

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2003**

The Selma City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, August 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: President George P. Evans and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Bennie R. Crenshaw, Benny L. Tucker and James Durry. Others present were Acting City Clerk Lois Williams, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, Mayor James Perkins, Jr. and the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Sherri James. Councilman Randolph was absent from the meeting due to a recent automobile accident. Reverend Lee Goodwin gave the invocation. Councilman Tucker and Councilman Durry both entered the meeting after roll call.

After roll call, President Evans declared a quorum present and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda. President Evans stated that the meeting will be recessed for Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to recess the meeting and proceed into executive session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilman Tucker to resume the recessed meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

I. CH2MHILL RECOMMENDATION

President Evans stated that the Council would like to continue discussions and receive a recommendation from Mayor Perkins as it relates to authorizing Mr. Shannon, of CH2MHILL, to move forward with the risk assessment study to determine the extent of the contamination in the ground area of the ALL-Lock facility and surrounding areas. Mayor Perkins stated that CH2MHILL is requesting \$44,000.00 to complete the risk assessment study and approximately \$5,000.00 for expenses and his recommendation is to request the Council to appropriate \$50,000.00 for the purpose of performing the risk assessment at the ALL-Lock facility. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to approve the appropriation of \$50,000.00 from the sinking fund to pay for the risk assessment study to be conducted by CH2MHILL. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council members present. Councilwoman Martin recused from voting due to personal involvement. Councilwoman Crenshaw was absent from the Chamber when the vote was taken.

II. E-911 UPDATE

President Evans stated that the next matter to be discussed is the E-911 issue, and he understands that the latest developed with the E-911 Board is that they have now extended a contract of some type for the purpose of soliciting employees through the County Sheriff's Department. President Evans stated that he has met with Judge Jones for the purpose of trying to set up a meeting with the County Commission and the City Council, but Judge Jones has not responded with a specific time or date for the meeting. President Evans stated that the E-911 Board has moved forward with purchasing the facility and the tentative opening date has been scheduled for October 1, 2003, so it appears that the E-911's decision has been made as to what they plan to do at this point. President Evans stated that he would like to have discussions from the Council at this time regarding what the Council would like to do at this point. President Evans stated that the City budgeted \$480,000.00 with salaries and benefits for E-911, E-911 paid approximately \$177,500.00 towards this amount, and Dallas County paid \$67,000.00 towards this amount, there were several additional costs paid by E-911 for maintenance on city radios, insurance, training, building maintenance, office supplies, etc. totally \$63,089.00 which were paid out of E-911's own account to assist with the operations of the facility.

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Councilwoman Martin stated that all discussions on this matter seem to lead us right back where we started and she believes that the E-911 Board intends to move forward with the plans they have always proposed. Councilwoman Martin further stated that it appears as though their plans only include the citizens of Dallas County instead of all citizens within the City of Selma, even though all citizens of Selma and Dallas County pay for the service through their telephone bills, she stated that she does not feel the City should pay the \$200,000.00 amount per year, and she also stated that the City should only pay the expense of \$67,000.00, if any, which is what Dallas County has been paying. President Evans stated that E-911 provides services to the district and the district includes Selma, Dallas, Valley Grande, etc. regardless of the area you reside. President Evans stated that all citizens with telephone service pays approximately eighty three cents per month for 911 service, and if the City chooses not to be a part of the E-911 Board's plan, the City would continue to be entitled to the service, but as a ring-down, from the E-911 to the City's designated station. President Evans further stated that if the City chooses to go along with the current plan of the E-911 Board, the City would be liable for expenses of approximately \$215,000.00 for a police and fire employees' wages and benefits plus one third of the utilities. Councilwoman Crenshaw stated that the E-911 Board could solely operate the entire facility and continue to provide the same service to the City as presently provided.

Councilwoman Sewell stated that she is concerned about the continued employment of the current employees and if they will be paid salary and benefits by the E-911 Board. Councilman Sexton stated the employees would be employed with E-911 and their salaries will actually be greater than their present salaries with the City. Mayor Perkins stated they would not have a greater benefit package. Councilman Sexton stated that the E-911 Board is working on the benefits, and the E-911 Board realize that there are one or two benefits that they will have to adjust to match what is provided to the employees by the City.

Mayor Perkins stated that it was really important for all the Council members to have shown up at the last E-911 meeting to fully understand what is going on with this matter. Mayor Perkins stated that it is really important for the Dallas County Commission and the Selma City Council to meet and work out an agreement concerning this matter, because this matter does not include just dealing with the E-911 Board, but this transaction deals with the E-911 Board, the Dallas County government, the Selma City government, and the Valley Grande and Orrville governments. Mayor Perkins stated that the E-911 service stops at the point of receiving the call and taking the information on an emergency and anything after that call, according to the E-911 Board, then becomes the responsibility of the emergency response agency. Mayor Perkins stated that what he has been trying to point out is that we really should not be focusing on the agency, but instead, we should be focusing on whose paying for the service, and whose receiving the service. Mayor Perkins stated that once the matter is looked upon from that perspective, everyone in Dallas County with telephone service pays for 911 services, and everyone who pays taxes to Dallas County should receive whatever service Dallas County provides to everyone else. Mayor Perkins stated that if Dallas County is going to provide complete policing responsibility to Valley Grande, then Dallas County cannot discount Selma and not provide complete response for the City of Selma, and Dallas County cannot charge Selma residents an additional cost that is not charged to other residents who will be receiving the service.

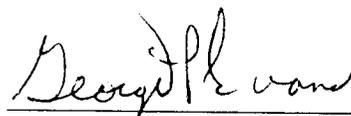
Mayor Perkins further stated that this is why the discussions need to take place between Selma City government and the Dallas County government, because this matter is not really clear. Mayor Perkins stated that with the present structure, everyone who answers phone calls are employed by the City, and the City's employees respond to calls everywhere in the County, and what is happening now is that the E-911 Board has taken their equipment to another location and joined with the County to provide direct services, not ring-downs, to everyone in the County except the City of Selma. Mayor Perkins stated that the City and County governments really

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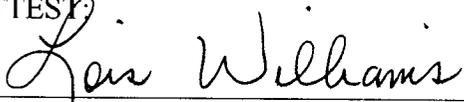
need to meet and iron out this matter. After further discussion, President Evans stated that he did talk with Judge Jones and he indicated that he would set up a meeting with the County Commission, and he will follow up on the scheduling of that meeting today.

There being no other business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Sewell and seconded by Councilwoman Martin, the Council voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.



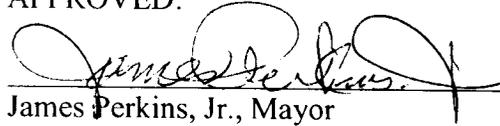
George P. Evans, President

ATTEST



Lois Williams, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:



James Perkins, Jr., Mayor