

**MINUTES OF THE  
SELMA CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 10, 2011  
5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Invocation: Reverend Dr. C. A. Lett, Pastor Emeritus  
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

***MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT  
TORNADOES WITHIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, AND OTHER STATES.***

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present during roll call: Council President Pro Tempore Corey Bowie and Council Members Councilman Thomas Atchison, Councilwoman Susan Keith, Councilwoman Benjamin, Councilman Samuel Randolph, Councilman Benny L. Tucker, and Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw. 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. Council President Dr. Cecil Williamson was absent from the Council Meeting, due to illness.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Pro Tempore Bowie asked for the approval of the agenda items. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, 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 Pro Tempore Bowie asked for the approval of the minutes of April 26, 2011 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Randolph, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve the minutes of April 26, 2011. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST**

Attorney Faya Rose Toure`  
Re: Noise Ordinance and Confederate Soldiers

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITION OF RETIREES, AND  
INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER**

***PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC PLAQUE TO  
MRS. RICHIE JEAN JACKSON.  
SHE RECEIVED A "ROUND OF APPLAUSE" TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS HONOR!***

**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:

Proclamation - "Selma Firefighters Appreciation Month". Mayor Evans asked Chief Michael Stokes to come forward, so that he could present a Proclamation honoring "Selma Firefighters Appreciation Month". Mayor Evans read said Proclamation in its entirety, and asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring the *Month of May, 2011* to be "Selma Firefighters Appreciation Month" in the City of Selma. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim the *Month of May, 2011* to be "Selma Firefighters Appreciation Month" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and called upon all Citizens, to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this "Tribute" to our Firefighters, for their efforts in keeping our Citizens safe, and helping to raise awareness of neuromuscular diseases. Mayor Evans stated Ms. Angie Jordan is here of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and asked that she come forward to be a part of the Presentation, along with young J. C. Higginbotham, representing our area for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Ms. Jordan addressed the Council, and stated that she had a Plaque to present, and wanted to thank Mayor Evans, the City Council, and the Selma Fire Department, who raised over \$1,828.00 for them. Mayor Evans asked all Citizens to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this "Tribute" to our Firefighters, which was received with a "Round of Applause" to acknowledge this Honor!

Proclamation - "Nursing Home Week" - May 8 - 14, 2011. Mayor Evans asked Mrs. Daisy Dixon to come forward, to accept a Proclamation honoring "Nursing Home Week" - May 8 - 14, 2011. Mayor Evans read said Proclamation in its entirety, and asked the Council and Citizens of Selma to join him in recognizing and honoring the *Week of May 8 - 14, 2011* to be "Nursing Home Week" in the City of Selma. Mayor Evans and the Selma City Council proclaim the *Week of May 8 - 14, 2011* to be "Nursing Home Week" in the City of Selma, Alabama, and urged every Citizen to honor the elderly and disabled residents of Nursing Homes by visiting or volunteering at a local Nursing Home to bring good cheer to the Residents, and appreciation to the Staff who care for our Community's most vulnerable Citizens on our behalf.

#### RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

##### PRESENTATION OF "RETIREMENT PLAQUES" TO:

MRS. KATIE BROWN  
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT  
IN APPRECIATION OF 12 YEARS OF SERVICE, 1999 - 2011

FIREMAN TIMOTHY WATSON  
SELMA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
IN APPRECIATION OF 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, 1987 - 2011

MR. TED PERRY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
IN APPRECIATION OF 15 YEARS OF SERVICE, 1986 - 2011

MRS. PATTIE SEXTON  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
IN APPRECIATION OF 10 YEARS OF SERVICE, 2001 - 2011

POLICE OFFICER WILLIE FELDER  
SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
IN APPRECIATION OF 20 YEARS OF SERVICE, 1991 - 2011

BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT WAS EXTENDED TO ALL,  
ON BEHALF OF MAYOR GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL,  
AND THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA!

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

POLICE OFFICER SCHYLUR PARRISH  
SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. Bush Hog - Update. This item is Continued.

B. Resolution #R202-10/11 - Release of Duty Badge and Weapon for Officer Willie Felder. Mayor Evans stated to Council that customarily when a Police Officer retires in good standing from the Selma Police Department, we have released to them their duty badge and weapon. Mayor Evans asked Council's favorable consideration to allow Officer Willie Felder his duty badge and weapon, as part of his retirement benefits. A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve

Resolution #R202-10/11, Release of Duty Badge and Weapon for Police Officer Willie Felder. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. Resolution #R206-10/11 - Appointment of Donna Carstarphen to the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority Board. Mayor Evans stated to Council that as they know Ms. Alisa Sommerville who was appointed to the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority Board, has relocated to Birmingham on a new job assignment. Mayor Evans stated he would like to recommend to the Council Mrs. Donna Carstarphen for appointment to the Board, to complete the unexpired term of Ms. Sommerville, and asked Council's favorable consideration of Resolution #R206-10/11, Appointment of Mrs. Donna Carstarphen to the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority Board. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to accept the Mayor's recommendation of Mrs. Donna Carstarphen, and approve said Resolution #R206-10/11. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

D. Monthly Financial Report - April, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have before them a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month of April, 2011. Mayor Evans stated as can be seen on the Report, we had a deficit this month, in the amount of \$16,761.57, compared to last year's report in terms of revenue. Mayor Evans further stated that we are still about \$200,000.00 short of our expected revenue thus far this year. Mayor Evans stated hopefully between now and September we will reach that margin. Mayor Evans further stated to Council that they should also have within their packets of information; namely: Bank Account Information; Restitution Payments, Overtime Reports, Financial Management Reports which include an Aging Report, Check Register, Budget-to-Actual Reports, Listing of the Line Items of the Budget, and a copy of all of the Bond Projects' Spreadsheet. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank the Citizens again who made the Bond possible, and that the Bond Projects are really making a difference here in our City. 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.

E. Police Department Report - April, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Police Department Report, which gives all of the incident report totals by percentages for each Ward, along with a copy of the Loud Noise Statistics. Mayor Evans further stated these reports were prepared by Chief Riley and his Staff, for the month of April, 2011, and that he is present in the event the Council has any questions. Chief Riley was asked to come forward to respond to questions from the Council.

F. Code Enforcement Report - April, 2011. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them a copy of the Code Enforcement Report. Mayor Evans asked them to review, and direct any questions that they may have, to him, or to Reverend Darryl Moore.

G. Resolution #R199-10/11 - Award of Contract for the Demolition of Houses to Tyus Trucking and Construction Company. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R199-10/11, Award of Contract for the Demolition of Houses to Tyus Trucking and Construction Company; a Bid Proposal on Eleven (11) Condemned Houses, in the amount of \$17,750.00. Mayor Evans asked Council's favorable consideration of Resolution #R199-10/11, Award of Contract for the Demolition of Houses to Tyus Trucking and Construction Company, in the amount of \$17,750.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Resolution #R199-10/11, Award of Contract for the Demolition of Houses to Tyus Trucking and Construction Company. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

H. Resolution #R201-10/11 - Budget Line Item Amendment for Tournament Expenses. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have a copy of Resolution #R201-10/11, Budget Line Item Amendment for Tournament Expenses. Mayor Evans further stated that he is requesting Council's consideration of Resolution #R201-10/11, to amend the General Fund Budget to host Tournaments at Memorial Stadium, and that we should be in a position to offset this expense by funds received from the Gate Receipts, to get our monies back. Mayor Evans stated that Coach Reece is here to address the Council with any questions that they may have. Coach Reece addressed the Council, and stated that this Baseball Program is our Dixie Majors' Program which we are involved in, for ages 15 and 16, and 17, 18, and 19, and that people bid on State Tournaments. Coach Reece further stated that this State Tournament is supposed to be in Thomasville, but the City of Thomasville is having some problems, and they are not able to do this, and they asked us if we would be willing to accommodate and take the State Tournaments, and the bid on the State Tournament is \$12,000.00, which they take and spend it back in the City of Selma, by staying in the City's Hotels, and eating at our Restaurants. Coach Reece stated that there will be Eight (8) Teams, divided into Eight (8) State Districts, and there will be District Champions coming into Selma on July 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Tournament runs through to next Wednesday; almost a week. Mayor Evans asked Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, City Treasurer, to come forward, to address the Council, and explain how this Budget Line Item Amendment would be handled. Ms. Mitchell stated that the funds come from the Gate and the Concessions, and that she is increasing that account by \$12,000.00, but that she is expecting to gain \$12,000.00 back from the Gate and Concession; more or less, a "wash". Mayor Evans stated that he has been working with the State of Alabama, and that he is hopeful by next Spring, we will have the State Track Meet here at Memorial Stadium, which

will bring revenue back to our City. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R201-10/11, Budget Line Item Amendment for Tournament Expenses, in the amount of \$12,000.00. 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 nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that she has a real concern this summer for jobs for our Children. We are searching for money for a lot of things, and we are finding it; her vote will be no on this.

I. Resolution #R203-10/11 - Authorization to Proceed with North Broad Street Drainage Improvements, and To Enter Into Agreement with Hogg Engineering Corporation for Professional Engineering Services Related to the Project. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have a copy of Resolution #R203-10/11, Authorization to Proceed with North Broad Street Drainage Improvements, and To Enter Into Agreement with Hogg Engineering Corporation for Professional Engineering Services Related to the Project, at a preliminary estimated cost of \$83,455.000, further, to retain Hogg Engineering Corporation for professional Engineering Services related to said Project in the amount of \$10,850.00. Mayor Evans further stated that this is an Item where we agreed to go back and repair drainage on North Broad Street, which was part of the Settlement Agreement between a Citizen and our Insurance Carrier. Mayor Evans stated that we are still obligated to fix and repair what we agreed upon, based on the Agreement we made with the Insurance Company, who settled to pay the damages done, and we agreed to do the repairs. Mayor Evans stated he gave this information to them a couple of months ago, and asked them to review and give him back any feedback on it. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration to move forward with the Bid Process on this Project. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R203-10/11, Authorization to Proceed with North Broad Street Drainage Improvements, and to Enter into Agreement with Hogg Engineering Corporation for Professional Engineering Services Related to said Project. 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 nay vote. Councilwoman Crenshaw cast a nay vote. During roll call, Councilwoman Crenshaw stated, for the record, she will take her actual vote at the time that the information is brought before the Council, and her vote is "no".

J. Resolution #R205-10/11 - Authorization to Enter Into Agreement with Frasier-Ousley Construction and Engineering, Incorporated, for Exterior Improvements for the Selma Interpretive Center. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they should each have a copy of Resolution #R205-10/11, Authorization to Enter Into Agreement with Frasier-Ousley Construction and Engineering, Incorporated, for Exterior Improvements for the Selma Interpretive Center, on Broad Street and Hinton Alley. Mayor Evans further stated this will give a "face-lift" on the Selma Interpretive Center Buildings, in the amount of \$38,650.00 for the exterior improvements to the Broad Street Buildings, and \$9,830.00 to clean, scrape and paint on the Hinton Alley side of said Building. Mayor Evans stated he is asking approximately \$5,000.00, from each Council Member, out of their Oil Lease Monies. Mayor Evans further stated we need to make it look a lot better, and that it is a work-in-progress. Mayor Evans stated to Council that they already have \$129,725.06 in their Oil Lease Accounts, and that we are going to also get a credit of an additional \$12,000.00, and he is asking the Council to give at least \$5,000.00, along with himself, to support this Project, which would total \$35,000. Mayor Evans stated, with the Council Members who have stated that they would give, he would still be short of about \$13,000.00, unless Councilwoman Crenshaw agrees to give. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated she has some projects going on right now, particularly the Landfill, so she needs all of her Oil Lease Monies to go to projects that she is really trying to complete over in that area. Councilwoman Crenshaw further stated, for the record, that she thinks \$65,000.00 is a contribution to help with the Landfill which is a great one, which actually is much more than \$5,000.00. Mayor Evans stated this is a critical piece in our City, and he will give whatever amount that the Council is giving, and he is hopeful that we can come up with enough money to make that Building what it needs to exemplify to Tourists who come to our City. Councilman Atchison stated he will give \$7,500.00. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, to approve dividing the Oil Lease Monies. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

A motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by, to approve Resolution #R205-10/11, Authorization to Enter Into Agreement with Frasier-Ousley Construction and Engineering, Incorporated for Exterior Improvements of the Selma Interpretive Center. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated to Mayor Evans that there is a total of \$35,000.00, plus \$5,000.00 from President Williamson, and that will bring us to \$40,000.00 collected. President Pro Tempore Bowie further stated he will give \$2,000.00 more. Mayor Evans stated he will give the rest if no one else has any to give, or are willing to give, and that the total amount needed is \$48,000.00 in all. Mayor Evans stated we will do that, and he thanked everyone who gave, stating it is our City; our Interpretive Center, and our History.

K. Resolution #R204-10/11, Budget Line Item Amendment for Election Expenses. Mayor Evans stated that they should have before them Resolution #R204-10/11, Budget Line Item Amendment for

Election Expenses. Mayor Evans stated that as they know we have an Election coming up on the last Tuesday in this month, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Evans further stated a couple of months ago, he gave to Council an estimate of the Costs to carry out the Election, and the Run-Off, in the amount of \$25,424.19, which he has put in the form of a Resolution; namely, Resolution #R204-10/11. Mayor Evans asked Council's consideration of the same, so that the money can be made available for the purpose of carrying out the Special Election on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Councilman Tucker, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve Resolution #R204-10/11, Budget Line Item Amendment for Election Expenses, in the amount of \$25,424.19. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There five affirmative votes and two nay votes. Councilman Randolph and Councilwoman Crenshaw each cast a nay vote.

L. Tippett Drive Drainage Improvements. Mayor Evans stated to Council that we have a real problem on Tippet Drive, whereby many years ago driveways were built over drains in our City, and we are "paying" for those problems today, as water is "backing" up in homes as a result of this. Mayor Evans further stated to Council, that since they are just getting this, that they review it, and it will be brought back at the next Council Meeting for action from the Council.

M. Update on NLC Leadership Academy on Local Economic Competitiveness. Mayor Evans stated that he, along with Councilwoman Keith and Probate Judge Ballard, traveled to Seattle, Washington. Mayor Evans further stated that it was a wonderful visit, and that he passed out to him a hand-out which lists all of the Cities who were there. Mayor Evans stated that they got a chance to meet Five (5) Mayors from China, along with all of their Delegation. Mayor Evans further stated that they had to apply in order to gain acceptance to attend, which he did, and that Councilwoman Keith originally saw this, and brought it to his attention, and thereafter, he wrote a letter, requesting to be considered to come to Seattle, in an effort to have Chinese industry and business' interest in coming to Selma, to do business in Selma. Mayor Evans stated that they made contact with them, and gave background information about Selma to them, and we now are on the list to have future visits. Mayor Evans further stated that the idea is that we want to get them to come to Selma; we believe if they come to Selma, we can "sell" them Selma in terms of creating jobs, business and industry here. Mayor Evans stated we were the only City from Alabama, invited to come, and that we are happy about that; other States invited are listed in the hand-out that they have been given. Mayor Evans stated that he feels really good about it, and that we have a great chance at getting some help from them. Councilwoman Keith concurred, and stated that she felt very comfortable about the relationship that was established, and the interest that was shown. Councilwoman Keith further stated that she thinks that Mayor Evans and Judge Ballard made a lot of "strides" in the contacts that they made, that are going to help "pair" Selma with the appropriate Chinese Counterpart, in making that match. Councilwoman Keith stated relationships develop over time, but that she observed that the Chinese officials seem to be bending over backwards to "American-ize", and learn American customs. Councilwoman Keith further stated that they seemed to have enjoyed all of them, and excited about the prospect of coming over here. Councilwoman Keith stated she is really excited about the prospects, too. Mayor Evans stated we planted the "seed", in that Chinese government knows that we are interested in them locating in Selma, Alabama, and that is a tremendous "plus". Mayor Evans thanked Councilwoman Keith for bringing the information to him. Mayor Evans stated he would like to clarify something; when they came back from the meeting in Savannah, he got the information and submitted it to Team Selma, asking them to go; E.D.A., Senator Sanders, Dr. Mitchell, along with Council President Williamson, who agreed to go. Mayor Evans stated that Judge Ballard also agreed to go, and Councilwoman Keith asked at that time, that if everyone could not make the trip, she would like to be an Alternate. Mayor Evans further stated at that time no one knew that President Williamson was going to become ill and not be able to go, so once that happened her name was turned in as an Alternate. Mayor Evans stated no one was overlooked; that he had spoken to President Pro Tempore Bowie about it, and that he indicated that he had some things going on at work that would not allow him to be able to get off to go. Councilwoman Keith concurred, and stated that she had spoken with President Pro Tempore Bowie about his availability to go, as well. Mayor Evans stated Councilwoman Keith was able to go once President Williamson was unable to, due to illness.

N. Update on Summer Youth Employment Program. Mayor Evans stated the Lottery Drawing for the Summer Youth Employment Program, will be on tomorrow, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m., at the Carl Morgan Convention Center, and asked that all Council Persons be present to draw for their respective Ward. Mayor Evans further stated that the Program will begin on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and end on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Evans stated he still appeals to Businesses and Citizens to make donations towards hiring a Youth this summer, and that there is no "set" amount that is required; if they can give \$100.00 that would help, or whatever amount that they can, we will appreciate it. Mayor Evans further stated if they are giving in the form of a check, it can be made payable to the "City of Selma". Councilman Tucker stated to Mayor Evans that he will sponsor a Youth.

O. Update on Visit from the Department of Defense Innovative Response Training Team. Mayor Evans stated to Council that as they know, last week we had the Team here from the Air Force, that they came and toured our City, and are excited about our City. Mayor Evans further stated that they are going to come in and do "free" labor to help us with our Riverfront Projects, and others, which will be

"Training" for them. Mayor Evans stated that they are excited about coming back to Selma to work with us, and being a part of the growth here in our City. Mayor Evans stated this is truly wonderful!

**P. Investment Proposals for Development of the Marina.** Mayor Evans stated that he wanted to appeal to anyone who is interesting in giving the Mayor or any Council Member a proposal on the Marina; what they will build it for, what they want from it; sort of a "turn key" approach of what they are going to present. Mayor Evans further stated that he would like to see the Marina up and running by this time next year. Mayor Evans stated that we already have \$100,000.00 budgeted in the General Fund for the Marina, set aside as a result of the passage of the Bond; therefore, he would like to ask anyone who is interested in submitting a proposal, to do so by Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, to the Office of the Mayor, or to Coach Reece, so that the Committee and Council can review, and come up with a recommendation in order to move forward with this process, in building or managing this Project.

**Q. Request to Transfer Property to the Selma City Schools.** President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that this Item is being transferred to the Administrative Committee, and a meeting will be set thereafter, and asked that Mayor Evans be given notification of when that Meeting is set, so that he can make plans to attend.

**R. Tornado Catastrophe Response.** Mayor Evans stated to Council that Ms. Rhonda Abbott, Director of E.M.A., is present at tonight's Council Meeting, and that she recently visited Tuscaloosa, and found out so much about some things that should have been done, but was not done because no one expected this to happen. Mayor Evans further stated that he has written letters to the Mayors of the Cities who are victims of the recent Tornadoes. Mayor Evans stated he was going to visit Mayor Bell and Mayor Maddox this week to talk with them about what do they need us to do to help them now. Mayor Evans further stated he has talked to our Police Chief and Fire Chief, about our coming together in the event something of this nature happens in our City, and coming up with a plan to work towards how we should react in the event of a tornado or hurricane in our City. Mayor Evans stated Ms. Abbott will also be working alongside with them, and that it will be City and County Government, working together with this Project, so that we can present the Plan to our Citizens. Ms. Abbott was asked to come forward and address the Council. Ms. Abbott addressed the Council and stated that she appreciates the opportunity to speak, and appreciated their support of E.M.A. Ms. Abbott further stated that she got an E-Mail today from the State, and based on some of F.E.M.A.'s early estimates, we are looking at the largest housing deficiency since Hurricane Katrina here in Alabama. Ms. Abbott stated this storm was devastating and it was heart-wrenching to go and work alongside there in Tuscaloosa; so much of destruction. Ms. Abbott stated we were so Blessed to be able to go over and work with them in Tuscaloosa when it could have easily happened here. Ms. Abbott further stated that the "one" thing that she brought back that has to happen here in Selma is "Teamwork". Ms. Abbott stated she is so Blessed to work with City Government and County Government, and that we continually work towards being ready in the event something like that happen. Ms. Abbott passed out to the Council, informational packets, and stated she learned a lot, and that it was "devastation at its worst", but that Tuscaloosa is pulling together, and they are going to recover. Mayor Evans and the Council thanked Ms. Abbott for all that she has done, and continues to do.

**S. Update on StreetFest and City-Wide Clean-Up Day.** Mayor Evans stated that the StreetFest was wonderful on last Friday, and the Fish Fry Fundraiser, hosted by Councilman Atchison, was outstanding. Mayor Evans stated the Concordia College Jazz Band "turned it out" at noon when people were eating, and of course, on Friday Evening, the Alabama Symphony Orchestra came and did an outstanding performance. Mayor Evans further stated that there were booths and tables set up all down Church Street, and a portion of Water Avenue, and when the Alabama Symphony Orchestra played, it was really beautiful. Mayor Evans stated that it was filled to capacity, and anyone else who came, they had to find some place to sit or stand. Mayor Evans stated it was really nice, and that it was sponsored by ArtsRevive, and our Legislative Delegation, Senator Sanders, Representative Melton, and Representative Colston, through Alabama Tombigbee R. C. & D., gave a \$25,000.00 donation to help fund this Project. Mayor Evans stated it was awesome, and he just wanted to thank ArtsRevive, as well as, the Vendors, and everybody else who came, to make this a success. Mayor Evans stated that we received a Plaque for the Donation that the Mayor and Council gave to Relay for Life, and that they had a successful evening, raising over \$100,000.00 for Cancer. Mayor Evans stated he wanted to thank the Committee, and others who worked, to make this happen. Mayor Evans stated that that was marvelous, and that it took place there at Memorial Stadium. Mayor Evans stated we did the City-Wide Clean-Up Day in Ward 7, and he would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with this Project. Mayor Evans stated we covered from Broad Street to Lapsley Street on one side, and from L. L. Anderson Avenue to First Avenue on the other side. Mayor Evans stated that we had about 30 young people who volunteered, and he wanted to thank them; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Youth Group, along with Mrs. Fortier, and the Optimist Club Youth Group. Mayor Evans further stated that the Army came and volunteered to help, as well. Mayor Evans thanked all of the Volunteers who came and helped with this Project.

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

- (1) *Professional Basketball Player Michael Johnson Football and Cheerleading Camp – May 21, 2011*
- (2) *Alabama League of Municipalities Conference Rescheduled – June 25 – 28, 2011*
- (3) *Audit Report Given by the Auditors Today in Work Session Will Be Made Available on the WebPage*

U. **J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Blvd. and Update on Etheridge Avenue.** Mayor Evans stated that the Bids have been Let for J. L. Chestnut, Jr. Blvd., and that this should have gotten started on last week, and that he will be bringing a report back at our next Council Meeting. Mayor Evans further stated that we have done our part in terms of repairing the Street, as it relates to Etheridge Avenue, and that we are now awaiting the Railroad Company in terms of the “bells and whistles” to finish the completion of the Street. Mayor Evans stated hopefully by the next Council Meeting he will have a report to the Council that the work is completed.

V. **Community Development Update from Mayor Evans on Ward 4.** Mayor Evans stated that the trees were planted at the P.A.L. Center on today, and that trees will be planted on Marie Foster Street and First Avenue on tomorrow. Mayor Evans stated he spoke with Dr. Mendendo, President of Concordia College, about the piece of property at the corner of Green Street and First Avenue, and that he has no problem with donating the land to the City of Selma; however, it no longer belongs to Concordia College. Mayor Evans further stated that Dr. Mendendo stated that he will speak to the new Owner about it, and will get back with us afterwards. Mayor Evans stated, as it relates to First Avenue and Franklin Street, there will be a “button” to push so that the “Walk” Sign will appear, or a “Do Not Walk” Sign will appear, hopefully by the end of this month. Ms. Griffeth addressed the Council, and stated that the cornerstones on First Avenue will take place on tomorrow, as well. Mayor Evans stated he is still working on the lights for Green Street that Councilman Tucker had asked him about, and that Ms. Griffeth will be following up on the correspondence from KABOOM.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. **Assignment of Allied Waste Contract (Transfer Station).** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that we have a Garbage Collection in the City of Selma that is taken out on Highway 41, to a Transfer Station owned and managed by Allied Waste. Attorney Nunn further stated in 1994, we entered into an Agreement with Cor-Spec, then it went into B.F.I., and then to Allied Waste. Attorney Nunn stated on today, Mayor Evans, Mr. Headley from Allied Waste, Mr. Lynn Gowan, and he had a meeting. Attorney Nunn further stated that they have a proposal as it relates to selling that Transfer Station to Advance Disposal. Attorney Nunn stated in the original Contract back in 1994, which states “upon the owner deciding that they want to transfer the ownership of the Transfer Station”, that they must get the consent of the other party which is the City of Selma. Attorney Nunn stated at tonight's Meeting, Mr. Lynn Gowan is here, and he is representing Advance Disposal, and they are the individuals who will be purchasing the Transfer Station from Allied Waste. Mr. Lynn Gowan was asked to come forward and address the Council. Mr. Gowan addressed the Council, and stated that this is simply a transfer of assets, that his Company is purchasing certain assets from the Company, not only in Selma but also in the Montgomery area, as well as, other places around the Country. Mr. Gowan further stated he is respectfully asking approval of the Contract, which assigns the Contract that they have with the City of Selma, over to them, Advance Disposal, and that the terms and conditions of the Contract remain the same, and their Company will honor that same Contract. Mr. Gowan stated that their Company looks forward to working with the City of Selma. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to approve the Assignment of the Allied Waste Contract to Advance Disposal. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

B. **Resolution #R200-10/11 - Weed Abatement (Phase 1).** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R200-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1), which consists of Twenty-Six (26) pieces of property that have been identified to have dangerous weeds, as listed herein, via the Code Enforcement Office. Attorney Nunn further stated Resolution #R200-10/11 authorizes the City Clerk, Mrs. Ivy S. Harrison, to forward Certified Letters to the Property Owners, advising them of the same. Attorney Nunn asked Council's approval of the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Atchison, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve Resolution #R200-10/11, Weed Abatement (Phase 1). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

C. **Special Election - Update.** Attorney Nunn stated he wanted to update the Council on the Special Election, and that the City Clerk's Office has scheduled a Testing of the Voting Machines for Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., and an Election School for the Election Officials on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Attorney Nunn stated to Council to please be mindful that the Special Election is scheduled for

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Nunn further stated as discussed with President Pro Tempore Bowie, that that is a Council Meeting day, and that we will be receiving the "returns" in the Council Chambers on that evening after the Polls have closed. Attorney Nunn stated we will Canvass the Special Election on the following Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at twelve o'clock noon, one (1) week from Election Day, which is per State Law.

**D. Vacationing of an Alley (Highland Avenue) - Update.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that, if they recall, this matter was brought before the Council a few weeks ago, and that we have started the process to vacation the alley behind Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. Attorney Nunn further stated publications have been started, and it is presently running in the Newspaper. Attorney Nunn stated the Utility Companies have been contacted, along with the adjoining Property Owners. Attorney Nunn stated the hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., and we are asking for the Council to be prepared to have the Public Hearing at that point and time.

**E. Proposed Amendment to Alcoholic Beverage Code.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council, if they recall, it was requested for him to do some research, and the research has been done, and given to the Committee to proceed as they like. President Pro Tempore Bowie stated this Item was assigned to the Public Safety Committee, and the Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Monday at 5:00 p.m., here in the Council Chambers. President Pro Tempore Bowie further stated that he will be contacting Mr. Chestnut, and Ms. Craig, of Cahaba Mental Health, to invite them to attend the Meeting. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to place the Proposed Amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, extending distance from 200 feet to 500 feet for schools, 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.**

**F. Next Council Meeting - May 31, 2011 at Twelve O'Clock Noon.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that the next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, which is also the day of the Special Election. Attorney Nunn further stated the week after, which is Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we do have to Canvass the results of the Special Election at twelve o'clock Noon. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Atchison, to reschedule the Council Meeting from Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, immediately after Canvassing the Results of the Special Election at twelve o'clock noon. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**G. ABC License Application for Oasis Steakhouse and Grill - 1629 W. Highland Avenue.** Attorney Nunn stated to Council that they should have before them an Alcoholic Beverage License as it relates to the Oasis Steakhouse and Grill, which is located at 1629 W. Highland Avenue. 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. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to suspend the rules, in order to take action at tonight's Council Meeting. **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 Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilman Tucker, to approve said Alcoholic Beverage License of Oasis Steakhouse and Grill. **A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**I. NOISE ORDINANCE**

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated this Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

**II. J. L. CHESTNUT, JR. BLVD. AND UPDATE ON ETHERIDGE AVENUE**

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated this Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

**III. 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CITY OF SELMA YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 27 - 30, 2011**

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Registration Forms are ready, and are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FROM MAYOR EVANS ON WARD 4**

Councilwoman Benjamin stated this Item was covered during the Mayor's Report.

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Benny Tucker, Chairman

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairman

Councilwoman Benjamin made a report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Councilman Corey Bowie, Chairman

Councilman Bowie made a report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Keith, Chairman

Councilwoman Keith made a report.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

No Report.

DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEE - President Cecil Williamson, Chairperson

President Pro Tempore Bowie stated that there are no requests to report on at tonight's Council Meeting.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

No Report.

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

No Report.

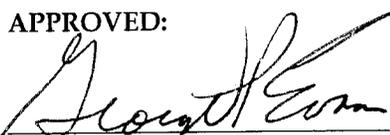
**CLOSING REMARKS BY EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Keith, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

  
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COREY BOWIE, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:  
  
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IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:  
  
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GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*