

March 21, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Calera City Hall with the following present:

Mayor: Jon G. Graham

Council Members: Ernest Montgomery, Alan Watts, David Bradshaw, Chris Bunn, Philip Busby and Bobby Joe Phillips

Department Heads: Reggie Darden, Building Official  
Chris Pappas, City Engineer  
Sean Lemley, Police Chief  
Roy Hadaway, Finance Director  
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief  
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director  
David Jones, Public Works Director  
Matt Worthen, IT Manager

Guests: Harold Cole and Fred Hoskins

Jim Beckner called the meeting to order and opened with a Word of Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regular Meeting – March 7, 2016  
Work Session – March 7, 2016

Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

#### **REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Sean Lemley, Police Chief updated the Mayor and Council concerning recent cases made by the Special Response Team (SRT). The SRT has 14 pending cases made this month with a total of 18 arrests concerning these cases.

Roy Hadaway, Finance Director submitted the budget adjustments for approval.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

Council Member Montgomery suggested we inquire as to how other cities handle their Farmers Market Director position.

Council Member Watts advised he noticed the new flashing speed limit sign located on Highway 31.

Council Member Bradshaw requested an update on the railroad crossings from Chief Lemley. Chief Lemley advised he had no new updates to report at this time but he would follow up with the railroad.

Council Member Bradshaw requested an update on the City Hall project. Chris Pappas, City Engineer advised we are still on track with the project. Mr. Bradshaw asked if the city would be purchasing all new furniture for the building. Mayor Graham reported that we would be taking some of our current furniture and purchasing some new pieces.

Council Member Bunn thanked Roy Hadaway, Finance Director for his many years of service to our city.

Council Member Busby reported during the last Park and Recreation Board meeting we discussed working with all coaches from the High School level all the way down to Little League. It was such a productive meeting.

#### **MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Graham thanked Mr. Hadaway for his service to our city. Mr. Hadaway will be retiring at the end of this month. Mayor Graham requested approval to post the Finance Director position.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to approve the budget adjustments as requested. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to approve posting the Finance Director's position. Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and

**WHEREAS:** Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can occur in intact marriages; and

**WHEREAS:** Parental alienation is a term used to describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent or both parents designed to interfere, damage or destroy the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that causes emotional trauma to children; and

**WHEREAS:** Parental alienation deprives children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents, their extended family, and robs children of their sense of security; and

**WHEREAS:** Mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

**WHEREAS:** The recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made several references to the dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation to be a form of psychological child abuse; and

**WHEREAS:** Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama were subjected to child custody determination in 2013; and

**WHEREAS:** Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community, and leaders to better identify and combat such abusive behavior to children; and

**WHEREAS:** God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore Children should be able to freely express the meaning of F.A.M.I.L.Y.;  
**F**ather **A**nd **M**other, **I** **L**ove **Y**ou; and

**WHEREAS:** In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention Week, come and show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon, on Monday, April 25, to blow soap "Bubbles for Love". Each bubble we blow will represent the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera, do hereby proclaim April 24 through April 30, 2016, as

## **PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK**

And April 25, 2016, as

## **PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS "Bubbles of Love" DAY**

On this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Honorable Jon G. Graham, Mayor

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to proclaim April 24 through April 30, 2016 as Parental Alienation Prevention Week and April 25, 2016 as Parental Alienation Awareness “Bubbles of Love” Day. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

## NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH PROCLAMATION

### CITY OF CALERA, Alabama PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

WHEREAS, 30,970\* candidates on the nation’s organ transplant waiting list received a life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplant in 2015; of those 395\* received an organ transplant in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 21\* minutes; and

WHEREAS, nearly 121,416\* men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantations, of which approximately 3,294\* are on Alabama’s list; and

WHEREAS, 6,045\* candidates on the national waiting list died waiting for an organ transplant which did not come in time; of those 169\* were on Alabama’s waiting list.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Organ Center is the non-profit, independent organ recovery organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and

WHEREAS, CITY OF CALERA, Alabama supports the Alabama Organ Center’s life-saving mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

### DONATE LIFE MONTH

In CITY OF CALERA, Alabama we honor all who have given the gift of life, we focus our efforts on the extreme need for organ and tissue donors, and we encourage residents to designate their donation decision and share the decision to donate with family members.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to proclaim April 2016 as Donate Life Month. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

On this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Honorable Jon G. Graham, Mayor

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk