



Minutes of the City of Calera Council Meeting – March 16, 2020

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in a regular meeting. Mayor Graham presiding.

Mayor and Council Members Present:

Jon G. Graham, Mayor
Chris Bunn, Council Member
Philip Busby, Council Member
Ernest Montgomery, Council Member
Kay Snowden Turner, Council Member
Alan Watts, Council Member

Absent:

David Bradshaw, Council Member

Guests:

Jackie Batson, Michael Jones, Dennis Torrealba

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

Word of Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:

Michael Jones opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Regular Meeting – March 2, 2020

Work Session – March 2, 2020

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Municipal Board Appointment – Zoning Board of Adjustments:

Council Member Bunn made a motion to appoint Tip Edwards to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Council Member Busby seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Municipal Board Appointment – Planning Commission:

Council Member Bunn made a motion to appoint Tommy Edwards to the Planning Commission. Council Member Busby seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Proclamation – April National Donate Life Month

Council Member Turner made a motion to proclaim April as National Donate Life Month. Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Motion passed

Proclamation – April National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Council Member Turner made a motion to proclaim April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Motion passed

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of April, 2020.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk



National Donate Life Month Proclamation

By becoming an organ, eye and tissue donor, one individual can save and heal the lives of more than seventy-five people. During National Donate Life Month, we honor the compassion and generosity of registered donors, donor families and living donors, and recognize the commitment of researchers, innovators, champions, national partners and medical professionals who work tirelessly to save and heal lives through transplantation.

Whereas, 112,000 Americans 1,400 are currently on the national transplant waiting list.

Whereas, another person is added to the waiting list every ten minutes, and on average, twenty-two people die every day because the organs they need are not donated in time.

Whereas, the most effective way to address this health crisis is to educate and to encourage citizens to commit to the following actions: register your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor in the National Donate Life Registry, RegisterMe.org or at your local DMV, and learn more about living donation.

Whereas, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Calera feel that the Donate Life cause of saving and healing lives through organ, eye and tissue donation is of such immediate and worthwhile importance that,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor with and on behalf of the City of Calera do Proclaim that the City of Calera observes:

April as National Donate Life Month

Council Member Turner made a motion to declare April 2020 as National Donate Life Month. Council Member Watts seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

In the City of Calera this 16th day of March in the year 2020, and cause by my hand to be affixed the Seal of the City of Calera.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Proclamation

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that affects both current and future quality of life of a community; in fiscal year 2019, there were 28,119 indicated child abuse cases involving 12,506 children in the state of Alabama; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

Whereas, all children have a right to grow up in safe, stable, and nurturing homes and communities to foster their health growth and development; and

Whereas, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Calera, Alabama; and

Whereas, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects for victims of abuse; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, child advocacy centers, health, community-and-faith-based organizations, business and law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children help to ensure that all children grow to their full potential; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment.

Now, therefore, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of Calera do hereby proclaim April 2020 as “**National Child Abuse Prevention Month**” in the Calera, Alabama. We

pledge to dedicate ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families and to preventing child abuse.

Council Member Turner made a motion to declare April 2020 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Council Member Busby seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

City of Calera, Alabama