

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17, 2019
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison and Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent during roll call, but arrived at 5:28 p.m.

*The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Responsibility":
Knowing and Doing What is Expected of Me.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Six (6) Items, for consideration. President Bowie further stated to Council that they can remove an Item, or Items, from the Consent Agenda, at any point and time if they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately. President Bowie asked the Council to consider approving Consent Agenda Item #1, "Restaurant Retail Liquor License Transfer for Sand Bar Restaurant, so that the Applicant can move forward on it. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to *Suspend the Rules*, in order to vote on Consent Agenda Item #1 on tonight, along with all of the other Consent Agenda Items. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

President Bowie named the List of Items placed on Consent Agenda, as follows:

- (1) To Approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Transfer Application for the Sand Bar to Ms. Michelle Pearce.
- (2) To Approve the Azimuth Contract.
- (3) To Approve the Dallas County Umpire Association Contract in the Amount of \$1,350.00.
- (4) To Approve a Contract for Copeland Welding Company to Install Sixty-Four (64) Storm Drain Covers for a Total of \$24,000.00 from Ward 3, Capital Improvement Funds, \$22,000.00, and \$2,000.00 from Discretionary Fund.
- (5) To Approve the First Invoice, in the Amount of \$6,148.75, for the Fixed Asset Inventory Company.
- (6) To Approve Resolution #R104-19/20, To Grant the Allowance of a Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday, for 2020, Beginning on Friday Morning at 12:01 a.m., February 21, 2020, and Ending at 12:00 Midnight, on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to adopt and approve all Six (6) Items for Consent Agenda. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve and adopt the Six (6) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were six affirmative votes for all Items on Consent Agenda; one nay vote on Item 2, and one abstention on Item 2. Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote on Item 2. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting on Item 2. During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "I vote 'yes', on 1, 'no' on 2; we have grant writers, Alabama Tombigbee, Henry Thompson, Teresa Carter, and Ray Hogg of Planning & Development; this \$60,000.00

for a Grant Writer, I think, is wasted money; 'yes' on 3, 4, 5, and 6." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I vote 'yes' on all, except 2; I abstain on Item 2."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated at this time, the "Chair" will entertain a motion to approve the Agenda, and asked for a "motion" from the "floor". A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the agenda, as written. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This Item is *Continued*.

MAYOR'S REPORT (NO REPORT DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that "Selma" will be 200 years old, and that there are some plans being made for some things for Selma on "December 4, 2020", and that she is asking the Council to "Save the Date" for the Amphitheater for us to have some things for our City, on December 4, 2020. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she does realize that some of them may not be on the Council on "December 4, 2020"; that she will not be on the Council, but that she does still plan to be a part of some things for our City, in "Celebration" of our City. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she has talked with Mrs. Sheryl Smedley of the Chamber, and she will be working on some things for the "Birthday" of our City, as well. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to "Save the Date", for the use of the "Amphitheater", for Thursday, December 3, 2020, and the Weekend of December 4, December 5, December 6, and December 7, 2020, in "Celebration" for "Selma's Bicentennial Birthday". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Councilwoman Thomas stated that every year during the Holidays, Ward 7 gives back to the Community, and on December 21st, they will be having their last Ward Meeting of the year, which will be held at Ward Chapel Church, 811 Philpot Avenue, beginning at 12:00 noon, until 3:00 p.m. Councilwoman Thomas stated that they will also be giving back to "needy" Families, that need help at Christmas! Councilwoman Thomas "invited" all of her Constituents to come and be a part of the Ward Meeting! Councilwoman Thomas "announced" that the "Angels of Love" will be having a Program on this Saturday at the Convention Center, December 21st, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Councilwoman Thomas "invited" Everyone to come and be a part of this Program, as well! Councilwoman Thomas stated that "Keep Alabama Beautiful" has been a part of Selma for the last 3 years, and that we want our City to be "Litter Free"! Councilwoman Thomas stated to Council that she would like to "Sponsor", along with the Council Members, a Resolution, making "Selma Litter Free", encouraging our Children and Adults to not throw trash out into our City. Would like for the Council to be a part of this, "Kick Off" for "2020". Councilwoman Thomas stated that she wanted to also "Thank" Morgan Academy, and the Coach, for helping to "Keep Selma Clean"!

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that Ward 4, had its "11th Annual State of the Ward Address", that she wanted to "Thank" all of the Council Members who were in attendance. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that she wanted to also "Thank" their "New" Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Carneetie Ellison, who has "hit the ground running"! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they also "Honored" Outstanding Citizens; that Four (4) were "Honored" last night, and that the "Highest Award" is the "Butterfly Award"! Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the Four (4) Citizens "Recognized" last night were, as follow: (1) Ms. Seniqua Smith, "Thinking Outside the Box Award"; (2) Ms. Keeshandra Tripp, "Being A Friend to the Children Award"; (3) Mr. Matthew Rhaheem Smith, III, "Positively Selma Award", and (4) Pastor John Grayson, "Humanitarian Award", who "Feeds and 'Clothes' Thousands of People 'Per' Week". Councilwoman Benjamin also "Acknowledged, and Thanked" Mr. Adam Powell and the Selma Times-Journal, for being "present", and the "Newspaper Article" that was presented on behalf of Ward 4's "11th Annual State of the Ward" Event. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie and the Council that she will be "texting" the date of their "Nursing Home" Visit!

Councilman Johnson stated that he wanted to "Thank" Ms. Hiawatha McGee, her Daughter, and the Crew, for what they do, to help "Keep Selma Clean", and not charge anything for doing so. Councilman Johnson stated that he just wanted to show some "Love" and "Thanks" to her for doing a great job!

Mr. Collins Pettaway, III, Representative
U.S. Census Bureau
Re: "Census, 2020"

Mrs. Cynthia Perkins, Parent Engagement Specialist
Selma City Schools
Re: Selma City Schools' Request

SELECTION OF POLICE CHIEF, CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA

President Bowie stated to Council that, at this time, we're going to make the Selection for our next Police Chief. President Bowie stated that he would like to "Thank" the Committee (Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilwoman Benjamin, and Councilman Leashore; that he thinks it was a great process! All Three (3) Candidates did an excellent job. Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Mr. President, I do appreciate the process. Mr. President, Would like to "thank" you for the work that you've done, in setting this up, along with Councilwoman Youngblood and Councilwoman Thomas. Would like to "Thank" the Candidates. My recommendation and my motion is going to be the same, and is for the person that I voted for not long ago. We've tried a lot of things and we've tried a lot of People from different places, but we have someone among us, who can handle this, and more than capable of doing the job. I sat in on all of the interviews during the interview sessions, and I appreciate the Candidates. My recommendation is going to be for Lt. Kenta Fulford, who has a vested interest in our community; "Peer Review" is very important, and have talked with a lot of his "Peers", and they are all saying, resounding, that he is the one. I feel as though this particular candidate is going to bring unity within the Police Department, and we need that, for our community; we also need someone who is going to build relationships in the community; someone who can help building public trust. With that being said, I'd like to make a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to appoint Lt. Kenta Fulford, as our new City of Selma, Police Chief. Councilman Leashore stated, "Mr. President, that process that you and the Committee put in place was a good process. The Final process was that all Three (3) be made available to this Council. The Accolades that were just stated by my Colleague, I concur with, but all Six of those Candidates possess the same qualities. Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Mr. President, I have a right to this "motion"; nothing was put in place. Councilman Leashore stated, "That's not true, Mr. President. You outlined that process. Mr. President you stated that the 3 Top Candidates of the Group would be available to this Council, and I think it would be unjust to not make them available to us. Councilwoman Benjamin stated, Mr. President, you did make the Candidates available and all Three (3) Candidates were made available to the Public Meeting. You did, and you followed through, and I appreciate it, Mr. President, and my "motion" is on the "floor". Councilwoman Jackson stated that this is the same process that they went by in selecting the new Fire Chief; a "motion" was put on the "floor", and they "voted". I think we've had enough time, and should move forward on this. Councilwoman Thomas stated, "This Public Safety Committee had Six (6) Candidates, and they heard from all Six (6) Candidates. They looked at all Six (6) Resumes, and they chose the "Top 3" Candidates. Everybody had an opportunity to come; that they put a lot of time in this. It's not about them personally, it's about what's best for the City of Selma." Councilwoman Youngblood stated, "Every single council Member could have, and should have done their diligence, and have done as far as I know. As for me, I did. One of the things that we looked at was whether the Applicant would be supported by the Department. I also called References; some had Law Enforcement experience that offered references. We need somebody who knows Selma, Alabama, whose been here, and is going to be here. We need somebody who knows the People, and a "Department", who is going to be supportive of that Person. That's what I went by. It's truly an honor to me to have them serve all of us. I have nothing 'ill' to say about any of them. I Prayed a lot about it, and that's just what I want to say. There was no conspiracy about anybody. I came 180 degrees, from where I first went in, with this. So, that is where I came from." Councilman Leashore stated, "Mr. President, I'm going on record to say, the process was unfair. If you recall, I told the "Selma Times-Journal", several weeks back, that the 'fix' was in. Apparently, that 'fix' is going to 'play' out tonight. I, too, sat in on all of the Interviews because I wanted to make a fair and impartial decision as to who would lead the 'SPD'. Not only were the Candidates important to me but the City of Selma deserved the best Candidate who had applied to do the job. If I was a Candidate I'd feel some indifference as to the way this has been handled. Finally, I was told that that the Candidate would be presented to the entire Council before a decision would be made by this Council. Chief Graham was selected by this Council; by all 9 members. Chief Graham's situation cannot compare to this one. If I was a candidate I would feel slighted. In my humble opinion all six Candidates possess the same qualities as Lt. Fulford. And, in my humble opinion any one of those six, would serve Selma well. And one other Candidate other than Lt. Fowlkes, has roots in Selma. Councilwoman Youngblood stated to President Bowie, "Mr. President, I think I should just rescind my "second", and we call the roll, and let People vote on each Candidate." President Bowie stated, "No; because should Lt. Fulford not get 5 votes, we'll go to the next Candidate automatically anyway." President Bowie called for the Roll Call Vote on the "motion" made by Councilwoman Benjamin, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to take action on the recommendation to appoint Lt. Kenta Fulford, as the Police Chief, for the City of Selma. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council. There were seven affirmative votes, one nay vote, and one abstention. Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote. President Bowie abstained from voting. During roll call, President Bowie stated, "At this time, I'm going to have to abstain; it may be a

conflict." During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "For all of the reasons stated earlier, I am voting 'yes.'" During roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin stated, "Yes, and I'm ready to Congratulate our new Police Chief." During roll call, Councilman Randolph stated, "I'm going to vote a 'Big Yes.'" During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "My vote is for Dr. Stephanie Stewart, who is the most qualified of the Six (6) Candidates. My vote is 'No' for Lt. Fulford." During roll call, Councilwoman Thomas stated, "Before I give my vote, I want to say that Lt. Fulford is a 'Community Person'; I've seen him in our City, and our Community; driving through our Community. That's what we need; somebody who cares about our Community. And, I must vote 'yes'."

Following the above roll call, a "Resounding Round of Applause", as well as, a Standing Ovation were extended to "Newly Appointed Police Chief, Kenta Fulford"! We "Offer" Congratulations and Best Wishes to Chief of Police, Kenta Fulford, on his Appointment, as Police Chief. "Warm Remarks", as well as, "Expressions of Gratitude" were "Extended" by Newly Appoint, Police Chief, Kenta Fulford! "Warm Remarks, and "Congratulations" were made, and "Extended" by the Council Members to Police Chief Kenta Fulford, on his "New Appointment", as Chief of Police, for the City of Selma!

"Congratulations and Best Wishes", Chief of Police, Kenta Fulford!

RESOLUTION #R103-19/20 - Splash Pad.

President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them Resolution #R103-19/20, Authorization to Award the Construction of the Splash Pad. President Bowie further stated that the funds will be paid through an ADECA Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00, with a match of \$75,000.00 on behalf of the City, with the remaining balance to be paid from Community Reinvestment Funds needed for match, regarding this Project. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve Resolution #R103-19/20, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Authorization to Award Splash Pad Construction. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

ONE TIME RAISE

President Bowie stated to Council that, at this time, he would like to put a "motion" on the "floor" that they move forward on the "One Time Raise" for the Employees, which was seconded by Councilman Randolph. Further, Police and Fire Department Employees are not eligible for the "One Time Raise" due to the fact that the Police and Fire Department Employees are already getting a raise. President Bowie asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, if the total was in the amount of \$120,000.00, for the "One Time Raise?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated that the total for the One Time Raise was, \$120,777.00. During discussion, Councilman Leashore stated that he is not against the raise for the Employees, but that he thought that they were on the same page, that they would fix a Budget, that they can work with. Councilman Leashore stated, "I'm strongly concerned. Let's work quick, fast and in a hurry, and get us a Budget, and then we can move forward with it." President Bowie asked, "Do we not have a Budget, Ms. Wade?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "We've got a Budget." Councilman Leashore stated, "It is a continuous 'resolution'; that's what it is." Ms. Wade stated, "My understanding is, you agreed to approve the same Budget, from the previous Year Budget. You also discussed making Amendments, and I have a list of "recommendations" by each Department, as well as, 'recommendations' from the Council Members. From that list, we were going to have a conversation so that you all could decide from that List, what would be implemented, in the Budget process. This was my understanding; correct me, if I'm wrong." Councilman Leashore stated, "By Constitutional Law, we are required annually to fix a Budget. There was a Budget presented by the Mayor, that wasn't voted 'up', but it wasn't voted 'down'. I still say we have time to formulate a Budget. Once again, I'm not 'blocking' a raise for the Employees, but we need a Budget to see where we are with our monies." Councilwoman Benjamin asked Ms. Wade, "Madam Treasurer, are you able to tell us where we are with our Budget?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "Actually, I provide you with a report every month, of our Bank Accounts, and Expenditures, and I also ask you to "ask" me any questions or concerns that you may have, every month that I provide the information to you." Councilwoman Benjamin asked Ms. Wade, "Did you calculate the Raise for the Employees, on what you saw in the Budget?" Ms. Wade answered, and stated, "Yes." Councilwoman Thomas stated, "At first I was skeptical about giving a 'Bonus' to the Employees because you don't see their salaries increase, when you give a 'Bonus', but I had to do a little research, and I found out that the Auburn Pay Plan Study has never moved forward, even though there have been Three (3) Administrators in our HR Department, that was supposed to be working on this, with them. I talked to the 'Lady', personally myself, and she said that the last person in the HR Department that she was working with was Mr. Sean VanDiver, and now he's gone. He left her, 'high and dry'. I'm making my decision today because of what I was told. They don't have any information on any of the Departments; she's been calling and calling him, trying to speak with him, and not getting through. We cannot play with these People's livelihood. So, based on that, I will be making my decision on that because these People need the help. President Bowie, I prayed about this, and after talking with that Lady at the Auburn Pay Plan Study, I feel I must vote for this." Councilman Johnson stated, "My only concern is that, if we vote for this, it will not in any way affect those People who are laid off, and their opportunity to come back to work." Ms. Wade stated, "No Sir; in no form or fashion. We have money in salaries that has been saved as a result of the City not

being 'fully staffed'. In addition to that, the Revenue is not far off from where I've projected it to be." Councilman Johnson stated, "Well, I'm good. Mr. President, when we make this vote, we need to make sure that it is understood that it is a 'One Time Raise', and that it is not guaranteed that this will occur next year, and thereafter." President Bowie called for the Roll Call Vote for the "motion" on the "floor", which was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Randolph, for the "One Time Raise", for this Fiscal Year, 2020. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one nay vote. Councilman Leashore cast a nay vote.

FIRE REPORT

President Bowie asked Fire Chief Chris Graham to come forward, and address the Council with an "Update and Status", of the Fire Department. Chief Graham addressed the Council, and stated that he would like to ask the "Fire Recruits" that have just completed Training at the Fire College, and the "New Hires", to come forward, to be "Introduced" to the Council:

The "Fire Recruits" are as follow: Fire Fighters, Tarrence Lee, Brandon Taylor-Warren, Joseph Brown, DesKendray Blake, and Jonathon Johnson; "New Hires", Fire Fighters, Dillon Blanks, Andrew Campbell, and Noah Robinson.

*We "Extend and Offer, Congratulations" and a "Round of Applause" to the "Fire Recruits",
and the "New Hires" for the Selma Fire Department!*

Following Chief Grahams' Report, Comments and Remarks were made by Council Members. Chief Graham also asked Assistant Fire Chief, Franklin Edwards, to come forward, to be "Introduced" to the Council, as the "Newly Appointed", Assistant Fire Chief! We "Extend and Offer, Congratulations" and a "Round of Applause" to Assistant Fire Chief, Franklin Edwards, as well!

During Fire Chief Graham's Report, he made the following "Recommendation" to the Council, as it relates to the Battalion Chief's Position:

RECOMMENDATION OF "BATTALION CHIEF" FROM A "MERITED" POSITION, TO AN "APPOINTED" POSITION. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to approve to move forward on the Recommendation of the "Battalion Chief", from a "Merited" Position, to an "Appointed" Position. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "Yes, but I make the recommendation that we get a Resolution, to know exactly what we're voting on."

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Wade addressed the Council, and stated that she would like to start with the Revenue Report. Ms. Wade stated, "For the Month Ending in November, 2019, Sales Tax was reported at \$784,728.00, down from the previous Year by \$7,131.59; Lodging Tax was \$26,950.00, up by \$1,986.00 from the previous Year; Tobacco Tax was \$23,997.00, up by \$1,480.00 from the previous Year; Lodging Surcharge Tax for the month of November was \$6,694.00, up by \$1,190.00 from the previous Year; One-Half Cent Sales Tax was \$98,091.00, down by \$891.00, from the previous Year, and Simplified Seller Use Tax was \$49,530.00, up by \$37,343.00." Ms. Wade stated that the Total Revenue Y-T-D for the General Fund was, \$2,385,360.35, and Total Expenses Y-T-D was, \$2,191,234.27, which means spending was under the Projected Budgeted Amount of Revenue, by \$194,126.08. Ms. Wade stated that Councilman Leashore had asked for an "update" as it relates to the Fixed Assets Services' Company. Ms. Wade stated that a Representative came down last week, and that they conducted an "Inventory" of our Fixed Assets, and what they found was that they had "overlooked" the Dinkins Pool, and the Safe Room located on J. L. Chestnut Blvd. Ms. Wade further stated that the IT Director, Ms. Curtis, was out sick, and they were not able to do "Tags" in her Department. Ms. Wade stated that she did not see the Wilson Building, or the Police Department's Training Building, on their list, and that it is important that they get all of what we have on their List. Ms. Wade also stated that there is supposed to be a "storage place" on Old Orrville Road, as well, but that she is not familiar with it. Ms. Wade stated that it would be her "recommendation" that they come back, and do "inventory" on the Departments, and "Assets" that they were not able to on last week. Ms. Wade stated that she had spoken with the Manager, and that she is going to get with her "Team", and that they are going to try to rearrange to come back down; that they want to make sure that they don't miss anything else, when they come back, so that all of our Assets can be "tagged" properly. Ms. Wade further stated that she wants to make sure that when they come back, that nothing gets "overlooked". Councilman Leashore stated to President Bowie and the Council, that he wanted to "commend" Ms. Wade, for her due diligence on this, making sure that our Fixed Assets are going to be kept up in a satisfactory manner, that she has shown that in her interaction with the Company thus far. Councilman Leashore further stated that he thinks, from this point on, that Ms. Wade will be the "Contact

Person" with the Fixed Assets' Team, to ensure that our Fixed Assets are handled correctly, and ensure that the "Little" Assets that we have are being kept properly. Ms. Wade stated that she was contacted today by "Standards & Pools", as it relates to the Bond Rating, and that they had requested some information on some questions that they have. Ms. Wade stated to Council that she will forward those "questions", to the Council, as well, and that one of the "questions" is with regard to the "2018, Audit", and other "questions" dealt with the most recent Budget to Actual, and Bank Statements for major Funds. Ms. Wade stated to Council that this information is within their packet of information that she just "passed" out to them. Ms. Wade further stated to Council that the "2019, Audit" is near "Completion", but that we're behind on it. Ms. Wade stated that on December 4th, she finished everything on the Audit that they were asking of her. Ms. Wade stated to Council that she will be meeting with Dallas County, on tomorrow, at 9:00 a.m., as it relates to the Weed & Seed Grant Application; that Former Police Chief Green asked her to attend this meeting, along with Judge Maggie Drake-Peterson, and Interim Police Chief King. Councilman Leashore asked Ms. Wade, if some of the money has been spent from the Grant? Ms. Wade answered, and stated, that there has been money spent for salaries, that's in the process of being "drawn down", and also money has been spent on Police Vehicles. Ms. Wade stated that she spoke with Interim Police Chief Green about them, and he stated that they should be delivered by the first of the Year, and that they have been paid for, out of last Year's Budget Year, and covered that cost. Councilman Leashore asked Ms. Wade to please bring back a report to the Council, as to Funds that have been expended already, and she stated that she would do so; that she will have to get with Interim Police Chief Green, to see what else has been spent, in addition to the salaries and vehicles, and what other costs are to be expended. Ms. Wade stated that Mr. Stephen Morris, of Morris Consulting Company and Ingenuity, are working on a report for the Council, to see what kind of cost-savings that could happen for us as it relates to utilities and telecommunication services. Ms. Wade further stated that she got a call from Mr. Morris, and that they are in the process of collecting the data that they need, in order to move forward.

Ms. Wade stated that Councilman Leashore had asked about the monies that were allocated out of Gas Tax last year for Street Repairs. Ms. Wade stated that we always budget \$15,000.00 for the Gas Tax, and that she initially requested that they take it up to \$110,000.00, which will be \$100,000.00 for the Street Maintenance, and \$10,000.00 for the lighting. Ms. Wade stated, of that \$100,000.00 that was allocated for the Budget, only \$14,200.00 was requested, and that was requested by Councilwoman Jannie Thomas. Ms. Wade stated if Council wants to re-allocate \$100,000.00 this year which she thinks would not be a bad idea, they can afford that from the State Gas Tax. Ms. Wade stated to Council that they can move forward and vote on it, and then decide how they want to allocate it. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by President Bowie, to approve to re-allocate \$100,000.00 this year for Gas Tax. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

Ms. Wade asked the Council to look over the "Recommendations", for the "Amendments", that had been asked of her to make, and whenever the Finance Committee is ready to meet, to please let her know. Councilman Leashore stated that the Council that he is stressing that they meet, "quick, fast and in a hurry"; that this Council needs to assemble, and address this Budget, and be prepared to vote on it. President Bowie stated that the Council will have a meeting on January 6th, to discuss this Item. Councilman Leashore asked that they, as a Council, also ask the Mayor to be a part of the meeting, as well. Ms. Wade stated, "Please allow me to say this about the Budget Process; everything that has transpired with me, prior to this Administration, and with the 'former' Administration, is that the Budget Process always involves the Treasurer, because Department Heads, with good intentions, will request all of what they need to the Council, but the requests that they are asking doesn't necessarily match up. So, that's why it is important to involve someone, even if I'm not here, that is familiar with the Budget Process, and who knows how to articulate what's going on."

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

Councilman Randolph was absent at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

Made a report./No Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report earlier./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

Councilwoman Jackson was absent at this time. (We Pray for a "Speedy Recovery" for Councilwoman Jackson's Son, John Michael, who has been diagnosed with the Flu, and is currently being admitted into the Hospital!)

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report. ("Closing Remarks" made earlier.)

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

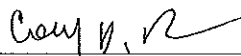
OTHER NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- January 14, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



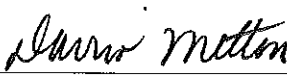
COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:



IVYS S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, Mayor

MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 10, 2019
5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,
Ward 3

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey D. Bowie, and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Susan M. Youngblood, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert-Jackson, Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison and Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer. Councilman Samuel Randolph was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

*The "Character Trait" for this Month is "Responsibility":
Knowing and Doing What is Expected of Me.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated to Council that they should have before them, Consent Agenda Items, a Total of Three (3) Items, for consideration. President Bowie further stated to Council that they can remove an Item, or Items, from the Consent Agenda, at any point and time if they would like to, for more discussion of said Item and/or Items, and to vote on separately.

President Bowie named the List of Items placed on Consent Agenda, as follows:

- (1) To Approve Mr. Michael Pettaway, At No Cost to the City, to Cut and Remove the Wood from New Live Oak Cemetery.
- (2) To Approve a Film Permit for Fork Films for a Documentary on the Sites of the Civil Rights Movement on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- (3) To Approve the Following Contracts with the Contract for Azimuth being placed on 1st Reading (Per President Bowie, no Liability Insurance being required because no construction or intense labor is involved); Carriage Hill Landscaping; \$8,000.00; John Woods Construction, \$11,300.00, and \$4,750.00; Colston Outdoors, Inc., \$4,500.00 (Sidewalk) and \$4,000.00 (Grass Cutting); Mr. Robert Phillips, \$550.00, and Mr. Frank Middleton, \$500.00 and \$175.00.

President Bowie stated, at this point and time, the "Chair" would entertain a "motion" to adopt and approve all Three (3) Items for Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Jackson asked that Consent Agenda Item #3 be "Removed", for further discussion. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve and adopt the remaining Two (2) Items on Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes for the remaining Two (2) Items on Consent Agenda, and one Abstention. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council President Bowie stated at this time, the "Chair" will entertain a motion to approve the Agenda, and asked for a "motion" from the "floor". A motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the agenda, 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, Council President Bowie stated to the Council that they should have before them, several sets of Minutes; September 10, 2019, September 24, 2019, September 30, 2019, October 7, 2019, October 8, 2019, October 22, 2019 and October 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes. President Bowie stated that it is his hope that Everyone has had an opportunity to peruse the Minutes. President Bowie asked the Council, if they wanted to approve all sets of Minutes, simultaneously, or if they wanted to "vote" on them, separately? It was the *Consensus* of the Council Members, to "vote" on the Minutes, simultaneously. President Bowie asked the Council Members to please peruse the Minutes, in order to take action at Monday's Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve said sets of Minutes, simultaneously. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

MAYOR'S REPORT (NO REPORT DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Benjamin stated that the 11th Annual, Ward 4 State of the Ward Address will be on Monday, December 16th, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center. Everyone is "invited" to come! Councilwoman Benjamin also stated that this year she will be asking the Council Members for donations if they can, to "Pack a Care Package" for the Nurses who will be on "duty" during the Christmas Holidays. Councilwoman Benjamin said that she would also like to do a "Package" for the Children who are in the Hospital during the Christmas Holidays, as well. Councilwoman Benjamin stated that they will also be "visiting" the Nursing Homes, and as soon as she gets a "date" from the Nursing Homes, she will be "passing" that along in the event some of the Council Members can "visit" the Nursing Homes with her.

Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she is working on a "Project", and will be contacting People to meet with, as it relates to "refreshing" some of the Public Building "Sites". Councilwoman Youngblood further stated that she is working on the Contract for the Welcome Center, and will have it for the December 17th Council Meeting, after our City Attorney, Mr. Graham, has had a chance to look at it. Councilwoman Youngblood stated that she has also been in communication with Mr. Henry Thompson, Director, Office of Planning & Development, about it, as well.

Councilwoman Thomas stated that the deadline for the Arbor Day Contest is Friday, January 24, 2020. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that 5th Graders at Payne School, Clark School, and Knox School, will be a part of the Contest. Councilwoman Thomas stated that the Little "Baby" that got hit by the car on Broad Street is a part of her Family, our Community and Church Family. Councilwoman Thomas further stated that his name is Van Murphy, III, and he's in the Hospital in Birmingham. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she would like to show his Family support, and would like for her Colleagues to go with her, to visit Van. Councilwoman Thomas stated that he resides between her Ward and Councilman Randolph's Ward. Councilwoman Thomas stated that "Little Van" is recovering with the Prayers of Everybody! Councilwoman Thomas asked Everyone to continue Praying for "Little Van", and to keep him in our "thoughts" over the Holidays! We are Praying for "Little Van's" Complete Recovery! Councilwoman Thomas also "announced" that they will be having their last Ward Meeting for Ward 7, on Saturday, December 21st. Councilwoman Thomas "invited" Everyone to come, and be a part of this Event; that they will be "Giving Back to the Community", and showing "Love" to "Unfortunate Families" who are struggling, during this Ward Meeting, and "Celebrating" with these Families.

Councilman Johnson "echoed", and stated that he has also been in communication with the Family of "Little Van", and that he is also asking the Council to consider giving a donation to the Family, as well. Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to "Thank" Everyone who assisted him with the Thanksgiving Dinner; Mr. Earl Ashe, Rev. Stallworth and his Congregation, and all of the Volunteers!

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Mr. Tom Headley
Re: "Request for Information" Form

FINANCE REPORT

President Bowie stated to Council that he asked Ms. Ronita Wade, City Treasurer, to "carry over" the Finance Report until the next Council Meeting, since we're not on the Radio on tonight. President Bowie also asked Mrs. Carneetie Ellison to send a copy of the Letter where he asked Ms. Kim Lewis, Tax Collector, to be present at tonight's Council Meeting, to each Council Member, as well. Councilwoman Thomas stated to

President Bowie, that this is important to her, and the City of Selma; "when we pay revenue into the City of Selma we need to know what's being collected. Everybody comes; we have our Clerk and Treasurer; our Chief of Police and Fire Chief, here to make reports during the Council Meetings. We have made a major request that the Tax Collector is here, to give us a report on all of the funds being collected in that Office, because that person is up under the Council. I think the City of Selma is entitled to know what is being spent, and how much money is coming in to the City, in terms of revenue. I think that if People don't want to come and give a report about the tax revenue that's coming in to this City, then maybe we need to remove it over to what was suggested before, this Body of the Council, and let the Attorney collect our tax money, and pay a percentage, and the other part of the office, for Business Licensing, and other business operations, that the employees report to work under Ms. Wade. This should not be like this; we should not have to keep begging for her to come. We are being disrespected when the Tax Collector who is collecting this money doesn't want to respond to the "Body". Councilwoman Thomas stated that they sometimes have to stand "tall" and do what's best for the City. President Bowie stated that sometimes you have to set a "paper trail", too. Councilwoman Benjamin stated to President Bowie that we have Two (2) of our Appointments here; we have our City Clerk, our City Treasurer, and our Chief, Chief King, and they are here at "our" request.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3:

CONTRACT - AZIMUTH - 1ST READING ONLY:

During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Jackson, and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin, to approve the Contract of Azimuth, for 1st Reading. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "Yes, for 1st Reading Only."

CONTRACT - CARRIAGE HILL LANDSCAPING:

During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Jackson, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve the Contract of Carriage Hill Landscaping, in the amount of \$8,000.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council Members present. There were seven affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I wasn't here for Work Session; I abstain." Following said roll call, Councilwoman Benjamin asked Councilwoman Thomas, to please find out who will be "edging" up, and cutting the grass, and bring back a report, at our next Council Meeting. Councilwoman Thomas stated that she would do so.

CONTRACT - JOHN AND JERRY WOODS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY:

During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Thomas, and seconded by Councilwoman Youngblood, to approve the Contract of John and Jerry Woods Construction Company, in the amount of \$11,300.00 and \$4,750.00, via Councilwoman Thomas' and President Bowie's Oil Lease Funds. 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 two abstentions. Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "Councilwoman, thank you for your hard work. But, you know I abstain from any of those Contracts." During roll call, Councilman Leashore stated, "I'm going to say 'Yes', but Mr. President, you know we had agreed to divide the gasoline tax and we're waiting for Ms. Wade to tell us what amount this Council will have. So, my vote is 'Yes'." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I wasn't here for the Work Session; I have to abstain from it."

CONTRACT - COLSTON OUTDOORS:

During discussion, a motion was made by President Bowie, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the Contract of Colston Outdoors, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the Sidewalk Cave-In on Water Avenue, and \$4,000.00 for Grass Cutting in Wards 7, 6, 5, and 8. 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 two abstentions. Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "As previously stated, I don't vote on Contracts I haven't read. Thank you for your service." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I wasn't here for the Work Session; I abstain."

CONTRACT - MR. ROBERT PHILLIPS:

During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilman Bowline, to approve Contract of Mr. Robert Phillips in the amount of \$500.00, to pick up garbage in Ward 6. 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 two abstentions. Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "I abstain; another Contract that hasn't been read over." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I have to abstain."

CONTRACT - MR. FRANK MIDDLETON:

During discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the Contract of Mr. Frank Middleton, in the amount of \$500.00, and \$175.00 (Removal of Animals at the Animal Shelter). 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 two abstentions. Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Johnson abstained from voting. During roll call, Councilwoman Jackson stated, "Same reason as before, I abstain." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "I have to abstain."

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REMARKS

RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Michael Johnson, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Chairperson

Made a report earlier./Closing Remarks.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - Councilman Samuel Randolph, Chairperson

Councilman Randolph was absent from tonight's Council Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Councilman Carl Bowline, Chairperson

No Report./No Remarks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

Made a report. (President Bowie stated that on next week, they will be voting out of Three (3) Finalists, for our Police Chief. Councilwoman Benjamin made a report, in the absence of Council President Bowie, that on this afternoon, the "Meet and Greet", went very well; that the "Top 3 Candidates" made Presentations to the "Public", and presented themselves very well.)

PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Councilwoman Miah Jackson, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

SELMA-DALLAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS - Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Chairperson

No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Council President Corey D. Bowie, Chairperson

No Report./Closing Remarks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

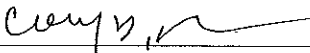
EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Chairperson

Made a report./Closing Remarks.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- December 17, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Bowline, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



COREY D. BOWIE, *Council President*

ATTEST:



IVY S. HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



DARRIO MELTON, *Mayor*

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED
SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2019
4:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilwoman Miah Jackson,
Ward 3

ROLL CALL

The Selma City Council met in a Special Called Session on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., with the following Council Members present during roll call: Council President Corey Bowie and Council Members, Councilman Carl Bowline, Councilwoman Susan Youngblood, Councilwoman Miah Tolbert Jackson, Councilman Johnnie Leashore, Councilwoman Jannie Thomas, and Councilman Michael Johnson. Others present were City Clerk Ivy S. Harrison, and the City Treasurer, Ronita Wade. Councilwoman Angela Benjamin and Councilman Samuel Randolph were absent from the Council Meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

I. Interim Police Chief

Councilman Leashore stated that it would be a very wise decision to keep some civility on the force, and give Captain King the chance of running the Police Department until the next Administration is in place. Councilman Leashore further stated that it is very crucial to keep the Selma Police Department intact. President Bowie stated that we need to move forward with the process; that there are other "avenues" for the Public Safety Committee that they're looking at. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she "Concurs", with Councilman Leashore; however, his heartfelt recommendation should've been brought before the Committee. Councilwoman Jackson stated that Captain King chose not to apply for the position, and that she does not know who the "Top 3" are. Councilwoman Jackson stated that she was not part of the process, but that she read over the Resumes, and would like to see that Process, "played out". Councilwoman Thomas stated that every Council Member had a chance to serve on the Board when they did the Interviews. Councilwoman Thomas stated that each of the Six (6) Candidates came, and they agreed to select the "Top 3". Councilwoman Thomas stated that Captain King has served for many years, and does not know why he didn't apply, but that he did not apply. Councilwoman Thomas stated that they "moved" on with the Fire Department, and that she thinks that they should do the same with the Police Chief. Councilwoman Thomas stated, "We need to keep our Police Department together." Councilman Johnson stated that it wasn't about whether or not Captain King applied, but that what he's hearing is that there may or may not be a "new" Administration and that he would hate to see a "new" Chief in place, and all of a sudden he is no longer the "Police Chief", due to the Administration changing. President Bowie stated, "It's like the Department Heads; they're month-to-month." Councilman Leashore stated, "You live and you learn. I had the opportunity to sit in on most of the Interviews. It didn't occur to me that there may be a "new Mayor", who may want to select his own "Chief". It really didn't occur to me that there could be strong possibility, and probability, that there will be a 'new Mayor and a new Council, and they make their own decisions concerning appointments. At this point, it would be a wise and prudent decision to appoint Captain King, "Interim" for the next 8 months." Councilwoman Youngblood stated, "All of the Six (6) Candidates could do a good job. Johnny King knows that we have a Friendship, as well as, a Professional Relationship. I would be delighted to 'appoint' him as the Interim Police Chief. In the interest of providing the best safety for Citizens, some time ago, the Council approved a request to approve a Contract for John Brock. The City Attorney kept it in his desk, and it was not executed. I'm going to ask that the Council go ahead to agree to move forward with executing the contract, but we will 'Table' the Contract for John Brock, until Tuesday." During discussion, Councilman Leashore, "Mr. President, I have a 'motion' on the 'floor', to be voted, 'up or down', but for the record, my recommendation is that Captain King be the Interim Police Chief, for the duration of this Administration." A motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Council Johnson, to approve to appoint Captain Johnny King, to serve as Interim Police Chief, for the duration of this Administration. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed for lack of a majority vote of the Council

Members present. There was one affirmative vote, one "pass" vote, and five nay votes. Councilman Bowline 'passed' on voting. President Bowie, Councilwoman Youngblood, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Thomas, and Councilman Johnson cast a nay vote. During roll call, Councilwoman Youngblood stated, "I have just had a conversation with Captain King, and we have a process in place that's been in place since August. Considering that, and considering, above all else, my conversation with Johnny King who we should've consulted and considered prior to now; but, at this time, my vote is 'no'." During roll call, Councilman Johnson stated, "Both comments made by President Bowie and Councilman Leashore made sense, because what Councilman Leashore stated does make sense, and what President Bowie said about the process already being in place, is correct; I also go along with what Councilwoman Youngblood stated. So, my vote at this time will be 'No'." Following the initial roll call, Councilman Bowline cast a vote, which was a "nay" vote. Therefore, there was one affirmative vote and six nay votes. Following the above roll call, a motion was made by Councilwoman Youngblood, and seconded by Councilman Johnson, to appoint Captain Johnny King, Interim Police Chief, until January, 2020. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present. During roll call, Councilwoman Youngblood stated, "After talking with my Chief King, my vote is 'Yes'."

Following the above roll call, "Congratulations" was "Extended" to Interim Police Chief, Johnny King. The Council made "Comments". Interim Police Chief King "Thanked" President Bowie and the Council Members, for their "Confidence" in him, and also made "Comments". During his "Comments", Interim Police Chief King stated to Council that he is here primarily for "Love" for our "Beloved City of Selma!"
"Many Thanks to You, Interim Police Chief King!"

II. Contract to Pay Umpires

Councilman Johnson stated to President Bowie that the Contract that they have before them is for the Umpires to be paid. President Bowie asked if the Contract was for, "Certified Umpires"? Councilman Johnson answered, and stated, "Yes". Councilwoman Jackson stated that she thought that the Contract would be placed on, "1st Read", so that the Council would have an opportunity to review them. Councilman Johnson stated that this Contract is just as the previous Contracts that the Council has done for "Grass Cutting", etc. Councilwoman Thomas asked if this is something that we have had to have approved before? Councilman Johnson answered, and stated that he was told that it was something that we need, in order to move forward on. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve to pay the Certified Umpires who have not been paid for their services. 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. Councilwoman Jackson abstained. During roll call, Councilwoman Thomas stated, "For the record, based on what the former Chairperson of the Recreation Committee said, my vote will be 'Yes'."

III. Christmas Holidays

President Bowie stated that customarily they give Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for Christmas Holidays for City Employees. President Bowie further stated that he would like to put on the "Table", and Council come back and "vote" at our next Council Meeting on next Tuesday, that Employees will work on "Christmas Eve, December 24th", and be off for Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, December 25th, Thursday, December 26th, and Friday, December 27th. Councilman Johnson shared with the Council that the Selma Water Works & Sewer Board, have approved to do the same. During discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson, and seconded by Councilman Leashore, to approve the following for Christmas Holidays, for City Employees: Employees work on Christmas Eve, December 24th, and off on Christmas Day, December 25th, Thursday, December 26th, and Friday, December 27th. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council Members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Leashore, and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.


COREY D. BOWIE, Council President

ATTEST:


IVY S. HARRISON, City Clerk

APPROVED:


DARRIO MELTON, Mayor