Councilman Leashore stated that the facts of the resolution were not accurate, considering that the bond was voted on in February and failed in February. Ms. Griffeth further explained that Resolution 110-07/08 stated that the municipal bond, at that time, was to be voted on in January 2008, and that the bond was already in the resolution, which explains why the bond was restated. Ms. Griffeth also stated that the project was \$339,000.00 and the city of Selma pledged to provide 35 percent cash match. Councilman Leashore asked if Ms. Griffeth was only stating to the resolution itself, #R197-07/08. Mayor Perkins responded and stated to Councilman Leashore that what he stated was exactly what happened, but asked Councilman Leashore if amending that resolution to state that the bond was voted on and failed in February would be more reasonable. Councilman Leashore responded and stated this change would be appropriate, since it accurately demonstrates when the bond was voted on and failed. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked if the resolution would still state the date it was presented to the Council. Mayor Perkins replied that the date should be kept in the resolution as well, and stated that the resolution would state the bond was voted on and failed in February, instead of just failed in February, as it previously stated. President Evans acknowledged these revisions to the resolution. Councilman Cain asked in regards to Resolution R110-07/08, given in October, that the amount of the project was \$340,000.00, and the maximum grant amount was \$221,000.00, if the city would provide 35 percent cash match. Ms. Griffeth asked for clarity if Councilman Cain wanted to know the cost in terms of the grant amount. Councilman Cain responded, stating that he wanted to know if the project was still \$340,000.00, and if the maximum grant amount was still \$221,000.00, since the projected figures were not stated in present Resolution #R197-07/08. Ms. Griffeth stated that the grant amount was inaccurate due to the City receiving additional for the amount of \$50,000.00. Councilman Williamson then asked what the correct figures were for the total grant amount. Ms. Griffeth stated the project total was still \$339,000.00 with an additional \$50,000.00, but the State increased it so the match became 80/20 instead of a 65/35 match, in which it had formerly been. A roll call 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 the nay vote. Councilman Randolph was still absent at the present time.

E. **Resolution - #R199-07/08 Transfer Money to Purchase Pick Up Truck from State Auction.** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like the Council to consider the Resolution #R199-07/08 that was presented in the work session on Thursday. Mayor Perkins stated that this resolution

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addresses a budget amendment within Public Works and a transfer of funds from the Blue Cross Blue Shield account to the Public Works fixed asset account. Mayor Perkins asked the Council's favorable consideration in the transfer in the amount of \$7,000.00. A motion was made Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve this transfer. Councilman Williamson asked Mayor Perkins the purpose of the \$7,000.00. Mayor Perkins responded stating that the \$7,000.00 was going into the Public Works fixed asset account for the purchase of a pickup truck. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with unanimous vote of the Council members present. Councilman Randolph was still absence at the present time.**

F. **Resolution - #R188-07/08 Public Building Repairs (Previously tabled by Council).** Mayor Perkins stated that he would like the Council to reconsider Resolution #R188-07/08, which was tabled by the Council. Councilman Williamson asked Mayor Perkins if they had already referred this resolution to the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Cain and President Evans concurred with Councilman Williamson in saying that this resolution was already referred to the Public Safety Committee in the minutes. Councilman Leashore asked if this resolution was concerning the matters of the purchase of curb and gutter equipment. Mayor Perkins stated that this is the resolution dealing with all the public buildings that need repairs. Mayor Perkins stated that this item was included in the bond, and even though the bond did not pass, the public buildings still need repairing. Mayor Perkins continued to state that the reason this resolution was resurrected was that the buildings included the Police Department, as well as other facilities. President Evans then stated that he cannot remember specifically whether or not this resolution was referred to the Public Works Committee, and asked Councilwoman Allen and City Clerk Lois Williams if they recalled referring this resolution to the Public Safety Committee. Councilwoman Allen stated that she does not recall, and so did Ms. Williams. Councilman Cain stated that he did recall the discussion, and the reason as to why the resolution was tabled was so that they could get a report back from the Committee. Councilman Leashore stated that if this was the case, then the minutes should state this occurrence, in which the resolution was tabled to the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Leashore stated that he does not believe that this was case, and would like to know the complete accuracy of the situation. President Evans then stated that he did not recall. Councilman Leashore further stated that they should entertain the last recommendation since no one knew exactly the occurrence of the resolution. Councilman Cain stated that he believed that the Council should look back at the minutes first. Councilman Leashore then stated that if the Council did not know for a fact if the resolution was delegated to a committee, then the Council should move forward in the recommendation coming from the Executive Office. Councilman Leashore stated that if the minutes could be produced showing that the resolution was tabled to a committee, then he would step down from opposition; and if the minutes could not be produced then they needed to move forward in requesting the recommendation coming directly from the Mayor's Office. Councilman Cain stated that someone needed to produce the past recorded minutes so that they could review the resolution for this item at the next Council meeting. Councilman Williamson stated that the minutes were located in their office. President Evans then asked Council Secretary Dianna Johnson if she could locate the minutes of the last meeting or minutes prior to the last meeting. Councilman Leashore stated that if the minutes do reflect that the resolution was delegated to a Committee, and since no committee has met to discuss if this occurrence took place, then they should charge the committee to move expeditiously to bring back their recommendation. President Evans concurred. Upon receipt of the minutes from Ms. Johnson, President Evans stated the resolution was, in fact, referred to the Public Safety Committee during the Council meeting of April 28, 2008. President Evans stated that he would ask if the Committee Chairperson would have a report on this resolution the next Council meeting.

G. **Resolution - #R198-07/08 Landfill Vehicle Repairs.** Mayor Perkins read the said resolution in its entirety and stated that this was an emergency situation in which a landfill tractor needed repairing at the expense of \$27,000.00 to be allocated from landfill vehicle material expenses. Following budgetary discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Venter and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to ratify and affirm the said resolution. Councilman Williamson stated that he did not believe there was \$27,000.00 in that line item. Mayor Perkins stated that the Treasurer says that there is \$27,000.00 in the budget. Councilman Williamson addressed the City Treasurer Cynthia Mitchell, about the city landfill repairs' budget. Councilman Williamson asked the City Treasurer "how exactly did \$27,000.00 get in the budget for that line item, when the Council only budgeted \$25,000.00." During discussion, Ms. Mitchell explained that funds were transferred from Rental or Lease Department line item into Vehicle Repair Maintenance Line item for the landfill budget. Mayor Perkins presented the document on which the transaction occurred, based on an emergency situation. Mayor Perkins stated that this was actually a vote to ratify and affirm what has already been done on an emergency transaction. Councilman Leashore stated the record should reflect what has already been ratified and affirmed so let's move forward. Councilwoman Crenshaw states that she does recall receiving a call, stating how the funds were transitioning. Councilman Leashore concurred. A motion was then 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 Council. Councilman Randolph was present during this vote.**

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H. **Contract-EMA - South Alabama Mutual Assistant Agreement.** Mayor Perkins stated he believes the Council has had time to read over the contract, which resembled an email. Mayor Perkins stated this is a mutual aid agreement, that he is recommending the Council sign that would be facilitated by the County EMA through the leadership of its Director, Pam Cook. Mayor Perkins stated that he wants to be supportive of this effort, due to emergency issues. Mayor Perkins asked the Council for their authorization so that he could return the contract to the EMA. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the said contract. Councilman Cain asked Mayor Perkins if there would be any future cost associated with this contract. Mayor Perkins stated it probably would be future cost due to unexpected natural disasters in the area, but this agreement would give them the best opportunity for cost recovery. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote taken of the Council.**

I. **Grass Cutting Schedule.** Mayor Perkins addressed the grass cutting schedule that was requested by the Council for some of the streets in the city. Mayor Perkins stated Public Works has provided a general calendar for grass cutting. Mayor Perkins stated Public Works began in West Selma on Monday and ended in East Selma by the end of the week, and that this was a rotation and would vary from week to week.

J. **Ward Incident Report.** Mayor Perkins stated as a result of the ward incident report, that Ward 6 deserve "bragging" rights. Councilman Leashore stated he did calculate the figures, "not just reviewed them," stating Ward 1 and Ward 6 were still the safest communities in the city of Selma, and would welcome anyone who would want to set up homes. Councilwoman Venter stated that Ward 8 follows Ward 6 and Ward 1. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that Ward 7 stayed at a range of about 7-8 percent and there are "hotspots" located on certain streets. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that it looked as if Ward 7 was about to surpass Ward 2 in the data of incidents reported. President Evans stated he appreciate the data reports as well as the loud noise report. Mayor Perkins stated he would continue to update the Council in ward incident reports.

K. **Employee Hand Book Draft.** Mayor Perkins stated the Council members should have a draft of the personnel policies and procedures for the city of Selma. Mayor Perkins stated he has proofread and stamped every page of the draft. Mayor Perkins stated that the Council received the draft at the same time as he did, and the City Attorney will review the draft for liabilities purposes. Mayor Perkins also stated that a work session will be set up for the council members and the public in the next two or three weeks.

L. **Fourth of July Holiday.** Councilman Leashore addressed Mayor Perkins and requested that July 3rd also be made a holiday as well as July 4th for the city employees. Mayor Perkins stated he will consider this recommendation after a meeting with Public Works and Public Safety by the June 23rd Council meeting.

M. **Advertising on the City of Selma's Webpage.** Councilman Williamson addressed Mayor Perkins, asking if he had any knowledge of a "lady from Rochester, New York selling advertising on the city of Selma's webpage." Mayor Perkins consulted with Mr. Bruce Williams, IT Director, to explain this occurrence. Mayor Perkins stated that the agreement that the city made with company, CGI, included advertising on the city's webpage. Mayor Perkins stated that the contract also included a video stream product. Councilman Williamson requested a copy of the contract, because he stated he "formally believed that the "lady" was only in town for a couple days, but now she appears to be in town selling advertisements." Councilman Leashore also requested a copy of the contract.

N. **Letter - Dr. Kirit Chapatwala.** Mayor Perkins stated that the said letter addressed rumors and things being said, which could have the possibility of addressing the Selma City School Board. Mayor Perkins stated he intends to forward this letter to the District Attorney for review. Mayor Perkins stated that he read the letter to Council so that they would know their next vote might have the possibility of being scrutinized. President Evans asked Mayor Perkins if Dr. Chapatwala was going to come before the Council for the explanation of the things that were wrote in the letter. Mayor Perkins stated he wanted everyone to know what he intended to do with the letter, and that was to give it to certified investigators. Mayor Perkins stated he would advise Dr. Chapatwala not to come before the Council, because of their purpose of trying to shape public opinion. President Evans stated that he would keep this letter in the agenda until he received a response.

O. **TrustBuild-Update.** President Evans requested from Mayor Perkins a detailed report of the events that the TrustBuild program have completed over the past fiscal year, he stated, in an effort so that the Council and citizens of Selma would know where funding and taxes are being spent. President Evans also asked for a summation of their achievements for their past and future goals. Mayor Perkins stated that TrustBuild has sent financial reports to the Council before, but would be sure to give him a summation of the events. President Evans acknowledged that he has received these past reports in the past. Mayor Perkins stated that the reports have and would be given every year on TrustBuild.

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P. **Councilwoman Crenshaw's Recognition of Mayor Perkins as President of the National Conference of Black Mayors.** Councilwoman Crenshaw asked Mayor Perkins to explain the national position that he currently holds as President of the National Conference of Black Mayors. Mayor Perkins explained that over the past weekend he was elected the prestigious President of the National Conference of Black Mayors at their annual convention held in New Orleans, LA; by over 640 mayors across the nation. Mayor Perkins further stated that he has the opportunity to meet with high governmental officials in this position to serve citizens of not only Selma, AL, but across the United States.

Q. **Sewer Problems.** Councilwoman Venter addressed the Mayor regarding the sewer problems, because, she stated, this information has not been given to her yet by Public Works. President Evans stated that this needed to be addressed, as well as the traffic lights item. Councilman Cain stated that the committee would address this issue. Councilman Cain also addressed the Mayor concerning a review of an E-911 complaint, and wanted to know the results of the tape. Mayor Perkins stated he would get him the results. Councilwoman Venter asked if Mr. Henry Hicks, Public Works Director, could come and explain what the sewer problems are. Mr. Hicks addressed the Council as per the procedure in which sewer problems are handled in the City. Mayor Perkins stated that the sewer system is just old, and that grants have to be applied for the funding of a city plumbing system. President Evans stated that Councilwoman Venter needed to call a committee meeting to address the problems with the sewer, and the traffic lights, and have results ready at the next city council meeting.

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A. **Proposed Landfill for the City of Selma.** Attorney Nunn stated that the City would have a public hearing for the Landfill in the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated that the construction of the vacant land will be owned and operated by the city of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated that the land will consist of about 20 acres, located behind the old AL-Lock facility on Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 23rd at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the proposed transfer of the Landfill to the designated site. Attorney Nunn stated that the Public Hearing will last about one hour before the Council meeting. Attorney Nunn stated that the announcement of the Public Hearing ran in the city newspaper on May 20th, May 25th, June 2nd, and June 8th.

B. **Resolution- #R200-07/08 - Captain Harrell.** Attorney Nunn stated as per Resolution #R200-07/08, which is in reference to Captain Harrell, who is retiring after serving the City for 27 years. A motion was made by Councilman Cain 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.

C. **Alabama Power Company-Purchase of Land.** Attorney Nunn stated that the Council has been given the research and information that he has gathered regarding Alabama Power's request to purchase property near the surrounding area of Jeff Davis in Ward 7. Attorney Nunn stated that he consulted two landowners in the community, and both estimates presented to him were in the cost range of about \$2,000.00. Attorney Nunn stated that he spoke to Wayne Friday, and if the City Council agreed to sell the property for \$2,000.00, then Friday/Alabama Power would present \$2,000.00 or the high amount, and come back with a decision on accepting it. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve of the purchase of land. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with unanimous vote of the Council. Attorney Nunn further stated that the land to be sold is about 1-2 acres, and there will be no expenses on behalf of the city of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated the land will be surveyed and he will present another resolution containing the legal descriptions before the City Council, to be signed by President Evans. Councilwoman Crenshaw addressed Attorney Nunn as to whether the City Council would vote on a contract between Alabama Power and the City. Attorney Nunn responded stating that the Council will not be voting on anything, and that he would just need the signature of President Evans for the resolution. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked if Alabama Power Company would have to pull out a partial or property. Attorney Nunn replied yes. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she would like for Alabama Power Company to clean the entire area, in addition to the land they purchased, as a service to the community.

D. **Alcoholic Beverage License-Bama Budweiser of Selma.** Attorney Nunn stated that the Council had been given a liquor license application to be placed on first reading for Bama Budweiser located at 112 Craig Industrial Park, Steve South, President. A motion was made by Councilman Cain and seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the said license to be placed on first reading. The motion carried with a unanimous vote (show of hands) from the Council.

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E. **Payment of Legal Fees.** Attorney Nunn stated that he presented legal fees in the amount of \$8,539.93, to pay for legal acts against the city of Selma, concerning Sanders vs. the City of Selma. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Leashore to approve the said payment of legal fees. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

F. **Establish Qualification Fees.** Attorney Nunn stated that the last day for the City Council to adopt an ordinance establishing qualification fees is June 26th. Attorney Nunn stated that the current fee for the mayor is \$50.00 and the fees for the council president and a council member is \$35.00. Attorney Nunn stated that these fees will remain the same as previously stated by the Council members in a work session on Thursday. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Venter to approve the said qualification fees for mayor and city council candidates. **The motion passed with a unanimous vote (show of hands) from the Council.** Councilman Leashore stated that he believed the Council should have taken a "roll call" vote, instead a "show of hands," because of the many discrepancies that might occur for candidates who are running for office again. President Evans stated that a "roll call" vote was not necessary since money was not involved, and only one and possibly two current Council members were not running for office again. President Evans also stated that the council members did not have to vote individually. Councilman Leashore stated that if the council members did not have to vote, then why would Attorney Nunn state the fees when the deadline is June 26th. President Evans stated that the council members did not have to vote, because the fees would remain the same. Councilman Leashore stated that he just wanted it to go on record that the fees would not be changed. Councilman Williamson stated that if the Council did not do anything, it remained the same. Attorney Nunn concurred stating the same process was used for determining the salaries of city employees.

G. **Parcel-Cemetery Acquisition.** Attorney Nunn stated a piece of property has become available for purchase by the city in the area of the Elmwood cemetery. Attorney Nunn stated that this is a good piece of land, and that the house just needs to be torn down. Councilwoman Venter stated that this is a great move to accept this piece of property, because she had spoken to the cemetery director and he said that they were running out of space at Elmwood Cemetery. Councilman Cain asked if the hazardous waivers and environmental protection going to be used, since the area is in residential property. Attorney Nunn stated that the City usually uses environmental protection, but the house is more than hundred years old. Councilwoman Martin stated the Old Hebrew Cemetery is very old, and located in the historic part of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated that over the years vandalism has occurred in the area, and that city council members should go and take a look at it. Councilwoman Venter stated that Old Cemetery is indeed in bad conditions. Councilwoman Martin stated the members of the Council should make an effort to keep the area clean. Councilman Leashore stated that an effort should be made to find out who is the owner of the property. President Evans stated to Attorney Nunn to research the owner of the property and building.

H. **Reid Cain Case Update.** Attorney Nunn stated that the Reid Cain case was set for June 18th at 2:00 p.m.

I. **Appointment of Election Manager.** Attorney Nunn stated, as per Council request, Resolution #R194-195-07/08 has been prepared for the appointment of election manager to Judge Kim Ballard from City Clerk Lois Williams. President Evans stated that Councilman Leashore had proposed this resolution. Attorney Nunn stated, as a point of clarity, that Councilman Leashore requested him to prepare a resolution to appoint City Clerk Lois Williams and Councilman Williamson then requested a resolution to also be prepared to appoint Probate Judge Kim Ballard. President Evans stated that this item should not be taken at this time, because Judge Kim Ballard has not had a time to research whether or not voting machines would be utilized during the voting process. President Evans stated that this matter should be tabled until next meeting. Councilman Leashore stated that the machines were not in question, but who controls the election. Councilman Leashore stated that legally the City Clerk is supposed to handle elections. President Evans stated that on Thursday they had inquired if there could be a transfer of power as to who could control the election. Councilman Leashore stated that the law is clear as to who is in charge of elections, which is Ms. Lois Williams, and that the Council should just let her complete her job. President Evans addressed Attorney Nunn asking if there was a legal process in which the transfer of power could occur. Attorney Nunn stated that there was and to be looked upon as law. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that there are two resolutions, and that Councilman Leashore needed to be given the opportunity to vote on his resolution. President Evans further stated that more research needs be gathered. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she feels it would be right if they chose a motion to vote. Councilman Leashore stated that President Evans had assumed that his resolution was going to be voted against, and that he was not going to allow any more of the City Council to disrespect the integrity or undermine the leadership of the City Clerk. Councilman Leashore asked President Evans that his resolution be voted upon. President Evans then asked about the city machines and availability of them to be used in the city elections. Councilman Williamson stated he wanted to make a motion to table this

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issue until the next meeting. Councilman Leashore stated that he wanted his colleagues to overrule the appeal made by President Evans to disregard his motion, because Ms. Williams had been attacked numerous of times indicating that she will not be capable of completing her job in fair manner. Councilman Cain stated that President Evans was right in waiting until next meeting to discuss this matter. A motion was summoned by President Evans for the question to overrule the chair. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to overrule the President's decision to move this discussion until next meeting or further notice. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council. There were four affirmative votes and five nay votes. Council President Evans, Councilman Williamson, Councilman Cain, Councilwoman Martin and Councilwoman Allen each cast a nay vote. Attorney Nunn stated that he has the information from a conference call held with legal officials, concerning this subject and asked if the Council wishes to hear this information at this time. President Evans stated that he would like to hear the information, but Councilman Leashore declined stating that this information should wait until next meeting. The Council concurred and Attorney Nunn stated that he would reduce this information to writing and it shall be given to President Evans and the Council.

J. **Closing of Streets - Property Acquisition At Bush Hog.** Councilman Williamson addressed Attorney Nunn about the closing of the streets and the buying of the houses around Bushhog. Attorney stated that the closing of the street is still an ongoing project. Councilman Williamson stated that there was not going to be any closing of the streets, and the city was just going to put in a new street, as per what Attorney had stated; and asked what the appraisals on the houses were. Attorney Nunn stated he does not recall the amount of the appraisals. President Evans asked to receive a copy of the appraisals. Attorney stated that he has not shared this information containing the appraisal with anyone, and as soon as he tells the home owners the amount of the appraisals, he would present the Council with a copy as well.

K. **Missing Money From the Police Department.** President Evans asked Attorney Nunn about the "missing money from the police department." Attorney Nunn stated that he was still waiting on a response and update from Chief Riley, and the Attorney General Office.

L. **Residential Properties Appearance and Vehicles.** President Evans addressed Attorney Nunn regarding the residential properties appearance and vehicles. Attorney Nunn stated that there is still research being conducted on what other cities are doing at this point, as it relates to the appearances and the vehicles parking on property.

M. **Result of E-911 Complaint.** Attorney Nunn was asked about Councilman Randolph and his concern about the E-911 complaint. Attorney Nunn stated that Chief Riley stated to him that he thought that this was taken care of. Councilman Randolph stated that no one has contacted him. Attorney Nunn stated that he would check back with Chief Riley on an update of that situation.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. **BUTTERFLY EXHIBIT IN CITY HALL**

President Evans stated he wanted to acknowledge the beautiful butterfly exhibit done by the students of the Selma city schools that was located in the downstairs hallway of City Hall, which has now been returned back to the schools. President Evans also stated that he wanted to thank Madame Butterfly for initiating that program with Dr. Dawson, the interim Superintendent of the Selma City Schools, and the principals and teachers of Selma City schools.

II. **UNPAID GARBAGE FEES**

President Evans stated that this item would be continued. President Evans asked Attorney Nunn to research this item for legal ramifications.

III. **GOOD SAMARITAN LEASE/SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT/INCOME/EXPENSE REPORTS**

President Evans stated that this item would be continued and they are working on it.

IV. **ARMY COMBAT ACTION BADGE (CAB) ELIGIBILITY RESOLUTION**

President Evans stated that the Army Combat Action Badge resolution was discussed on Thursday, in which this eligibility resolution would allow World War II veterans a chance to receive their rights back. Following a brief discussion, a motion was moved by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw to approve the said resolution. **The motion carried with a unanimous vote (showing of hands) of the Council.**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

V. MEMORIAL DAY RESOLUTION

President Evans stated that the Memorial Day Resolution should actually be stated as a Memorial Day Proclamation. President Evans stated that this is something he would like to see the City Council and city of Selma endorse in the future. President Evans stated that this resolution would honor past and present veterans. President Evans also stated that in his participation in a Memorial Day program, he found in his research that a young lady has begun to start the movement in cities, where on Memorial Day at the time of 3:00 p.m., for one minute everything in the city would stop in honor of those veterans, dead and alive. President Evans stated that he would like for City Council to take this into serious consideration, and have the opportunity to be one of the first cities in Alabama to start this tradition. Councilman Leashore stated that he agreed with this, seeing as he is a former veteran, and had lost a childhood friend due to combat. Councilman Leashore stated that veterans are being killed as they speak, and when he woke up that morning, he truly believed that he woke up in one of the greatest countries in the world. Councilman Leashore further stated that since the city had citizens serving in the countries of Iraq and Afghanistan that the Council should adopt the resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Leashore and then seconded by Councilman Randolph to adopt the resolution for next year. President Evans stated that he would ask Attorney to complete a Proclamation, and that further details would be made. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that at the Memorial Day ceremony the community should have been inclusive, and that in the future the Memorial Day needs to be made as a day of unity, and giving thanks to those who sacrificed their lives, instead of a political day. Councilwoman Crenshaw also stated that she believed that the Mayor should have also spoken at the Memorial Day program. President Evans stated that he agreed with this concept, and that was a universal thing in order to honor the veterans who have sacrificed their lives. President Evans also stated that he did not know whether or not the Mayor has spoken in the past at the Memorial Day program. The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council.

VI. UPCOMING CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

President Evans stated there are none to discuss at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Reid Cain, Chairperson

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Dr. Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

Councilman Williamson stated that a meeting was scheduled with the Sickle Cell Foundation, but they called it off, and that another meeting will be scheduled.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Dr. Geraldine Allen, Chairperson

No Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, Chairperson

Councilwoman Martin stated that on Thursday, June 12, 2008, the Old Depot Museum will be hosting its Annual BBQ at the Stadium in efforts to raise funds for the museum. BBQ chicken plates will be sold for the price of \$8.00.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jannie Venter, Chairperson

No Report.

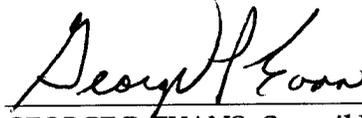
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS COMMITTEE - President George Evans, Chairperson

President Evans reported that there were discretionary funds received in the amount of \$450.00 for the Boy Scouts.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

ADJOURNMENT

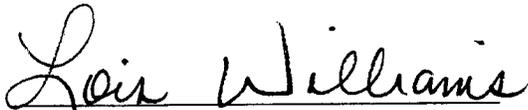
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.



GEORGE P. EVANS, *Council President*

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



LOIS WILLIAMS, *City Clerk*

JAMES PERKINS, JR., *Mayor*