

MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2000

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, July 10, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock with the following members present: President Carl C. Morgan, Jr. and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Mark V. West, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw, and Yusuf Abdus-Salaam. Others present were Mayor Joe T. Smitherman, City Clerk Jacqueline T. Smith, and City Treasurer Jimmie S. Abbott. City Attorney P. Henry Pitts was absent from the meeting. 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 asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 26, 2000 Council meeting. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, on motion made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Martin the minutes were approved as recorded.

I. QUARTERLY BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Mrs. Hazel Salter and Mr. Grant Porter presented the second quarter beautification awards. The recipients of the awards from the eight city wards are as follows:

The Peoples Bank & Trust Company – Ward 1	Mrs. Arlean Suttles – Ward 8
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Pitts – Ward 2	Kids-R-Kids Child Care- Ward 8
Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Lovelady – Ward 3	Church of the Nazarene – Ward 7
Dr. Louis McMilion, Jr. – Ward 3	Mrs. Wilhemena Kelly – Ward 7
Mr. & Mrs. George Woolson – Ward 5	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wooley – Ward 1
Elkdale Baptist Church – Ward 5	Mr. & Mrs. John Robinson-Ward 4
Cedar Park Elementary School – Ward 4	

Mrs. Salter stated that the C.A.L.S. Committee met recently and outlined some concerns, including the Litter Officer vacancy, that they would like the Council to address.

II. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Sales Tax Report. Mayor Smitherman informed the Council that Department of Revenue officials has informed the City Clerk that the decrease in sales tax collections last month was due to a reporting error, and the corrected sales tax revenue would be reflected in the next report.

B. Municipal Election Update. Mayor Smitherman informed the Council that nineteen candidates have qualified for municipal offices to date. The City Clerk has provided each candidate with a very informative package of materials that provides all the required qualifying and reporting deadlines. Mayor Smitherman stated that Council members must submit the names of any individuals they wish to serve as poll workers to Mrs. Driggers in the Community Development Office prior to July 24th.

III. ATTORNEY ROSE SANDERS

Attorney Rose Sanders stated that she was present before the Council to address two issues of concern. The first issue addressed by Mrs. Sanders was political signs. Mrs. Sanders stated that it is very unfair to prohibit the placing of political signs on city property only during the municipal elections. Mrs. Sanders indicated that this ordinance was not enforced during the recent County elections and charged the Council with not being consistent with enforcement of the ordinance. Councilwoman Sewell recommended the Council rescind the ordinance relative to political signs. Councilwoman Crenshaw asked that the ordinance not be rescinded, but that the Council is consistent in enforcing the ordinance in all elections.

Attorney Sanders stated that the next issue of concern was the municipal court system. Mrs. Sanders stated that her daughter was involved in a hit and run accident on Lapsley Street and the case ended up being dismissed from the municipal court system without any notification of the victim. Mrs. Sanders requested the Council launch a full investigation into municipal court matters. Councilman Salaam asked Councilman Sexton to call a Public Safety Committee meeting to provide the Council with the details surrounding this matter.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Retail Table Wine Application – Jimmy’s Amoco. Councilman Sexton presented a retail table wine application on behalf of James H. Ruff and Cynthia Easterling for Jimmy’s Amoco located 209 Medical Center Parkway. Mr. Ruff and Ms. Easterling has no criminal record. Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the retail table wine application for Jimmy’s Amoco. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were eight affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Salaam abstained on the vote.

B. Establishing Guidelines for High Speed Chase. Councilman Sexton stated that both President Morgan and himself are in agreement that felony charges should be sought against individuals initiating a high-speed chase. Councilman Sexton asked the Council to consider the purchase of a device that the police department could use in the roadway to flatten the tires on the vehicle. President Morgan asked Councilman Sexton to obtain the purchase price on two of the devices and make a report at the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Litter Officer Vacancy. Councilwoman Sewell informed the Council that the Public Works and General Services Committee met prior to the Council meeting where they interviewed Officer Clyde Carter for the Litter Officer vacancy. Councilwoman Sewell stated that a Litter Officer is badly needed for our city and she motioned to hire Officer Clyde Carter to fill the vacancy. A brief discussion followed, and Councilwoman Crenshaw asked that this matter be tabled until the Committee could meet to establish guidelines regarding the duties, responsibilities and training of the Litter Officer. Councilwoman Franklin volunteered to contact the City of Tuscaloosa to schedule training for the Officer. Councilwoman Sewell amended her motion to state that Officer Clyde Carter be hired as the Litter Officer contingent upon him receiving the

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proper training and the Council follow the same reporting format and the delegation of duties would only be given by the Police Chief and not the Council or other city department. Councilwoman Franklin seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous consent of the Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Resolution – ADECA Grant Application. Councilwoman Martin asked the Council to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to ADECA for FY 2000 Community Development Block Grant Enhancement Grant and committing \$18,700 in matching funds. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Tucker to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smitherman to submit an application to ADECA. The Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

B. Resolution – Contract with Hogg Engineering. Councilwoman Martin asked the Council to approve a contract with Hogg Engineering Corporation for the Community Development Block Grant Enhancement Grant application preparation in the amount of \$2,500 to be paid with grant money if approved, if not approved, there will be no charges. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilman Salaam to approve a contract with Hogg Engineering for the Block Grant. The Council voted unanimously to approve the contract.

C. Historic Preservation Poster. Mrs. Patty Sexton of the Community Development Office presented Council members with a “Why Preserve” poster in recognition of their ongoing support of preserving Historic Selma, Alabama. The poster identifies and describes some of Selma’s most historic sites.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report from the Recreation Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

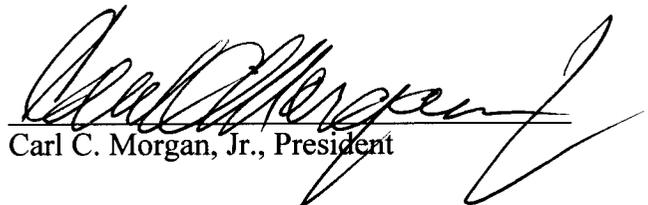
A. School Board Vacancy. Councilwoman Franklin informed the Council that the deadline has been extended through July 14th for accepting application for the School Board vacancy.

The other Administrative Committee report was informational only.

VI. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

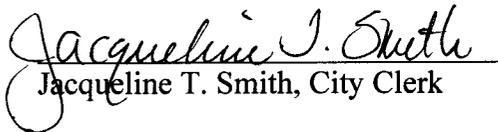
A. 21st Century Leadership. Representatives from the 21st Century Leadership were present before the Council to request permission to close a portion of L. L. Anderson Avenue from Lapsley Street to Pollard Street to host a Super Tuesday Voter Registration Celebration on July 18th. A motion was made by Councilwoman Crenshaw and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to grant permission to close that portion of L. L. Anderson Avenue. President Morgan asked the group to confer with Lt. Evans of the Selma Police Department to ensure all safety guidelines are followed. The Council voted unanimously to grant the request of the 21st Century Leadership.

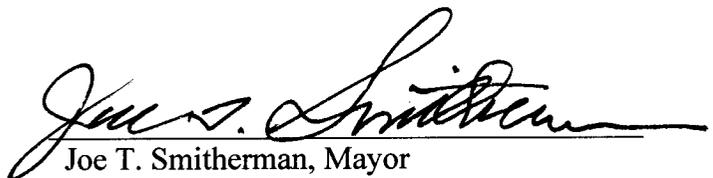
There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion made and duly seconded the Council voted by a unanimous consent to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr., President

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Jacqueline T. Smith, City Clerk


Joe T. Smitherman, Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Selma desires to apply to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for a FY 2000 Community Development Block Grant Enhancement Grant for East Selma Weed and Seed Pond Project.

WHEREAS, the City of Selma possesses the legal authority to apply for said grant and execute the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, the application will be reviewed and grants awarded to localities rating the highest in the rating criteria; and

WHEREAS, the local support of the program by commitment of local matching funds is part of the rating criteria; and

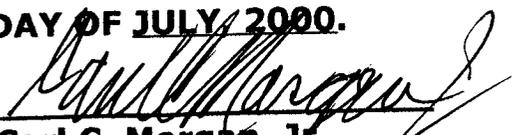
WHEREAS, the City of prepared to share in the cost of these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is \$205,700; the grant amount is \$187,000.

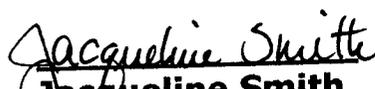
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Selma, Alabama hereby commits \$18,700 in cash matching funds for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Selma hereby authorizes the filing of said application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and does hereby authorize and direct Mayor Joe T. Smitherman as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such information as may be required.

ADOPTED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2000.


Carl C. Morgan, Jr.
President, Selma City Council

ATTEST:


Jacqueline Smith
City Clerk


Joe T. Smitherman, Mayor
City of Selma, Alabama