April 17, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on April 17, 2017 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, Kay Snowden Turner
Department Heads:	Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief Kelly Ellison, Finance Director Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director Reggie Darden, Building Official Alison Powers, Library Director Chris Pappas, City Engineer Sean Lemley, Police Chief Matt Worthen, IT Manager
Guests:	Fred Hoskins, Harold Cole, Calvin Morgan, Jasper Levio, Randy and Rebecca Krueger, Markus Snowden and Arianne Turner

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order and Jeph Guin opened with a Word of Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regular Meeting – April 3, 2017
Work Session – April 3, 2017

Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Kelly Ellison, Finance Director stated the audit has been completed, uploaded to the city website and to EMMA. (See attached)

Sean Lemley, Police Chief requested approval to lower the speed limit in the Stone Creek Subdivision from 25 MPH to 20 MPH and install the following sign: One (1) Children at Play.

Council Member Turner made a motion approving the request to lower the speed limit in Stone Creek Subdivision to 20 MPH and install the Children at Play sign. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Montgomery inquired if Hampton Square Subdivision had lots available for building. Reggie Darden, Building Official stated there are still lots available for purchase.

Council Member Turner thanked Calera Fire Department and First Responders for the outstanding response to the Fire in the Enclave Subdivision.

Council Member Turner stated Victory Counseling Services reached out to request if the city could do anything about the pot holes in their parking lot.

Since the parking lot is private parking the owner must take care of the needed repairs.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Graham introduced the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

By the City of Calera

Whereas, Alabama's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage of those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and

Whereas, Alabama 811 and its 421 utility members promote the National Call-Before-You-Dig Number 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local "one call center" to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

Whereas, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping Alabama safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of excavation and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

Whereas, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. Before you dig, it is important to know what is below and call 811:

Now Therefore, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of City of Calera, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017, as

Safe Digging Month

In the City of Calera and encourage all excavators and homeowners to always call 811 before digging.

On this, the 17th day of April, 2017.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

Council Member Bunn made a motion to approve April, 2017 as Safe Digging Month. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Graham introduced the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

Motorcycle Awareness Month – May 2017

- WHEREAS Alabama's climate and scenery make motorcycle riding an attraction in the beautiful State of Alabama, and riders consider our roadways to be some of the best for riding.
- WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation; and
- WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicle that reduces fuel consumption, traffic and parking congestion; and
- WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important form of transportation for commuting, touring and recreation; and
- WHEREAS, as a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop appropriate driving habits to handle these vehicles on Alabama roadways; and
- WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and deaths on Alabama's roadways, motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone; and
- WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month raises public awareness for a lifetime of safe motorcycle riding.
- WHEREAS, the International women's Motorcycle Club, Leather & Lace MC, is committed to increasing the safe operation of motorcycles by promoting rider safety education programs; their goal is to alert the motorists of the City of Calera, Alabama to:

SHARE THE ROAD

- WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders,
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon G Graham, Mayor of Calera, in the great State of Alabama, in recognition of over 115,768 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role of Leather & Lace MC as a promoter of motorcycle safety, education and awareness, do hereby Proclaim the month of May 2017 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the City of Calera and ask all citizens to join in a concerted effort to promote awareness, mutual respect, and safety on our roads.

Council Member Watts made a motion to proclaim May, 2017 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Graham introduced the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02

Amending City Code to Exempt Certain "Covered Items" from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax During the Third Full Weekend of July, 2017 as Authorized by Act 2017-120, Generally Referred to as the State Sales Tax Holiday Legislation

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Calera is amended by adding a new section, designated as Section 5-26, as follows:

Sec. 74-233. Sales tax holiday.

(a) In conformity with the provisions of Act 2017-120, enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2017 Regular Session, providing for a State Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Calera exempts "covered items" from municipal sales tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the Friday, July 21, 2017 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

(b) This section shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2017-120, except that the time period shall only be as specified in subsection (a) and not for all years thereafter.

Section 2. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Calera is amended by adding a new section, designated as Section 5-27, as follows:

Sec. 74-263. Use tax holiday.

(a) In conformity with the provisions of Act 2017-120, enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2017 Regular Session, providing for a State Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Calera exempts "covered items" from municipal use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the Friday, July 21, 2017 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

(b) This section shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2017-120, except that the time period shall only be as specified in subsection (a) and not for all years thereafter.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

Council Member Bradshaw moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for the immediate action upon said Ordinance. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion and upon vote the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given.

Council Member Turner moved that Ordinance No. 2017-02 be adopted, which motion was seconded by Council Member Busby and upon vote the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Adopted this 17th day of April, 2017.

Mayor Graham declared Ordinance No. 2017-02 adopted.

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk Jon G. Graham, Mayor

GUESTS:

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of May, 2017.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk