



Minutes of the City of Calera Council Meeting – February 15, 2021

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in a regular meeting. Mayor Graham presiding.

Mayor and Council Members Present:

Jon G. Graham, Mayor
Philip Busby, Council Member
Kenny Dale Cost, Council Member
Ernest Montgomery, Council Member
Calvin Morgan, Council Member
Kay Snowden Turner, Council Member
Alan Watts, Council Member

Guests:

Sean Kendrick, Bill Hilyer, Stephanie Busby, Chris Pappas, Bill Davis, James Fuller, Seth Gandy, Jackie Batson, Kelly Ellison, Tip Edwards, Dennis Torrealba, Reggie Darden, Ken Mobley, Rebecca Krueger

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Word of Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:

Calvin Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Council Member Morgan made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – February 1, 2021
Work Session – February 1, 2021

Council Member Cost seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Busby, Cost, Graham, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Resolution No. 2021-08 2021 Baseball, Softball, Soccer and Coaches Apparel Bid Award

Council Member Cost moved that Resolution No. 2021-08 is adopted. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Busby, Cost, Graham, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Authorization of Mayor to sign contract to purchase downtown property

Council Member Cost made a motion authorizing Mayor Graham to sign a contract in the amount of \$85,000.00 and move forward with the purchase of Parcel ID 28 5 21 3 301 006.000. Council Member Turner seconded motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Busby, Cost, Graham, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Resolution No. 2020-07 Placing a One Year Hold on Applications for and Approvals of RT and RG Rezonings - Request Approval for a Six-Month Extension (Copy of Resolution No. 2020-07 Attached)

Council Member Busby moved that Resolution No. R-2020-07 be extended an additional six months. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Busby, Cost, Graham, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Request for approval to purchase materials to install piping for Underground electrical for downtown buildings. Materials cost estimated at \$7,500.00

Council Member Cost made a motion to approve the purchase of the materials as requested. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Busby, Cost, Graham, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Strawberry Festival, April 2021

Council Member Cost made a motion to approve moving forward with the Strawberry Festival Event for April 2021. Council Member Watts seconded said motion and vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Busby, Cost, Graham, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Guests:

Jackie Batson, Calera Main Street presented the 2020 Impact Report. (See Attached Report) Mrs. Batson requested approval to declare Calera Main Street First Fridays as a Special Event.

Council Member Turner made a motion declaring Calera Main Street First Fridays as a Special Event. Council Member Morgan seconded said motion and vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Busby, Cost, Graham, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of March 2021.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-08

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR 2021 CALERA YOUTH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER UNIFORMS AND COACHES APPAREL FOR THE CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the City of Calera has solicited sealed bids as required under the Alabama bid law; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened at Calera City Hall on February 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were as follows:

Company

Riddell	\$99.98
Ad-Wear of Texas	\$103.61
Varsity Sports	\$129.25
Deep South Apparel	\$138.70
BSN	\$153.00
Eastbay Inc.	\$174.80

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calera, at the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2021 considers the recommendation of Mr. Jeff Stewart. The Mayor and Council will award the bid for the 2021 Calera Youth Baseball, Softball, Soccer Uniforms and Coaches Apparel Bid in the amount of \$129.25 to Varsity Sports.

(Copy of Mr. Jeff Stewart, Park and Recreation Field Superintendent recommendation letter attached to this Resolution)

Council Member Cost moved that Resolution No. R-2021-08 be adopted. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Cost, Morgan, Graham, Busby, Montgomery, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Mayor Graham declared Resolution No. R-2021-08 adopted.

Adopted this 15th day of February 2021.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

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2021 Baseball, Softball, & Soccer Uniform Bid Recommendation

Mayor Graham,

I recommend that the bid from Varsity Sports be accepted for our Baseball, Softball and Soccer Uniforms for 2021.

Their bid was third in line behind Riddell and Ad-Wear of Texas. However, both vendors were awarded bids in the past and both failed to provide satisfactory results according to the stated bid requirements. This created a very frustrating situation for us as well as the parents of our players.

Riddell was awarded our Basketball Uniform Bid this past fall and because we delayed the start of our season had six weeks to fulfil their obligation to deliver and failed to do so. Our bid specification on this is delivery to us within three weeks from order placement. We had to scramble to find another vendor that could complete this task in under a week and Varsity Sports did that.

Ad Wear of Texas was awarded our Basketball Uniform Bid for the 2019 Basketball Season and 47% of the uniforms had to be re-done because of poor workmanship of the lettering on the jerseys. Therefore, delaying us receiving all our players uniforms until after the season started.

Varsity Sports has always done a great job for us and the fact that they are located roughly 25 miles from here getting any corrections that might be required can be accomplished in a 24-hour period, not two or three weeks.

LUMP SUM BID RESULTS

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Thank you,

Jeff Stewart

Park & Rec, Dept.

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-07

A RESOLUTION PLACING A ONE-YEAR HOLD ON APPLICATIONS FOR AND APPROVALS OF RT AND RG REZONINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Calera has experienced a proliferation of high-density residential development, including garden homes (Zoning District RG) and residential townhomes (Zoning District RT); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the over development of RG and RT districts is detrimental to the City's overall development and effectively limits the ability of the City to provide diverse types of housing, while straining the City's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the overall development of the City to provide for orderly growth and balance in the development of residential areas in order to have a diverse and stable economy and to provide a variety of housing options; and

WHEREAS, the City through its Planning Commission is proceeding to update its master comprehensive plan, including consideration of RG and RT zones, although it is expected that significant work on the updated plan will not commence until later in 2020 due to the schedule of the City's plan consultant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the promotion of the prosperity and welfare of the citizens and in the best interest of the City to place a hold on rezoning applications requesting RG or RT zones while the City researches, studies and develops the updated master plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calera, Alabama, that there is hereby placed a hold on applications for and approvals of requests to rezone property to RG or RT zones for a period of one year from the effective date of this resolution. During the period of the hold, applications for the aforementioned rezonings shall not be accepted and such rezonings will not be approved by the Council.

This hold does not apply to property currently zoned RG or RT.

Council Member Busby moved that Resolution No. R-2020-07 be adopted. Council Member Watts seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Montgomery, Watts, Bradshaw, Graham, Busby, Turner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Turner

Mayor Graham declared Resolution No. R-2020-07 adopted.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 2020.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Resolution No. R. 2020-07 Extended for an additional six months – Motion passed on February 15, 2021



2020 Impact Report

- New website established: caleramainstreet.org
- Market Analysis Study completed
- Raised \$7908 in sponsorships/grants
- Survived COVID shutdown!
- Cleared and developed parking for Courtyard
- ROE received their on-site liquor license
- New community relationships with HS sports, FBLA, Elks and Kiwanis
- Launched Monthly Merchant Meetings for collaboration
- Held Numerous Main Street Events:
 - **Triple Ribbon Cutting and Celebration** – Jun 6
 - **Main Street Farmers Market** – Fridays 4pm-7pm, Jun - Sept
 - **HODRRM July 4th Cookout Event**
 - **Cowart Drugs Centennial Festival** – Sept 12
 - **Second Triple Ribbon Cutting** – Oct 2
 - **Trunk or Treat** – Oct 29
 - **Decorated Downtown** – November
 - **Small Business Saturday** (Santa on Parade) – Nov 28
 - **Christmas Village and Parade** – Dec 5
- Multiple TV segments and print for all grand openings and events
- Multiple promotions on *Calera Living*
- Façade upgrades downtown
 - **plant:** New paint and awning
 - **The Garage:** New front and rear façade
 - **Advance Pawn, Calera Glass and Rocktagon:** new paint and metal awnings
 - **Restaurant:** New paint, walkup window and new awning. Patio area under construction
 - **Creations Galore & Moore:** New front and rear façade
 - **Main Street Fitness:** New front and rear façade
 - **Calera Auto Sales:** New paint, awning, blacktop
- Tomlin Mural restored
- Sold First Annual Calera Collectible Ornament
- Held a COVID response seminar for merchants and received signage, door pulls, floor stickers and hand sanitizer stations
- Courtyard utilities being upgraded
- Removed trees by the pocket park and railroad
- Four planters for Hwy 25 and LED Christmas lights for downtown rooftops

