

MINUTES OF THE RECESSED SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000

The Selma City Council met in a reconvened session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Thursday, February 17, 2000 with the following members present: President Carl C. Morgan, Jr. and Council members Glenn Sexton, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Mark V. West, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw and Councilman Yusuf Abdus-Salaam. Councilwoman Rita S. Franklin was absent from the meeting. Others present were City Clerk Jackie Smith and City Treasurer Jimmie S. Abbott. Councilman Benny L. Tucker gave the invocation.

After roll call, President Morgan declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda. President Morgan stated that the Council meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2000 was recessed until today to discuss and vote on a salary increase for Selma City Council members.

I. Ordinance to Increase Salary of Council Members.

President Morgan asked Council members to be mindful of the decrease in sales tax revenue, industry closings, and Internet sales when considering the Council salary increase. President Morgan recommended the Council members' salary be increased from \$7,600 annually to \$10,000 annually.

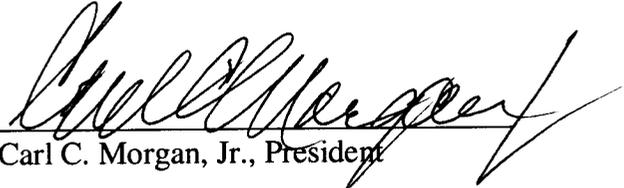
Councilwoman Sewell stated that it is her recommendation that the Council salary be increased to be commensurate with the salary of Dallas County Commissioners which is \$14,500 annually. Councilman Salaam offered a compromise to the budget situation by recommending that the Council adopt a resolution limiting discretionary funds to \$10,000 each Council member, a savings of \$50,000 in the next budget year. The total cost to increase the Council salary to \$14,500 is \$70,000 annually; therefore, the net cost of the increase is \$20,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Tucker to adopt an ordinance that increases the salary of Selma City Council members to \$14,500 annually, effective October 1, 2000. Councilman West seconded the motion and the ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the Council. There were five affirmative votes and three negative votes. Council members West, Salaam, Sewell, Tucker and Crenshaw voted in favor of the motion. Council members Martin, Morgan and Sexton voted against the motion.

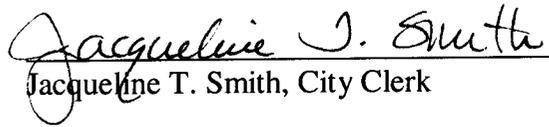
II. Off Premises Wine License Application.

Councilman Tucker stated that at the February 14th Council meeting an off premises wine license application was placed on first reading for Dr. Disco's Wings-N-Things. Councilman Tucker asked the Council to reconsider their vote on this matter and suspend the rules for immediate action. A motion was made by Councilman Salaam to suspend the rules so that immediate action could be taken on the application. Councilman West seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion died for the lack of a majority vote of the Council. There were seven affirmative votes and one negative vote. Councilman Sexton cast the negative vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr., President

ATTEST:


Jacqueline T. Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Joe T. Smitherman, Mayor