

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 22, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Pastor Maurice Mickles,
Little Rock Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 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, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilman Greg Bjelke, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw and Councilman 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, Ms. Brenda Smothers. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent during roll call, but arrived at 6:25 p.m. Councilman Benny L. Tucker was absent from the Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Williamson asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve the agenda items as written. **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 May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Bjelke, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2012, with the correction mentioned. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Mr. Valeria Wagner
New Shady Grove Church
Re: Fund Request for Church Youth Explosion on June 9, 2012

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS. Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to present and acknowledge the following Proclamations, and that each of them should also have a copy within their packets, beginning with:

Proclamation - "Designation of May, 2012, as "Older Americans Month". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize, Honor, and Designate the Month of May, 2012, as "Older Americans Month", and would like to do so in the form of, a Proclamation, "Designation of May, 2012, as "Older Americans Month"! Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states; *Whereas*, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and AARP represent Citizens aged 60 and Older; and *Whereas*, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and AARP are committed to helping all Individuals maintain their health and independence in later life; and *Whereas*, the Older Adults in the City of Selma have an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our Community through interactions with Children, Youth, and Adults from other generations; and *Whereas*, the "fruits" of knowledge and experience can be effectively transferred from generation-to-generation through meaningful social interactions; and *Whereas*, our Community can provide opportunities to enrich Citizens, young and old, by: (1) Emphasizing the value of including Elders in public and family life; (2) Creating opportunities for Older Americans to interact with People of different generations; and (3) Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow Older Adults to participate in social activities in the Community. Mayor Evans and the Council Proclaim the Month of May, 2012 to be "Older Americans Month" in the City of Selma, and encouraged all Citizens to take time this Month to engage with our Older Citizens through enjoyable social interactions, and acknowledge the contributions of Older Americans during this Month. Mayor Evans and the Council asked all Citizens to join in this "Recognition", which was received with a "Round of Applause"! Mayor Evans presented said Proclamation, on behalf of the City of Selma and City Government, to Ms. Evelyn Cox, on behalf of "Older Americans Month, May, 2012"!

Proclamation - "National Moment of Remembrance, May 28, 2012, in the City of Selma, Alabama". Mayor Evans stated to Council that he would like to Recognize and Honor our Fallen on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, and ask Citizens to participate in the "National Moment of Remembrance", and designate 3 O'clock p.m., wherever you are, as a time to pause and unite in remembrance. Mayor Evans, on behalf of himself and the Council, read the Proclamation in its entirety, which states; *Whereas*, Memorial Day has been officially celebrated in our Nation since May 1868 as a way Honoring and Remembering the Sacrifices of those Brave Men and Women who gave their lives to our Country; and *Whereas*, Memorial Day is perhaps the most important American Holiday; no other Holidays would be possible without those who died for Freedom since the "Founding" of our Nation; and *Whereas*, we seek to provide a sense of history to our Citizens and ensure that younger generations understand the sacrifices made to preserve our liberties; and *Whereas*, The White House Commission on Remembrance was established by Congress to reach Americans through the National Moment of Remembrance with one simple message - "Don't Forget the Real Meaning of Memorial Day is to Honor our Fallen"; and *Whereas*, The National Moment of Remembrance does not replace traditional Memorial Day events; rather, it is an act of National Unity in Honor of our Fallen. In this shared Remembrance, we connect as Americans; and *Whereas*, The National Moment of Remembrance should be observed Citywide on Memorial Day, the "Moment" is to encourage all Citizens of Selma to "Pause" in Honor of our Fallen. It is a time of Remembrance and Re-Dedication to the values of our Country. Mayor Evans and the Council, on behalf of City Government and the Citizens of Selma, do hereby Proclaim Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, as a "Day" for all to Participate in, The National Moment of Remembrance, and Designate 3 O'clock p.m., Wherever You are, as a Time to Pause and Unite in Remembrance. For all the Fallen, Let Us Make This Nation One; One City, One County, One Nation, One Moment!

PRESENTATION OF LONGEVITY CERTIFICATES AND PINS

Mayor Evans stated he would like to present Certificates of Service and Longevity Pins in recognition of the following employees: Police Officer Jason Crum, Selma Police Department, *Five Years of Service* to the City of Selma, Police Officer James Smyly, Selma Police Department, *Five Years of Service* to the City of Selma, Police Officer Evelyn Ghant, Selma Police Department, *Ten Years of Service* to the City of Selma, Firefighter Willie Mason, Selma Fire Department, *Ten Years of Service* to the City of Selma, and Mr. Roosevelt Walker, Selma Recreation Department, *Twenty Years of Service* to the City of Selma. Mayor Evans stated he would like to thank them for their Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Selma, and they were all presented with a Certificate of Service and Longevity Pin. The Council also thanked them for their Years of Dedicated Service to the City. They were "Congratulated" and given a "Round of Applause".

REQUEST BY DR. LILLIE W. THOMAS, PRESIDENT, ALABAMA STATE MISSIONARY BAPTIST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

Mayor Evans stated that Dr. Lillie W. Thomas, President, Alabama State Missionary Baptist Women's Auxiliary, is present at tonight's Council Meeting, and would like to appeal to the Council for support in their coming to Selma as a Women's Auxiliary, which has been so beneficial to our City as it relates to "hundreds and hundreds" of them coming over the years, to be a part of Selma's growth and prosperity. Mayor Evans asked Dr. Thomas to come forward, and address the Council, with a presentation. Dr. Thomas addressed the

Council and stated that she, along with Ms. Hattie French, and Ms. Mary Sherrill, are here tonight on behalf of the Alabama Missionary Baptist State Women's Convention, and that she is sure most of them have heard of them because they have been coming for over 100 years. Dr. Thomas stated at this time they are coming with something "special", and that they will be meeting here June 11th - 14th. Dr. Thomas further stated on that Wednesday night, as a new President, she thought it would be nice to bring their Banquet to Selma, along with the meeting; that the Banquet has been held every year in April, in Birmingham, and they have done a tremendous job in helping them to do that. Dr. Thomas stated that every Hotel that we have here is full, as well as, the Dormitory on the Campus of Selma University is full. Dr. Thomas stated that this will bring quite a bit of business and finances to our City, buying gas and all of our eating places will be filled. Dr. Thomas stated that they are also purchasing items at our stores here. Dr. Thomas further stated that they want to keep the Convention here, along with the Banquet, and if they do a good job this year, the first year, then they will bring it back continuously from now on. Dr. Thomas stated that the Banquet will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, and as she said, they want to keep it here. Dr. Thomas further stated that there are those who come down just for the Banquet because there is not room enough to "house" all of them; therefore, they will be traveling "back and forth". Dr. Thomas stated if they will assist them that night, especially with all of the Hotels "booked", and everything that we have that can be purchased, it will be purchased one way or the other; so, they ask that we will consider helping them as well as the City of Birmingham did, especially with our Hotels, that it will go out well in a "high style way", then it will be brought back again. Dr. Thomas thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to bring this request before them. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans that he is going to turn this over to the Administrative Committee and Councilman Bowie, as Chairperson, to come up with a recommendation of how we can help with this. President Williamson requested of Councilman Bowie to have his Committee meet, and see how we can assist. Mayor Evans and the Council thanked Dr. Thomas, and her Committee for coming and speaking to the Council.

***UNVEILING OF 2012 ATT DIRECTORY COVER
OF OUR CITY; PICTURE OF CITY HALL***

BY

MR. PATRICK HANCOCK,

OF ATT

IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THE CITY OF SELMA

A. Resolution #R178-11/12 - Authorization to Submit Grant Application to ADECA for the FY 2012 Land and Water Conservation of Fund Grant with a Cash Match of \$70,000.00 or Less. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have within their information a copy of Resolution #R178-11/12, Authorization to Submit Grant Application to ADECA for the FY 2012 Land and Water Conservation of Fund Grant with a Cash Match of \$70,000.00 or Less. The State of Alabama has funds available to municipal governments for recreational improvements through its Land and Water Conservation Fund. The City of Selma desires to make an application to ADECA for grant assistance to acquire Four (4) acres (more or less) of land contiguous to the Selma Battlefield Park, for the purpose of expanding the City's recreational resource to provide for the health and well being of the general public. The funding requested will also provide acreage necessary for Riverfront access from the City's right-of-way on the Young Street Corridor. Mayor Evans further stated that this will be an Item for next Year's Budget, a cash match of \$70,000.00 or less will be included in the 2012-2013 Grant Match Budget Line Item, for the purpose of matching the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should also have a picture of the property, and asked Council's consideration to move forward at this point. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R178-11/12, Authorization to Submit Grant Application to ADECA for the FY 2012 Land and Water Conservation of Fund Grant with a Cash Match of \$70,000.00 or Less, via the 2012-2013 Grant Match Budget Line Item. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

B. Resolution #R179-11/12 - Release of Duty Badge and Weapon to Sgt. Doug Stewart. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of Resolution #R179-11/12, Release of Duty Badge and Weapon to Sgt. Doug Stewart. Mayor Evans stated to Council that Sgt. Doug Stewart is retiring at the end of this month, May 31, 2012, and he is asking Council's approval to release to him, his gun and badge, as we have done in previous years. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that they should have a letter attached for said Request, along with a letter from Chief Riley, that reflects that this would be customary and appropriate that he be given his gun and badge as a symbol of his loyalty, and of his cooperation in working with the City over those years that he has been with us; Twenty-Five Years of Service. President Williamson stated to Councilman Atchison, that he would like to suggest that he contact Sgt. Stewart, and ask him if he can come to a Council Meeting in June, if it fits his schedule, and let them thank him publicly for Twenty-Five Years with the Police Department. Councilman Atchison stated that he would do so. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to approve Resolution #R179-11/12, Release of Duty Badge and Weapon to Sgt. Doug Stewart, who will be retiring after serving diligently as an Officer of the Selma Police Department for Twenty-Five Years. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

C. **Update on the Broad Street Cave-In Project.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of an update on the Broad Street Cave-In Project. Mayor Evans stated, as they know, that part of the Street is open now, and that he is sure the businesses in that area there are pleased now. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank the Council for working to get funding appropriated to get that Project completed, and also thanked Mr. Ray Hogg's Engineering Firm for making this happen for our City. President Williamson stated that they thank them, as well, and also thanked the businesses for their patience during this time.

D. **Update on the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that he thinks that everything went well, and that he did not stay for the entire Convention because he had to get back to handle some business. Mayor Evans stated that it was a wonderful Convention, and that they had great attendance. Councilman Bowie stated that he would like to "echo" what Mayor Evans has already stated, that it was very well attended, and that the Workshops were very informative. Councilman Bowie stated that it was a great Municipal Convention. President Williamson stated to Mayor Evans and Councilman Bowie that he and the Council thank them for representing the City there.

E. **Trash Trailer Placements.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a schedule for the Trash Trailer Locations for the remainder of the Month of May, and for June. The schedule is as follows: May 25th – May 29th, Ward 5; June 1st – June 4th, Ward 4; and June 8th – June 11th, Ward 3.

F. **Reminder, and Announcements.** Mayor Evans stated he would like to announce, and advise the Council of the following:

- (1) *May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. – Summer Youth Employment Program Lottery Drawing, Carl C. Morgan Convention Center*
- (2) *May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. – Consumer Credit Workshop, St. James Hotel*
- (3) *May 25th – Dedication Ceremony for Moss Court Development and G.W.C. Homes Police Substation, 11:00 a.m., L. L. Anderson Avenue and Franklin Street*
- (4) *May 26th at 12:00 Noon – Unity in the Community, Phoenix Park*
- (5) *May 28th – City Offices will be Closed in Observance of Memorial Day*
- (6) *May 28th – Memorial Day Program, Memorial Stadium 11:00 a.m. and Moment of Remembrance, City Hall, 3:00 p.m.*
- (7) *May 31st – June 2nd – World's Widest Yard Sale, Highway 80, Beginning at Phoenix City to Cuba, Alabama; www.widestyardsale.com*
- (8) *June 11th – June 14th – Alabama State Missionary Baptist Women's Auxiliary Annual Convention and Annual Education Banquet, June 13th, Selma University*
- (9) *June 11th – June 15th – Registration Open for Summer Art Camp I & II, July 9th – July 13th*
- (10) *June 16th – Cash for Guns Buyback Program, Macedonia Apostolic Church*
- (11) *June 21st – Mayor's Charity Ball, Riverfront Park Substation, 6:00 p.m.*
- (12) *June 23rd – King Kat Tournament Qualifying Round, City Marina & Kids Fishing Rodeos, City Fish Pond, www.kingkatusa.com/blog*
- (13) *Selma Walton Theater Coming Attractions – May, 2012 (Subject to Change); May 24th Final Showing of "The Avengers", May 25th, "Men in Black III" Opens; www.selmawaltontheater.com*
- (14) *Pray for Selma Every Wednesday, Between the Hour of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

View the City of Selma Calendar at www.selma-al.gov and the Chamber of Commerce Calendar at www.selmaalabama.com for details and upcoming events.

G. **North Church Street Sewer Blockage.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have a copy of information as it relates to major problems that we are having with sewage in our City on Lauderdale Street, Church Street and Second Avenue. Mayor Evans stated that he has asked Mr. Ray Hogg to take a look at it, and give us an estimate of what it will cost us to do this Project. Mayor Evans stated that

he is not asking the Council to take any action on this now; that it is just for their information as it relates to a problem that we must address at some point. Mayor Evans stated that it has become a real concern in that neighborhood in terms of sewage and infrastructure that we are going to have to eventually try to find some funding to take care of it.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. ABC License Application - Side Porch Sandwiches - 1124 Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to the Side Porch Sandwiches, for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application, which is located at 1124 Water Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council if they recall, we placed said Alcoholic Beverage License Application on 1st Reading during our last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn further stated that he wanted to bring to the Council an update on a few of the issues that came up at the last Council Meeting. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Roosevelt Goldsby, City Tax & License Collector, is here at tonight's Council Meeting, in the event the Council has questions for him. Attorney Nunn stated that on Side Porch Sandwiches, Range Street Convenience Store, and also Raceway, Mr. Goldsby has stated that they do have Business Licenses, and he has copies of the same. Attorney Nunn stated that Mr. Goldsby has signed off on revised Inspection Sheets, that these Businesses do have Business Licenses. Mr. Goldsby addressed the Council, and concurred with Attorney Nunn, that the above-mentioned businesses all have Business Licenses. Attorney Nunn stated that the sign has been placed at the location of Side Porch Sandwiches, and the Notice has been published in the newspaper, and at this point and time, he is asking for the Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of Side Porch Sandwiches, for a Restaurant Retail Liquor License. **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 one abstention. President Williamson abstained from voting.**

B. ABC License Application - The Takeover - 700 Idaho Street. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, if they recall, there were some issues concerning the Police Chief's Inspection in terms of parking. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council, if they recall, they did not sign off on the parking issue. Attorney Nunn stated that he and Chief Riley did go out to the Site, and they met Mr. Glover, the Applicant, and Chief Riley did give some recommendations in terms of how to increase the parking at that Site, and he did sign off on the parking on this Alcoholic Beverage License Application. Chief Riley addressed the Council, and stated that they went back out to the Site and noticed that the Manager (Applicant) had cleared some land, and had additional land available for parking, so parking will be fine for them. Attorney Nunn stated that the Applicant did not have a Business License at that point and time, but that he has made application which is \$300.00. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that he passed out to them a copy of the Procedures, and if they recall, we do not request the Applicant to spend excessive funds until they at least have the initial approval from the Council. Attorney Nunn stated once the Application is placed on 1st Reading, we will then place the Sign at the location, and run the Notice in the newspaper. Attorney Nunn stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application of The Takeover for a Lounge Retail Liquor - Class I License, located at 700 Idaho Street, in the Police Jurisdiction, on 1st Reading. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

C. ABC License Application - Range Street Convenience Store - 1624 Marie Foster Street. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application as it relates to the Range Street Convenience Store, for a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine License Application (Off Premises Only), which is located at 1624 Marie Foster Street. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application was placed on 1st Reading during our last Council Meeting, and that it is up for Council's consideration tonight. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn to "Continue" this Item over until the next Council Meeting, so that Councilman Randolph can be here, since this location is within his Ward. Later during the Council Meeting, after Councilman Randolph's arrival to the Council Meeting, this Item was brought back before the Council by Attorney Nunn. President Williamson stated to Councilman Randolph that they had put this Item aside until he could be here since this is in his Ward. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and a Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Range Street Convenience Store, and that the Applicant is Mr. Thomas Ross. Attorney Nunn further stated to Council that the sign has been placed at the location, and the Notice has run in the Newspaper. Attorney Nunn stated that this Item is up for consideration tonight. Attorney Nunn stated to Councilman Randolph that the Applicant stated that he was going to talk with Councilman Randolph as Ward Councilman, and he is unsure as to whether or not he has spoken with him. Councilman Randolph stated that the Applicant, Mr. Ross, has not spoken with him, but that the Citizens out there have talked with him, and they stated that they do not want it there. President Williamson stated that it has been real rare that they have voted to grant a License when a Councilman in that Ward was not in favor of it, and he is not for changing that "policy". President Williamson asked if anyone would like to make a motion on this Item? There was no Motion from

the "floor"; therefore, this Item Failed for lack of a motion from the "floor", and President Williamson stated to Attorney Nunn that there was no Motion to grant the License.

D. ABC License Application (Retail Beer) - Raceway - 203 W. Highland Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Mr. Gene Hisel, Applicant, as it relates to Raceway, for a Retail Beer Liquor Transfer License (Off Premises Only), which is located at 203 W. Highland Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to place said Alcoholic Beverage Transfer License Application for Raceway, Retail Beer (Off Premises), on 1st Reading. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

E. ABC License Application (Table Wine) - Raceway - 203 W. Highland Avenue. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should also have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Mr. Gene Hisel, Applicant, as it relates to Raceway, for a Table Wine License (Off Premises Only), located at 203 W. Highland Avenue. Attorney Nunn further stated that said Alcoholic Beverage License Application is up for 1st Reading tonight, and asked Council's consideration of the same. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Bowie, to place said Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Raceway, Table Wine (Off Premises), on 1st Reading. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

F. Request to Rename Texas Avenue and Texas Court. Attorney Nunn stated to Council back in January of 2009, the City Council passed a Resolution concerning Renaming of Streets within the City of Selma, and we came up with a Policy, which occurred around the time of J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Boulevard. Attorney Nunn further stated that as can be seen outlined in the Procedures, if someone requests to re-name a street they shall present to the Council an application, along with a location map and application fee of \$1,000.00, and a signed Petition. Attorney Nunn stated all Three (3) of these Procedures have been done; the Applicants have paid the Fee of \$1,000.00; the request for re-naming the street, and also a map showing where the streets are located; namely, Texas Avenue and Texas Court. Attorney Nunn stated that the next step for the City Council's initial action; the City Clerk shall forward a copy of the application and attachments to the City Council for review and to make an initial decision on whether to proceed with the request, which is being done now. Attorney Nunn stated the next step is to have a Public Hearing; City Council at its discretion may provide the opportunity for all affected property owners and interested persons to speak before the City Council at a Public Hearing. Attorney Nunn stated after that, they will have the Survey that will be conducted by the City of Selma as it relates to the Streets that are being proposed to be Re-Named. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn to set a Public Hearing at our next Council Meeting, beginning at 5:00 p.m., to have in conjunction with our regularly scheduled Council Meeting. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn to send a letter to each Resident that lives on Texas Avenue and Texas Court, advising them of the Public Hearing, and Attorney Nunn stated that he would take care of that.

G. A.M.I.C. Invoice - Reimbursement of Deductible. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an A.M.I.C. Statement/Invoice in the amount of \$10,708.82, for several Claims, as listed therein, that they have paid. Attorney Nunn stated because the amount states "Paid" they will see the one that dealt with the Election, and one more Lawsuit, in which that case was Dismissed. Attorney Nunn stated that this Statement/Invoice lists the Attorney's Fees, and other Fees, as well. Attorney Nunn stated that the amount that is due is \$10,708.82, and asked Council's consideration for approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to approve payment of the A.M.I.C. Invoice/Statement in the amount of \$10,708.82. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.** Following roll call, President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn to provide the Council with a list of all the Active Lawsuits against the City of Selma at the next Council Meeting. President Williamson also asked Attorney Nunn to check our Insurance, to make sure that we are having to pay the Attorneys, Legal Fees, because if we are paying Liability and Automobile Insurance for the City, actually \$515,000.00 a year, he does not see why we should have to pay the Attorneys if we're paying that kind of money for Liability and Auto Insurance. Attorney Nunn stated that he would check in on this for the Council, and get the information to them at the next Council Meeting. President Williamson asked Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, City Treasurer, if she would check to find out how much our Premium is that we are paying to the Insurance Company.

H. Election Update. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we do have until June 28th, but that Councilman Tucker had come to his office, and requested that he do a Survey of other Municipalities to see what they are charging for Qualifying Fees, and that they should have a copy of the Survey before them which lists other Municipalities and what their current Qualifying Fees are. Attorney Nunn further stated that this Survey was conducted on all of the Municipalities that fall up under Section 11-46-2, State Law, and that they should have that Attachment before them, as well, which states . . . "in no event shall the qualifying fees be less than \$10.00 and shall not exceed \$50.00 for any office"; so that is the maximum amount that we can charge for Mayor, Council President, and Council Members. Attorney Nunn stated the Qualification Fee

for the City of Selma, for Mayor is \$50.00, for the President of the Council it is \$35.00, and for each Council Member, it is \$25.00. President Williamson stated to Council that he would like for Attorney Nunn to draw up an Ordinance, keeping the Qualifying Fees as they are; \$50.00, \$35.00 and \$25.00. Attorney Nunn stated if the Council wants the fees to remain the same, we do not have to do anything; just as we did for the Salaries, back in February of this year. President Williamson stated that we will place this on the "Docket" for the next Council Meeting.

I. Redistricting - Update. Attorney Nunn stated to the Council that they should have a copy of what will be going into the Newspaper, that what they have are Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4, and that he is going to work on Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8 on tomorrow. Attorney Nunn stated that he is "singling" out each Ward, along with putting in the description sheet, and the Polling Precincts, which will be published into the Newspaper on this week. Attorney Nunn further stated that we are still communicating with the Reapportionment Office in Montgomery, trying to get these Maps in and revised concerning the little "connector" and everything, and then we are going to get copies made. Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they will be getting copies in color of the whole City, Ward Map. Attorney Nunn further stated as soon as we can get this Publication, we will try to get the Submission sent off in the mail, hopefully by Wednesday or Thursday, no later than Friday of this week, because Monday is a Holiday, Memorial Day. President Williamson stated to Attorney Nunn that he estimates that at least 2,000 People were moved from one Ward to another throughout the City, and asked if he was getting this information to the Board of Registrars, and if the Council has approved it, could he not get it on over there, because it is going to be a monumental task for them? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated at this point and time, he has got to make sure that everything is finalized before anything goes out. Attorney Nunn further stated although it has been approved by the Council, we have not published it into the Newspaper and that is what makes this legal, and we are going to try to get that done by this Sunday. Attorney Nunn stated that he will be finished with the Maps, and again, we are still going over the legal descriptions, and that he has not even finished that; but that they will get it this week. Attorney Nunn stated that Probate Judge Ballard will probably get his on Thursday or Friday of this week, and then we'll get the Submission off to the Justice Department, and then the Board of Registrars will get theirs probably when he delivers the Probate Judge his copy on Friday. Attorney Nunn stated that they will have about Two (2) months to get this done; that Absentee Voting begins on July 24th; we're looking at Two (2) months that they will have to make these changes; they have a pretty good amount of time to make them. Councilwoman Benjamin asked Attorney Nunn if we were advertising this as still a "Proposal", until it is approved by the Justice Department in Washington? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated "no"; that the City of Selma has adopted this as their 2012 Redistricting Plan, but it can not take effect until the Justice Department approves it. Attorney Nunn stated that they can Reject it, but they have never Denied a Submission that he has presented to them. Attorney Nunn stated that it is our Redistricting Plan for the City of Selma, but that it is conditional upon the Justice Department approving the same, before we can have an Election. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn, even though it has not been approved by the Justice Department, are we going to qualify according to this Plan? Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that he is hoping that we will have it back within Thirty (30) days, and that most of the time they do not take the full Sixty (60) days to render a decision, but he has had 1 or 2 where they took the full Sixty (60) days. Attorney Nunn stated that he did put on this one that we are requesting that they expedite it so they will kind of put it "up" on the list. Attorney Nunn stated that he has talked with the Justice Department already, asking that they expedite this once they receive it, and they know that it is coming and are expecting it. Attorney Nunn stated once the Qualifying Period begins on July 3rd, they have Two (2) weeks to qualify; it ends on July 17th. Attorney Nunn stated that he is hoping within Thirty (30) to Thirty-Five (35) days we will have a "feel" from the Justice Department.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. NOISE ORDINANCE

President Williamson stated that we still have one, and we would like to have it enforced, and citations given.

II. OLD Y.M.C.A.

Councilman Bjelke stated that he got a real good update from the Historic Society from their Meeting last night, on the Old Y.M.C.A., and they said that construction could start real soon, but that fundraising is going to be a big issue with them. Councilman Bjelke stated that they are determined that it is going to take place, but that fundraising is their next hurdle, to getting their plans completed.

III. TEPPERS BUILDING

Councilman Bjelke stated that he still has not had any contact with anybody at the Teppers Building, and that we may have to take this Item to the next step beyond that.

IV. UPDATE ON 2709 N. BROAD STREET

Councilwoman Keith stated to Attorney Nunn that on today, Councilman Atchison, Councilman Bjelke, and she went out to Ms. Walters' house, to inspect the damages. Councilwoman Keith further stated that she does not recall the Council getting a copy of the Release that she had signed with the Insurance Company, when this matter was mediated and settled. Councilwoman Keith asked Attorney Nunn if he could get them a copy of that, and Attorney Nunn stated that he would get a copy of it to them. Councilman Atchison stated if the Settlement Agreement is separate from the Release, he would like for him to get both of those documents to the Council, and Attorney Nunn stated that he would. Councilman Bjelke stated, as Councilwoman Keith has stated, the Three (3) of them did meet this morning at 10:00 a.m., and they did walk through the property, and around the property, and that he looked under the property. Councilman Bjelke further stated that they talked extensively with Ms. Walters, and that it is very important that they get a copy of the Release document on this matter. President Williamson asked Attorney Nunn if he thought the Council could get this by the next Council Meeting, and Attorney Nunn answered, and stated that they could, that the document is in the file, and that he can have it for the Council by the next Council Meeting.

V. UPDATE ON CITY MARINA

Councilman Atchison stated, as Mayor Evans stated earlier, the goal is by Labor Day Weekend in September, to have the City Marina opened. Councilman Atchison stated, again, there was a wonderful turn-out, out there, and a nice turn-out from the Newspaper Staff, the Boaters Association, the City and County, Chamber of Commerce, etc., and he thinks it's going to truly be a real good thing for the City.

VI. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF HE SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

This Item is Continued.

VII. GROUND BREAKING: WARD 4 WALKING TRAIL

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they had a Ground Breaking, and thanked everyone who was able to attend. Councilwoman Benjamin reminded everyone in Ward 4, that it is coming soon, and that it will be announced when it will be completed. Councilwoman Benjamin again thanked everyone for attending, and also thanked the Selma Times-Journal for their coverage.

VIII. WARD 4 KABOOM PLAYGROUND - UPDATE FROM PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that someone has been deceiving a few of the Citizens, that this is going to be a Basketball Court, along with "drugs that come with Basketball Courts, and the things that come with Basketball Courts sometime, but that this Playground is not a Basketball Court "kind of thing". Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "if you're listening, and you have signed this Petition where there are 36 Names on this Petition, half are not in Ward 4 at all, and some of you have misspelled your names on it, as well". Councilwoman Benjamin stated that there are going to be no Basketball Goals at this Playground for Children in Ward 4, and she does not know why People would stop "Play and Exercise" in the lives of Children, but there will be no Basketball Goals; that it's never been in the Plan, and it's never been added to the Plan. Councilwoman Benjamin stated she wanted to make that clear.

IX. FEE WAIVER FOR SELMA HIGH SCHOOL "BAND OF BLUE" 9TH ANNUAL BANQUET, MAY 15, 2012

Councilman Randolph stated he would like the Council to Ratify and Waive the Fee for the Use of the Convention Center for the Selma High School "Band of Blue", on last Tuesday, May 15th, for their 9th Annual Banquet. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to Ratify and Waive the Fee for the Use of the Convention Center for the Selma High School "Band of Blue", on last Tuesday, May 15th, for their 9th Annual Banquet. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

X. FEE WAIVER FOR UNITED WAY, "COMMUNITY RESOURCE DAY", JUNE 7, 2012

President Williamson stated that he also has a Request from the United Way to Waive the Fee for the Convention Center on Thursday, June 7th, for "Community Resource Day". A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to Waive the Fee for the Use of the Convention Center by United Way for "Community Resource Day", on Thursday, June 7th. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

XI. DISCRETIONARY

President Williamson stated that we did have some Discretionary Requests, and asked that the Council check with the Council Secretary to see who has given, and the amount.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

No Report. President Williamson stated to Councilman Bowie that, again, he has assigned working with the Ladies of Alabama State Women's Auxiliary Convention, to the Administrative Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Thomas Atchison, Chairman

No Report. President Williamson stated to Councilman Atchison that he would like for him to contact Sgt. Stewart, and invite him to come to one of our Council Meetings in June, in recognition of his Retirement.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Greg Bjelke, Chairperson

Councilman Bjelke made a report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

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

No Report.

CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

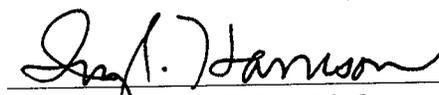
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



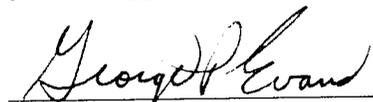
DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*