

**MINUTES OF THE
SELMA CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004**

The Selma City Council met in a reconvened session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. with the following members present: President George Evans and Council members Glenn Sexton, Rita S. Franklin, Jean T. Martin, Nancy G. Sewell, Samuel Randolph, Benny L. Tucker, Bennie Ruth Crenshaw and James Durry. Others present were City Clerk Lois Williams and City Attorney Jimmy Nunn.

A motion was made by Councilman Durry and seconded by Councilwoman to reconvene the recessed meeting from the previous night, July 26, 2004. The motion carried with a unanimous majority vote of the Council.

After roll call, President Evans declared a quorum present and the meeting was reconvened for the transaction of business as set forth on the agenda of July 26, 2004; Citizens' Request.

I. REMOVAL OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX

President Evans stated the purpose of this meeting is to get some clarification and understanding of as it relates to the absentee ballot relocation. President Evans stated since last night, he as well as other members of the Council had the opportunity to speak with Alabama League of Municipalities and he will ask Attorney Nunn to address the Council on this matter. Attorney Nunn stated per Council request, he, President Evans and Mayor Perkins did have the opportunity to speak with Mr. Ken Smith, Deputy Attorney, Alabama League of Municipalities. Attorney Nunn stated Mr. Smith stated several reason why the removal of the absentee ballot box cannot be done by the City Council; the election process is governed by the Code of Alabama statutory law in which the law states that the City Clerk is the Absentee Election Manager and the Council does not have the authority to change this matter. Attorney Nunn further stated any interruption with this process would throw the election behind schedule because any change would have to go before the justice department for approval. Attorney Nunn stated Mr. Ken Smith encourages any Council members to contact him if they have any further questions or concerns and will be glad to explain the same to all Council members.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Franklin and seconded by Councilwoman Sewell to have some safeguards put in place to ensure a safe, secure and fair election. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority vote of the Council.

There being no other business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Crenshaw with unanimous consent to adjourn this meeting at 11:50 a.m.



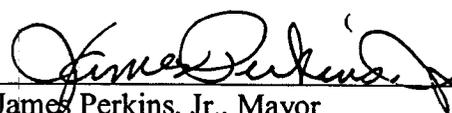
George P. Evans, President

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Lois Williams, City Clerk



James Perkins, Jr., Mayor