



Minutes of the City of Calera Council Meeting – May 4, 2020

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in a regular meeting. Mayor Graham presiding.

Mayor and Council Members Present:

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

Guests:

Sean Lemley, David Hyche, Clint Barnett, Sean Kendrick, Johnny Lippeatt, James Fuller

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

Word of Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Watts opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Regular Meeting – April 20, 2020
Work Session – April 20, 2020

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Ordinance No. 2020-03 - 2020 “Back-to-School” Sales Tax Holiday, July 17 – 19, 2020

Council Member Bradshaw moved unanimous consent of the Council is given for immediate action upon said Ordinance. Council Member Turner second said motion and upon vote the results was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given.

Council Member Turner moved Ordinance No. 2020-03 be adopted. Council Member Watts seconded said motion and upon vote the results was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed – Adopted this 4th day of May, 2020

Resolution No. 2020-13 Bid Award for Telephone System Service and Support

Council Member Turner moved that Resolution No. R-2020-13 is adopted. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed - Adopted this 4th day of May, 2020

Appointment of Administrative Office – Police Chief – David Hyche

Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the appointment of Police Chief David Hyche as recommended by Mayor Graham. Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of May, 2020.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Mayor Graham introduced the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

Amending City Code to Exempt Certain “Covered Items” from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax during the “Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday” as Authorized by 40-23-210 through 40-23-213, Code of Alabama 1975.

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 40-23-210 through 40-23-213, Code of Alabama 1975, 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 17, 2020 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

(b) This section shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by 40-23-210 through 40-23-213, Code of Alabama 1975, 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 40-23-210 through 40-23-213, Code of Alabama 1975, 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 17, 2020 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

(b) This section shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by 40-23-210 through 40-23-213, Code of Alabama 1975, 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, 2020.

Council Member Bradshaw moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for the immediate action upon said Ordinance. Council Member Turner 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. 2020-03 be adopted, which motion was seconded by Council Member Watts and upon vote the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Adopted this 4th day of May, 2020.

Mayor Graham declared Ordinance No. 2020-03 adopted.

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-13

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR TELEPHONE SYSTEM SERVICE AND SUPPORT 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 May 1, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were as follows:

Company

20/20TEK

C Spire Business

Ambit Solutions

Integrated Communication Solutions, Inc. (ICS)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calera, at the Regular Meeting on May 4, 2020 considers the recommendation of Mr. James Fuller. The Mayor and Council will award the bid for Telephone System Service and Support Bid in the amount of \$2,405.00 per month to ICS, Inc.

(Copy of Mr. James Fuller, IT Director recommendation letter attached to this Resolution)

Council Member Turner moved that Resolution No. R-2020-13 be adopted. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Graham declared Resolution No. R-2020-13 adopted.

Adopted this 4th day of May, 2020.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

City of Calera

JON GRAHAM
Mayor
CONNIE PAYTON
City Clerk



COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ERNEST MONTGOMERY
CHRIS BUNN
DAVID BRADSHAW
ALAN WATTS
PHILLIP BUSBY
KAY SNOWDEN TURNER

May 1st, 2020

City of Calera
Attn: Honorable Jon G. Graham
7901 Hwy 31
Calera, AL 35040

Re: Cloud Based Telephone Bid

Dear Mayor Graham:

We opened bids for the above referenced cloud-based telephone system on May 1st, 2020. I have attached copies of the bids for your review.

Based on the specifications in our bid, the lowest bidder that met all our specifications was ICS, Inc. Their submitted bid was \$2405 per month. There was one bid that was lower (Ambit Solutions) however, they did not meet several of the requirements of the bid to include: phone app integration, web conferencing and Office 365 integration. Ambit's solution for an app would require us to use a third party company to support the app in which we would have to pay a per device fee for each month in addition to our phone bill and it still would not have all of the necessary features that are including with the ICS solution. Furthermore, their video conferencing solution is Zoom, which is again another monthly fee from a third-party vendor. Also, due to security concerns with Zoom, a video conferencing system on our own server is the safest and most practical form of video conferencing between employees and the public.

Based on these bids, it is my recommendation that the City of Calera award the bid in the amount of \$2405 per month to ICS, Inc. 2355 U.S. Hwy 78, Moody, AL 35004.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

James Fuller
IT Director
City of Calera

CC: Council Members

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