

**MINUTES OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2008
5:00 P.M.**

OATH OF OFFICE - Swearing-In Ceremony

At 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2008, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Selma were sworn in as follows:

- Mayor George Patrick Evans - Sworn in by Administering Officer Reverend Gary Lamar Crum, Sr.
- Councilman Dr. Cecil Williamson, Ward 1 - Sworn in by Administering Officer Probate Judge Kim Ballard.
- Councilwoman Susan Keith, Ward 2 - Sworn in by Administering Officer District Judge Thomas Jones.
- Councilwoman Dr. Monica Newton, Ward 3 - Sworn in by Administering Officer Former Probate Judge Johnny W. Jones, Jr.
- Councilwoman Angela Benjamin, Ward 4 - Sworn in by Administering Officer Municipal Judge Prince Darius Chestnut.
- Councilman Benny L. Tucker, Ward 6 - Sworn in by Administering Officer State Representative Yusuf Salaam.
- Councilman Corey Bowie, Ward 8 - Sworn in by Administering Officer Municipal Judge Prince Darius Chestnut.

The following Council members were previously sworn in as follows:

- Council President Dr. Geraldine Allen - Absent, but sworn in earlier today by Administering Officer Notary Public Tomika Ervin.
- Councilman Samuel Randolph, Ward 5 - Absent, but sworn in on Friday, October 31, 2008 by Administering Officer Former Mayor James Perkins, Jr.
- Councilwoman Bennie R. Crenshaw, Ward 7 - Absent, but sworn in earlier today by Administering Officer Former Mayor James Perkins, Jr.

Immediately following the Swearing-In Ceremony, The Selma City Council met in an Organizational session in the Larry D. Striplin, Jr. Performing Arts Center - Kitti Windham Theatre on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 5:35 p.m.

Call to Order

Invocation: Councilman Benny L. Tucker

ROLL CALL

The following members were present during roll call: Council members Cecil Williamson, Susan Keith, Monica Newton, Angela Benjamin, Benny L. Tucker and Corey Bowie. Others present were Mayor George Evans, City Clerk Lois Williams, City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, and the Mayor's Executive Assistant Darlene Rudolph. Council President Allen and Council members Samuel Randolph and Bennie Ruth Crenshaw were absent from the meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

City Attorney Jimmy Nunn opened the meeting stating the following items are to be discussed:

I. **Resolution #R123-08/09 - Appointment of Council President Pro Tempore.** Following reading of the resolution by City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilwoman Keith to appoint Councilman Cecil Williamson, as per said resolution, President Pro Tempore in the absence of the President. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present. There were five affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilman Williamson abstained from voting.

Councilman Cecil Williamson presided from this point:

II. **Resolution #R124-08/09 - Rules and Procedures of the City Council.** Following the reading of the said resolution by City Attorney Jimmy Nunn, a motion was made by Councilman Bowie and seconded by Councilwoman Benjamin to temporarily continue operating under the same rules of procedure adopted by the Council according to Ordinance 102-04/05 and its amendments until the City Council adopts new rules and procedures to govern the deliberations and meetings of the City Council. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

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III. Ordinance #O101-08/09 - Time and Place of Holding Council Meetings. President Pro Tempore Williamson stated that in order to adopt the said Ordinance a motion would have to take place to suspend the rules for adoption. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith and seconded by Councilwoman Newton to suspend the rules to adopt Ordinance #O101-08/09 to amend the time and place of the City Council meetings. 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 Councilman Bowie and seconded by Councilman Tucker to adopt the said Ordinance, to amend Ordinance #O102-04/05, that the Council shall hold two (2) meetings in each month at Selma's City Hall, Council Chambers on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month and shall be called to order at 5:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

IV. Resolution - #R125-08/09 - Designation of Depositories of the City of Selma. President Pro Tempore Williamson stated that the next item of business is a resolution to designate the City depositories, banks where the City will deposit money. Attorney Nunn read the said resolution in its entirety. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Bowie to temporarily designate depositories of the City of Selma until the City Council desires to change the institutions which are designated for the deposits of the City of Selma's funds, with a friendly amendment to the original motion accepted and addressed by Councilwoman Newton to include all banks in the City, and that they are insured by the "S.A.F.E." program. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

V. Resolution - #R126-08/09 - Continue the Duties of Council Appointed Employees. President Pro Tempore Williamson stated that the next resolution has to do with the temporary employment of City employees. Attorney Nunn read as per said resolution in its entirety. President Pro Tempore Williamson further stated that most of the Council is aware that the two (2) Department Heads that the Council appoints will be the City Clerk and the City Treasurer, and this resolution would have the effect of continuing their employment temporarily until they are either reappointed by the Council or someone else is appointed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Benjamin and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the said resolution to allow all department heads, administrative personnel and other officers of the City which the Council has the authority to appoint and/or hire to temporarily remain and continue their duties as employees of the City of Selma until such time the City Council takes action on the positions and/or employees during a City Council meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council member present.

VI. Resolution #R127-08/09 - Purchase of Cell Phones by Former Elected Officials. President Pro Tempore Williamson stated that the Council knows and the public should be made aware that the City does furnish cell phones for the Council members. City Attorney Jimmy Nunn read the said resolution in its entirety. A motion was made by Councilwoman Keith and seconded by Councilman Bowie to declare that the personal property, as per said resolution, is not needed and shall be sold to the former elected officials at a depreciated value of its cost; \$50.00 for the former Mayor to purchase his Blackberry and \$10.00 for the former City Council members to purchase their cell phones. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

VII. Next Meeting Date - November 18, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. President Pro Tempore Williamson stated that the Council needs to change the date of the next scheduled meeting (November 11, 2008) due to some members of the Council attending the League meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Newton and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the next meeting date as follows: November 18, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous (show of hands) vote of the Council members present.

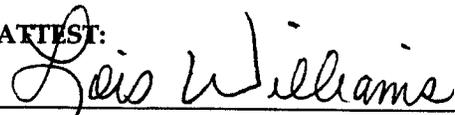
Closing Prayer - Councilwoman Monica Newton

ADJOURNMENT

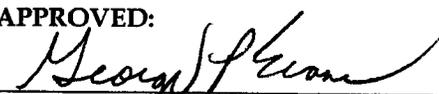
There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Newton and seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adjourn, and by unanimous consent of the Council, this meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



CECIL WILLIAMSON, *Council President Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:


LOIS WILLIAMS, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:


GEORGE PATRICK EVANS, *Mayor*