

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 15, 2011  
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Chester Purifoy,  
Providence Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson and Council Members: Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilman Greg Bjelke, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, and Councilman Corey Bowie. Others present were Mayor George Evans, City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, Mrs. Erma Roberts, Accounting Supervisor, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant, Ms. Brenda Smothers. Councilwoman Susan Keith was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:05 p.m. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent from the Council Meeting due to his Father-in-Law's illness and hospitalization in Birmingham. Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw was absent from the Council Meeting. City Treasurer Ms. Cynthia Mitchell was absent from the Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. Councilman Bowie stated to President Williamson that he would like to add to the agenda, the time of the November 22, 2011 Council Meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon. It was the unanimous consent of the Council Members present to add said Item to the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to approve the agenda items, as written, with the addition of the time change of the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting, as Business Item #3. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After approval of the agenda, President Williamson asked for the approval of the minutes of October 13, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Bjelke, to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. A motion was then made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2011 regular meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

**CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

Reverend Michael Bowen, Sr.  
Safe Haven Center  
Re: Funding for Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. March

Mr. Robert Craig  
Selma-Dallas "Dollars for Scholars"  
Re: Funding for Scholarships to Students

Ms. Towanda Jones  
Cedar Park Elementary School  
Re: Funding for "After School Program"

Mrs. Deborah Spicer (Mrs. Laurene Pettway)  
Community Outreach Missionary Organization  
Re: Funding for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens' Appreciation Banquet - December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Convention Center

### **CITIZENS' REQUESTS**

Ms. Callie N. Nelson  
Dallas County Extension Office  
Re: Funding to Assist in Implementing Educational Programs

Ms. Linda Cook (Ms. Helen N. Kelton)  
Foster Parents' Association  
Re: Funding for Gifts for Foster Children on Christmas Day

Mr. Lawrence Mims (Ms. Marcy Pettus)  
The Infamous Drill & Drum Squad of Selma  
Re: Funding for Uniforms

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING**

No one was present to make public comments.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to present and acknowledge the following Resolutions, and that each of them should also have copies within their packets:

**Resolution - "Honoring the Life of Mr. Ernest L. Doyle".** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to recognize in Memory, a *Resolution, "Honoring the Life of Mr. Ernest L. Doyle"*. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Resolution in its entirety, and asked the Citizens to join them in *Honoring the Life of Mr. Ernest L. Doyle* with this Resolution, acknowledging the services that Mr. Doyle gave to our City, and to City Government. Mr. Doyle was a Businessman, Politician, and Civil Rights Activist, who was a Member of the "*Courageous Eight*", and one of the first Black Elected Officials in Selma since Reconstruction. Mr. Doyle received his early education at Keith Junior High School and Dallas County Training School. He was drafted into the United States Army while attending Alabama State College, and served his Country during World War II, in England and France. In the early 1950's, Mr. Doyle became involved with the Dallas County Voters League, and registered to vote at a time when there were fewer than 100 Blacks registered in Dallas County. In 1952, Mr. Doyle was one of 30 Black Male "Signers" on a Petition to desegregate Selma's Public Schools and one of only two to remain in Selma after intimidation and threats from the White business community. His business was boycotted and he suffered innumerable hardships due to his political activities. From 1962 to 1964, he worked with the Dallas County Voters League on a campaign to register voters and elect Blacks to public office. Voter registration and organizing activities increased until a Court Order in July of 1964 banning mass meetings and marches brought them to an end. Despite the injunction, Mr. Doyle and "seven" others continued to meet in secret. In late 1964, Mr. Doyle and the other Members of the "*Courageous Eight*" decided to invite Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Selma. He was one of the "Planners" of the second "*Selma-to-Montgomery*" March, and carried the Banner for the Selma Chapter of the NAACP across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 21, 1965. In 1964, almost 100 years after the election of the first Black to the Selma City Council, Mr. Doyle and three other Blacks ran for public office, and had their names placed on the ballot for the City Council and Mayoral Races. In 1972, he was successfully elected to the Selma City Council for Ward 3. Mayor Evans, the City Council, and the Citizens of Selma, Alabama extend our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of Mr. Ernest L. Doyle. A copy of this Resolution was presented to his Family as an Expression of the High Regard in which his Memory is held by the Mayor, City Council, and the Citizens of the City of Selma, Alabama.

**Resolution - "Honoring Ms. Evelyn Cox".** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to recognize in the form of a Resolution, *Resolution "Honoring Ms. Evelyn Cox"*. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Resolution in its entirety, and asked the Citizens to join them in *Honoring Ms. Evelyn Cox* with this Resolution. Ms. Cox is a very active 74-year-old Woman who has been involved in numerous volunteer activities in Selma and Dallas County, especially those that benefit Senior Citizens. Ms. Cox, President of the American Association of Retired Persons (A.A.R.P.), Selma Chapter 3352, coordinates the volunteer activities for the Southwest Alabama Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) in Selma and Dallas County. Ms. Cox has taught disaster preparedness and emergency planning to Senior Citizens throughout Selma and Dallas County, and partnered with the Dallas County E.M.A. to bring the "Yellow Dot Program" to Selma and Dallas County. Ms. Cox is a Certified Master Gardener, and visits Nursing Homes to help Residents with Gardening. In her spare time, she volunteers for the City of Selma, Chamber of Commerce, the Selma Food Bank, the National Parks Service, the Beloit Community Recycle Program and Joy Baptist Church. Ms. Cox has received numerous awards for her volunteer activities; Recipient of the AARP Outstanding Alabama Volunteer Award, the 2010 Outstanding Service Award from the Montgomery VA Hospital, and has been recognized by the National Parks Service for her outstanding service to the Selma-to-

Montgomery National Historic Trail. In 1996, she was selected by the National Olympic Committee to be a "Torch Bearer" on the Selma "Leg of the Relay" for the XXVI Olympic Games, held in Atlanta, Georgia. For her outstanding volunteer service and contributions to the lives of older people, Ms. Evelyn Cox was selected from Nominees across the State of Alabama, to receive the Prestigious *2011 Silver Star Award* from the Alabama Association of Regional Councils and the Alabama Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Mayor Evans and the City Council, on behalf of the Citizens of Selma, Alabama, hereby recognize Ms. Evelyn Cox for her lifelong and tireless commitment to volunteer service, and for her many contributions that have had a significant impact on the lives of the Residents of Selma and Dallas County, and the State of Alabama. Mayor Evans asked the Council and all of the Citizens to join in this "*Tribute*", which was received with a "*Round of Applause*" to acknowledge this Recognition and Honor!

A. Monthly Financial Report - October, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their information a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of October, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that this information is being provided to them for their review, and for any questions that they may have, as well. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he does think that it is encouraging that our Sales Tax Revenues were up by \$26,107.91 this September compared to last September, and that that is a good start to the new Fiscal Year. Mayor Evans stated to Council that that is an outstanding start, and thanked President Williamson for mentioning that. President Williamson stated to Council that if they have any questions as it relates to this Report, to please bring those questions back before the Council.

B. Police Department Report - October, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Police Report, which reflects the incidents by Wards. Mayor Evans further stated that said Report gives the Noise Statistics. President Williamson asked the Council to review, and bring back any questions that they may have.

C. Code Enforcement Report - October, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Code Enforcement Report, which reflects all of the Citations for the Month of October, 2011. Mayor Evans further stated that the Report also reflects the overgrown lots by Wards, abandoned vehicles, dilapidated properties identified, as well as, properties that have been approved to be cut and cleared by the Public Works Department.

D. Management of City-Owned Properties Located at 901 Church Street and 900 Tremont Street. Mayor Evans stated to Council that what they have before them is information that they did not get beforehand, but it is something that he would like for them to review and take action hopefully during the next Council Meeting. Mayor Evans stated to Council that there are three (3) pieces of properties; two (2) are vacant lots and three (3) houses that we own there on Tremont Street, as well as, Church Street and J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard. Mayor Evans stated two (2) of those pieces of properties are being rented out, and he would like to know whether or not the Council wants to continue renting the properties to the same individuals, or whether they want the properties vacated, in an effort to remodel and do something else with. Mayor Evans stated that he would like the Council to give this some thought, to be discussed at a later date. President Williamson stated to Councilman Bjelke that since these properties are located within his Ward he would like for him to take the "Lead" on this, and give the Council some suggestions as to how to proceed with it.

E. Resolution #R111-11/12 - Donation of Property Located at 228 J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of Resolution #R111-11/12, Donation of Property Located at 228 J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard, to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans further stated that said property is located on the corner of King Street and J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard, just before crossing the Railroad Tracks, near the Old Landfill. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R111-11/12, Donation of Property Located at 228 J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard, to the City of Selma. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

F. Resolution #R112-11/12 - Award of Contract for the Purchase of Movie Theater Equipment to Tri-State Theatre Supply Company. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy Resolution #R112-11/12, Award of Contract for the Purchase of Movie Theater Equipment, to Tri-State Theatre Supply Company. Mayor Evans further stated during one of our previous Council Meetings, the Council approved the purchase of Movie Theater Equipment to get our Movie Theater operational hopefully by the end of December, prior to the New Year. Mayor Evans stated that this Item; namely, Movie Theater Equipment, was bid out, and sealed bids were opened on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and that he is recommending Tri-State Theatre Supply Company, who was the lowest responsible bidder for the Movie Theater Equipment, in the amount of \$68,976.99. Mayor Evans asked Council's favorable consideration of the same, in an effort to move forward. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve Resolution #R112-11/12, Award of

Contract for the Purchase of Movie Theater Equipment to Tri-State Theatre Supply Company, in the amount of \$68,976.99, in which Revenue shall be increased by Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$68,976.99) and then expensed out of Line Item Public Buildings Fixed Asset Account (#1.6022 430-4). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

G. Nomination of Three Persons for Consideration as Members of the County Board of Equalization for the Term Beginning, October 1, 2011. Mayor Evans stated that the Council is working on this Item, and that it will be handled by the Council.

H. Resolution #R113-11/12 - Appointment of Ted Henry to the Selma-Dallas County Library Board of Directors. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R113-11/12, Appointment of Ted Henry to the Selma-Dallas County Library Board of Directors. Mayor Evans further stated that the Board consists of Five (5) Members; Three (3) of whom are appointed by the Dallas County Commission and Two (2) of whom are appointed by the Selma City Council. Mayor Evans stated that it is his desire to nominate Mr. Ted Henry for appointment to the Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Ms. Kathryn Windham Tucker, for a term of Four (4) years beginning on January 22, 2011 through January 22, 2015, which Four (4) year term shall be retroactive to January 22, 2011, and expiring on January 22, 2015. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R113-11/12, Appointment of Ted Henry to the Selma-Dallas County Library Board of Directors. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

I. New Retail Store Openings. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he so very proud of our City, and how we are moving forward! Mayor Evans stated that *The Coffee Shoppe* opened officially on yesterday, and it was packed up until about nine o'clock last night. Mayor Evans further stated that we also have the new *Goody's Store*, and they had more than 400 people present when they opened. Mayor Evans stated that the former *Frame Shoppe* located on Broad Street has recently remodeled and is opening back up. Mayor Evans stated that he is very excited about these openings, and that these businesses opening up are going to make a difference in retail, that is going to actually bring in Revenue to our taxes. Mayor Evans further stated on the horizon, there are other potential businesses that will be coming to our City, that will be announced at a later date. Mayor Evans stated that this is something that he is proud of, and he gives "Thanks" to God and everybody else for the Blessings that we are receiving in our City. Mayor Evans stated that Taco Bell did a fantastic job in rebuilding, along with Burger King, and also the remodeling that was done recently at McDonald's.

J. National League of Cities Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Mayor Evans stated that they had a wonderful time in Phoenix, Arizona last week during the National League of Cities Conference. Mayor Evans further stated that Councilman Bowie, Councilwoman Benjamin, Councilman Randolph, and himself did attend, and that it was a wonderful meeting. Mayor Evans stated that he learned a lot, and that he enjoyed being there. Mayor Evans further stated that the fellowship was wonderful, and the weather was simply beautiful, and it was really a nice and wonderful meeting. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she, too, attended some wonderful, wonderful Workshops, and that she is very excited about what she learned while she was there. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that she will make available that information for them. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she is very excited about this "New Year" that we are about to embark upon.

K. Bag Your Leaves! Mayor Evans reminded our Citizens, as we enter into the "leaf season", to please "bag" their leaves because we will not be able to pick up their leaves unless they are bagged. Mayor Evans further stated that those leaves do a lot to hurt our sewage system, and that he is asking everyone to please "bag" their leaves, so that our Public Works Department can pick them up. Mayor Evans further stated that the Ordinance for Leaves is on the "Books" but we just have not been enforcing it; that we are going to have to at this point due to the problems that we are having with our sewage system as a result of the leaves.

L. Reminder, and Announcements. Mayor Evans stated that he would like to announce to the Council and the Citizens that they have begun working on the Bush Hog Street Closure now; Norfolk Southern Railroad Company has done their part. Mayor Evans further stated that he would hope by the end of this month that we will have a great announcement that that street is finally open, even though it has been a long time coming. Mayor Evans further stated that we do apologize to the Citizens for the length of time that it has taken to get this done, but that it is a work-in-progress! Mayor Evans stated that he would like to also announce, and remind Citizens and the Council of the following:

- (1) *Mayor's Charity Golf Classic - Wednesday, November 16, 2011 (Tomorrow) at Valley Grande Golf Course, Rain or Shine*
- (2) *PAL Basketball Registration and Upcoming Events, Beginning November 7<sup>th</sup>*
- (3) *Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon - Monday, November 21, 2011 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

- (4) *City Offices Closed for the Thanksgiving Day Holidays – Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011*
- (5) *“Watch the ‘Iron Bowl’ Party” with the Mayor and Council – Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. – Performing Arts Center (Doors Open at 1:30 p.m.) – Refreshments will be served! Everyone is invited to come and Fellowship together!*
- (6) *Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 3, 2011*
- (7) *City Offices Closed for Christmas Holidays – Friday, December 23, 2011 and Monday, December 26, 2011*
- (8) *City Offices Closed for New Year’s Day Holiday – Monday, January 2, 2012*

Mayor Evans stated that he would like to also re-emphasize to the Citizens to be reminded of the traffic cameras that are in place and located at Three (3) locations within our City; Franklin Street and J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard, Broad Street and L. L. Anderson Avenue, and Dallas Avenue and Hooper Drive.

**M. Holiday Closings.** Per Mayor Evans, the recommended Holidays for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the recommendation brought by Mayor Evans for Christmas Holidays to be on, Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

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

**A. ABC License Application – Downtown Sports Bar, LLC – 1122 Water Avenue.**

Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an ABC License Application, Downtown Sports Bar, LLC, for a Lounge Retail Liquor License, Class I, which is located at 1122 Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading during the last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the Applicant has provided a Security Plan for the Business which shall include the following: Closed-Circuit Television Monitoring of the inside of the building; 2 – 4 Armed Security Guards will be on duty; Undercover Security Personnel will also be part of the Security Team; Individuals will have to pass through a Metal Detector in order to enter the Sports Club; and a Motion Detector will be utilized inside, after hours. Attorney Nunn further stated that Notice has run in the Newspaper, and a Sign has been placed at the Business. Attorney Nunn asked Council's consideration of the same. Councilman Bowie asked Attorney Nunn has the rezoning area been re-defined on Water Avenue where the Sports Bar is located, and, if not, are we going to? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that it has not been re-zoned, and that we would have to get with Mayor Evans, along with Planning and Development. Attorney Nunn further stated if that is the plan, we would also have to take it before the Planning Commission, and they would have to make a recommendation before the Council. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to Councilman Bowie that she is sure he asked that question for a reason, and that is important if they are going to take a vote in his Ward. Attorney Nunn responded stated that we would have to discuss the same with Mayor Evans, and once Mayor Evans and the Committee get together and come up with a proposal on the rezoning of that area, then it would be presented to the Planning Commission who would make a recommendation to the Council. Councilman Bowie stated that the reason that he asked that question is because if that is going to be the “mecca” for tourism, then they need to re-zone the area where there are no Sports' Bars in certain areas of Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn asked that the Council give him guidance or recommendations to the Planning Commission, and that Planning and Development may also want to get involved, and maybe they can set up a committee meeting and move forward with it. Councilman Bowie stated that in his humble opinion, he thinks that will be ideal. President Williamson concurred, and stated that we would be looking at this. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License of Downtown Sports Bar, LLC, for a Lounge Retail Liquor License, Class I, located at 1122 Water Avenue. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were four affirmative votes and three abstentions. President Williamson, Councilwoman Benjamin, and Councilman Bowie abstained from voting.

**B. ABC License Application – Cheers Package Store – 1105 Broad Street.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to Cheers Package Store, for a Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) License, which is located at 1105 Broad Street. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Cheers Package Store, on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. Following roll call, it was the consensus of the Council to take action on the Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Cheers Package Store during the first scheduled Council Meeting in December, rather than the Rescheduled Council Meeting for Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon.

**C. Claim – The Loft.** Attorney Nunn stated he wanted to mention that some of the Council Members may have received a claim as it relates to The Loft. Attorney Nunn further stated if Council recalls, we had a Public Hearing as it relates to Revoking the License of The Loft. Attorney Nunn stated a claim has

been filed by the Licensee, through his Attorney, and we have forwarded said Claim to the Insurance Company, as we do with any other Claim. Attorney Nunn further stated when we issue Licenses, they are a "privilege"; not a "right", so, we do, as a Council, have a right to Revoke that License, if they are doing anything that is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of a Citizen.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**I. PAL CENTER SUPPORT AND THE CITY OF SELMA'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Councilwoman Benjamin stated this is a request for funds to support the PAL Center. Councilwoman Benjamin further stated that this is another "quiet kept secret" in Selma, and she does not know how Detective Cowan does it all. Councilwoman Benjamin stated most of the Kids are "Latch Key" Kids, so after school she has them with her. Councilwoman Benjamin thanked Detective Cowan for all that she does, and thanked the Young People for "sticking" with the PAL Center. Councilwoman Benjamin asked the Council to support this as "best" as they can because we need to keep it operational! Councilwoman Benjamin also asked that we save the date of July 25 - July 28, 2012, and asked that the Council please match their previous donations and give generously, if they can, but please do not decrease.

**II. RECYCLING**

Councilwoman Keith stated that she went to a Regional Recycling Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, and that is why she was not here during the last Council Meeting. Councilwoman Keith further stated that they are going to be "kicking off" the recycling along the Historic Civil Rights Trail and that it is going to set the basic infrastructure for recycling here in Selma and Lowndes County, and then they will eventually be following the Trail all the way to Montgomery for recycling on the Trail. Councilwoman Keith stated that she hopes everybody keeps this in mind, and gets excited about that, and what it can be.

**III. CHANGE THE TIME OF THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Bowie stated in light of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday coming up next week, he would like to make a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Keith, that the Council moves the November 22, 2011 Council Meeting from 5:00 p.m. to Twelve O'Clock Noon. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** Following roll call, President Williamson stated to Mrs. Harrison, Mayor Evans and Attorney Nunn that we are going to meet at Twelve O'Clock Noon on next Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and asked that we make a "note" of that change.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

President Williamson stated that Councilman Randolph is out of town on a family emergency.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman**

No Report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Thomas Atchison, Chairman**

No Report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman**

No Report.

**PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Gregory Bjelke, Chairperson**

Councilman Bjelke made a report, and announced that on Monday there will be a meeting with Mayor Evans and other Departments, along with himself, that he is calling it a "Trash Summit", and that they will be meeting on what the delay is, and what the solutions are, as it relates to the "trash" in our City. President Williamson asked Mayor Evans if it was his understanding that he previously stated that we will not pick up leaves unless they are bagged? Mayor Evans answered, and stated that that is what he said, that that is what our Ordinance states. President Williamson stated that we need to let the Public know that, and we need to let the Public know that that is a Law that was passed during the past Administration, and has been on the "Books" for quite a while. Councilwoman Keith stated that she has noticed that where people are supposed to have leaves that are bagged, and tree limbs only, she has seen mattresses and household things that are not supposed to be outside on the side of the road. Councilwoman Keith asked Councilman Bjelke if they will be

dealing with matters such as this, because people are not supposed to be doing that. Councilman Bjelke stated to Councilwoman Keith that she is exactly right, and he thinks, too, that that is what has been our problem. President Williamson stated to Councilman Bjelke that he needs to also include the Code Enforcement Officer at the meeting.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

President Williamson stated he will be placing a copy of the Discretionary Report in everybody's mailbox.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

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

Councilwoman Crenshaw was absent from the Council Meeting, but Councilman Bowie announced, per Ms. Temekia Sykes, Administrative Assistant for the Council, that Councilwoman Crenshaw and the Selma-Dallas Youth Ambassadors will be having a Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. until about 10:30 a.m., at the Carl Morgan Convention Center; that there will be Students from all high schools in Selma and Dallas County who will offer Prayers, and Words of Thanksgiving. Councilman Bowie stated that this year they will honor and thank our Police Department for their service and protection. Councilman Bowie also stated if anyone needs further information, Councilwoman Crenshaw can be contacted at 334/875-7099, 334/349-2006, or 334/874-1234 (Council's Office).

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

During Closing Remarks, Councilman Bjelke stated that on tomorrow he is meeting with Mr. Bolton's Attorney at 2:00 p.m., as it relates to the Old Y.M.C.A. Building. President Williamson asked Councilman Bjelke to plan on giving us a report at the next Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

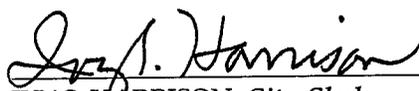
President Williamson, along with Mayor Evans, asked that we remember Councilman Randolph's Family in our Prayers; especially his Father-in-Law.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adjourn this meeting, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

  
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DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President*

ATTEST:

  
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IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:

  
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GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*