



**Regular City Council Meeting and Work Session
Council Chambers — 7901 Highway 31 Calera, Alabama**

March 23, 2026

Council Work Session Time 6:00 PM

Council Meeting Time 6:30 PM

Department Head Meeting Time: 4:30 PM

Reports of the Department Heads

CALL TO ORDER - WORK SESSION / PRE-COUNCIL 6:00 PM

City Attorney

Bent Owens

Mayor's Report

Kenny Dale Cost, Mayor

Council President's Report

Drew Bradshaw

Council Member Reports

Chris Bunn, Councilmember

Debbie Byers, Council President Pro Tem

Henry Davis, Councilmember

Calvin Morgan, Councilmember

Kay Snowden Turner, Councilmember

ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER (REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM)

Word of Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 2nd, 2026 Work Session and Meeting

Old Business

New Business

City of Calera - Municipal Flag Design Approval

Chief David Hyché

Letter of Commendation

Detective Blake Littleton

Kelly Ellison

Finance Director

Budget Adjustments

Planning and Zoning Member Appointment

Arthur Teele

Proclamation

Recognizing March 2026 as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Resolution No. 2026-17

Resolution for adopting procedures for invocations prior to City Council meetings

Ordinance No. 2026-04

Ordinance Amending Ord. 2025-18 Spire Franchise Agreement

Guests:

Calera Main Street

Demus Copeland, Candidate for Shelby County Tax Commissioner

Will Evans

Public Comments

Motion to Adjourn - Time



Minutes of the City of Calera City Council Meeting

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on March 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in a regular meeting. Council President Drew Bradshaw presiding.

CALL TO ORDER- DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING/WORK SESSION/ PRE-COUNCIL

The Department Head meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm, Mayor Kenny Dale Cost presiding.

The Work Session was called to order at 6:00 pm with Council President Drew Bradshaw presiding.

ROLL CALL

Kenny Dale Cost, Mayor

Councilmembers' Present:

Calvin Morgan, Council Member
Chris Bunn, Council Member
Debbie Byers, Council President Pro-Tem
Drew Bradshaw, Council President
Henry Davis, Council Member
Kay Snowden Turner, Council Member

Report of City Attorney- Grace Graham

Report of Department Heads

Kay Snowden Turner, Dennis Torrealba, James Fuller, Kevin Shirey, Reggie Darden, Drew Charcandy, Rachel Vesely, Tabitha Anderson, Henry Davis, Calvin Morgan, Roger Smith, William Hilyer, Kelly Ellison, Sean Kendrick, Chris Bunn, Drew Bradshaw, David Hyche, Debbie Byers, Stacy Walkup and Mayor Kenny Dale Cost

Report of Council Members

Drew Bradshaw, Council President
Debbie Byers, Council President Pro-Tem
Henry Davis, Council Member
Calvin Morgan, Council Member
Chris Bunn, Council Member

Kay Snowden Turner, Council Member

Mayor Report

Kenny Dale Cost

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with Drew Bradshaw presiding.

Word of Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Paul Armstrong, Journey Baptist Church

Agenda

Councilmember Turner made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Byers and the results were as follows:

AYES: Bradshaw, Byers, Davis, Bunn, Morgan, Turner

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting on February 16, 2026

Work Session- February 16, 2026

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Bunn.

AYES: Bradshaw, Byers, Davis, Bunn, Morgan, Turner

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Old Business

New Business

Guests:

Calera Cadets

Main Street

Jacob Tidmore, Shelby County Tax Commissioner

Jay Welborn, Candidate for Judge

Blake Huynh

Carl Doerfler
Erica Hopkins- Arc of Shelby County

Motion to Adjourn- Time

Council Member Bunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Davis at 7:10 pm

Kenny Dale Cost, Mayor

Drew Bradshaw, Council President

ATTEST:

Stacy Walkup, City Clerk

CITY OF CALERA

MOVING FORWARD






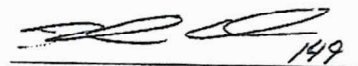
City of Calera Police Department

David Hyché
Chief of Police

Letter of Commendation

This letter is to commend Detective Blake Littleton on his recent case involving stolen credit cards. I, Sgt. Bores, assigned Detective Littleton case # 202600366 on February 23, 2026 late in the afternoon. On February 24, 2026, Detective Littleton started investigating the case as soon as he arrived for his shift. He gathered surveillance footage of the fraudulent use of the stolen cards and placed it into evidence. He was then able to identify the suspect by remembering him from other cases while working at the Montevallo Police Department. He then located the suspect's vehicle in Flock and sent a BOLO out in Telegram to fellow officers. He then noticed the vehicle went into Waterford Subdivision moments earlier, according to the Flock system. He asked if I would accompany him to Waterford to try and locate the suspect. When we arrived, we found the vehicle at a residence in The Village. The suspect was observed getting back into his vehicle a traveling out of the neighborhood. Detective Littleton asked for patrol's help in stopping the suspect. The suspect was stopped and taken to the Criminal Investigations Building for questioning. Detective Littleton was then able to obtain a full confession for the criminal acts and the suspect was charged with three felonies and one misdemeanor as a result. Detective Littleton also went to the described location of where the wallet was thrown out of a vehicle and ultimately found the wallet which saved the victim time, money and effort. Detective Littleton's effort on this case represents the type of professionalism and dedication to duty The Calera Police Department strives to uphold. For these reasons Detective Blake Littleton is to be awarded this letter of Commendation.


Sgt. John Bores
Calera Police Department
Criminal Investigations Division


Lt. Robert Grant
Calera Police Department
Criminal Investigations Division

PROCLAMATION

March 2026 as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities affect millions of individuals, as well as concerned families and friends; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities come from diverse racial, ethnic, educational, social, religious, and economic backgrounds, and are valued members of society who strive to enjoy everyday life; and

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities continue to be marked by stigma and discrimination based on preconceived notions and misinformation; and

WHEREAS, March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, which seeks to increase public awareness about developmental disabilities and promote greater understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities.

The awareness month also seeks to show that people with developmental disabilities are vital and vibrant members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, new opportunities have been created through accessible training initiatives and services that allow those with developmental disabilities and their families to increase their knowledge and participation in advocacy, support and disability services. This training, education and skill-building has brought about significant changes in public perception of young people and adults with developmental disabilities, opening new doors to independent and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the desire to maintain family relationships is of utmost importance to an individual's health, well-being and happiness. It is important to provide the needed supports that can enable individuals with disabilities to live in family homes or their own homes; increase independence, employment, and access to all services afforded all citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor _____ and the _____ City Council do hereby proclaim March, 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and reaffirm our commitment to developmental disabilities awareness by recognizing the many accomplishments and contributions made by those with developmental disabilities on this _____ day of March, 2026.

CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR INVOCATIONS PRIOR TO MEETINGS OF THE CALERA CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Calera, Alabama desires to solemnize the proceedings of its meetings through an invocation or moment of prayer prior to the conduct of official business; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has long recognized that legislative prayer is consistent with the First Amendment when conducted in a manner that respects religious diversity and avoids coercion; and

WHEREAS, in *Marsh v. Chambers*, the Supreme Court held that legislative prayer is deeply embedded in the history and tradition of the United States and does not violate the Establishment Clause when used to solemnize governmental proceedings; and

WHEREAS, in *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, the Supreme Court reaffirmed that local governments may open meetings with an invocation so long as the practice does not discriminate among faiths or coerce participation by attendees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to establish clear procedures governing invocations that respect the constitutional protections of both the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a voluntary invocation practice intended to solemnize the proceedings of the City Council and to reflect the long-standing tradition of legislative prayer recognized by the courts of the United States.

This policy is not intended, and shall not be implemented or construed in any way, to affiliate the Council with, nor express the Council's preference for, any faith or religious denomination.

Section 2. Invocation Prior to Meetings

An invocation or moment of reflection may be offered prior to the official call to order of each regular meeting of the City Council.

The invocation shall be delivered for the benefit of the Council and those in attendance as a solemnizing expression.

Section 3. Participation is Voluntary

Participation in the invocation shall be strictly voluntary.

No member of the public, City employee, or elected official shall be required to participate in any invocation, stand, bow their head, or otherwise engage in any religious observance.

Nor shall any decision of any City employee or official be determined or influenced by participation or non-participation in any invocation.

Section 4. Procedures for Selecting Speaker

The City Clerk herein is directed to compile and maintain a database of religious institutions in the City. The database shall be compiled by referencing the listing for churches, synagogues, congregations, temples, mosques or other religious assemblies from several sources to include the internet and Yellow pages and in consultation with any community and/or business group wishing to participate.

The database may also include any religious institution located outside City limits, but which is attended by at least one City resident. The database may also include any other entity, community or business group operating within City limits that wishes to provide an invocation. Such institutions may submit a request to be included in the database by writing to the City Clerk at City Hall.

The first database shall be developed by May 1, 2026. The Clerk shall subsequently send out a letter within two weeks to each institution on the list as follows:

Dear Sir or Madam,

The City Council makes it a policy to invite members of the clergy and others in the City of Calera to voluntarily offer an invocation before the beginning of its meetings,

for the benefit and blessing of the City Council. As the leader of one of the religious institutions or other community/business group operating in or for the benefit of the City and its residents, you are eligible to offer the invocation at an upcoming meeting of the City Council.

If you are willing to assist the City Council in this regard, please send a written reply at your earliest convenience to the City Clerk at the address included on this letterhead.

Individuals are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve or other random basis. The dates of the City Council's scheduled meetings for the upcoming year are listed on the following, attached page. If you have a preference among the dates, please state that request in your written reply.

This opportunity is voluntary, and you are free to offer the invocation according to the dictates of your own conscience. To maintain a spirit of respect, the City Council requests only that the invocation opportunity not be exploited as an effort to convert others to the particular faith of the invitational speaker, nor to disparage any faith or belief different than that of the invitational speaker.

On behalf of the City Council, I thank you in advance for considering this invitation.

Sincerely, City Clerk

The respondents to the invitation will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, except that no speaker shall offer an invocation more than three times per calendar year, or twice in a row.

The Clerk shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that a variety of eligible invocation speakers are scheduled for the Council's meetings.

Following the first compilation, the database shall be updated by November 1 of each year, with the letter sent to each entity on the database by December 1 of each year.

Section 5. Compensation

No compensation shall be provided to any invocation speaker.

Section 6. No Speaker Available

If no person has volunteered to provide an invocation on that particular day, the Council President shall ask if a member of the audience is available to offer an invocation. The Council president shall accept any volunteer on a first-come basis. If no volunteer is available, the Council shall observe a moment of silence.

Council Member _____ moved that Resolution No. _____ be adopted. Council Member _____ seconded said motion and upon vote, said resolution passed by a majority vote of all members of the Council present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Drew Bradshaw, Council President

ATTEST:

Stacy Walkup, Asst City Clerk

Kenny Dale Cost, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18_.

WHEREAS, the City previously passed Ordinance No. 2025-18, providing for a franchise agreement with Spire, Alabama, Inc. (“Spire”); and

WHEREAS, City officials have consulted with Spire about amendments to that Ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

The Whereas clause stating: “Spire agrees and recognizes that it is required to obtain consent in the form of a right of way use agreement form the City of Calera, Alabama” is deleted;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 4 of the previous ordinance shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

Section 4. Spire shall abide by all lawful and reasonable ordinances and resolutions that have been or may be duly adopted by the governing body of the City;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 6 of the previous ordinance shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

Section 6. Spire shall hold the City harmless from any and all liability or damages resulting from the negligence of Spire, its employees, agents, officials, managers, contractors, and/or representatives, in the construction and maintenance of its Facilities.

_____, a member of the City Council of the City of Calera, Alabama, moved that all rules which would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-04, hereupon attached, be suspended and immediate consideration be given to passage of said Ordinance. Said motion was seconded by _____, a member.

The roll call vote on said motion was as follows:

Drew Bradshaw, Council President:	_____
Kay Snowden Turner, Member:	_____
Chris Bunn, Member:	_____
Calvin Morgan, Member:	_____
Henry Davis, Member:	_____
Debbie Byers, Council Pro Tem:	_____

All rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-05 be suspended and immediate consideration given passed unanimously by roll call vote.

THEREUPON, _____, a member moved and _____, a member, seconded the motion that Ordinance 2026-04 be given vote. The roll call vote was as follows:

Drew Bradshaw, Council President:	_____
Kay Snowden Turner, Member:	_____
Chris Bunn, Member:	_____
Calvin Morgan, Member:	_____
Henry Davis, Member:	_____
Debbie Byers, Council Pro Tem:	_____

ORDINANCE No. 2026-04 passed by majority vote of all members of the Council and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

Drew Bradshaw, Council President

Debbie Byers, President Pro Tem

Chris Bunn, Member

Henry Davis, Member

Calvin Morgan, Member

Kay Snowden Turner, Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stacy Walkup, City Clerk/Treasurer

Kenny Dale Cost, Mayor