



Minutes of the City of Calera Council Meeting – August 20, 2018

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on Monday, August 20, 2018 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

Department Heads Present:

Reggie Darden, Building Official
Kelly Ellison, Finance Director
Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Alison Powers, Library Director
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director
Matt Worthen, IT Services Manager

Absent:

Chris Pappas, City Engineer

Guests:

Calvin Morgan, Fred Hoskins, Arianne Turner, Harold Cole, Hilton Shirey, Janice Walton, Kacie White, Mark Lollar, Ken Mobley, Jasper Levio

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

Word of Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:

Jason Jarvis opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Regular Meeting – August 6, 2018

Work Session – August 6, 2018

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

No reports given

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

No action taken

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Graham advised Harold Cole will not be reappointed to the Water Works Board, as he and Mrs. Cole will be moving soon. Mayor Graham and Council Members thanked Mr. Cole for his 16 years of service to the Water Board and the City of Calera.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Municipal Board Appointment – Water Works Board:

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to appoint Bill Davis to the Water Works Board for a 6 year term expiring August 2023. Council Member Watts seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Proclamation – To declare Family Day as September 24, 2018 and Family Week as September 23 – 29, 2018

Council Member Bunn made a motion to proclaim September 24, 2018 as Family Day and September 23 - 29, 2018 as Family Week. Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Motion passed

Resolution No. 2018-012 Bid for the Calera Police Station Roof

Council Member Turner moved that Resolution No. R-2018-12 is adopted. Council Member Busby seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed – Adopted this 20th day of August, 2018

GUESTS:

Hilton Shirey addressed the Mayor and Council Members on behalf of the downtown property owners present. Mr. Shirey stated the downtown property owners currently do not have sufficient parking.

Mayor Graham advised the Council Members the City Engineer recently met with Mr. Shirey to discuss the parking issues. Approximately 21 – 22 parking spaces would be available by using the areas on 17th Avenue, Highway 31 and rear parking behind Mr. Shirey's building.

Mayor Graham requested Mr. Shirey contact all downtown property and business owners to schedule a meeting with city officials.

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of September, 2018.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our future and society's greatest asset, and committed families shape and guide children by preparing them for obstacles and encouraging them to overcome life's demanding challenges; and

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of an orderly society is the family, but Alabama's families have grown progressively weaker and children are living in a world where TVs, cell phones, and electronic devices have replaced playgrounds and conversation; and

WHEREAS, children who spend significant time with both parents show lower risks of suicide, dropout, teen pregnancy, incarceration, and drug abuse; however, the importance of children having two parents is diminishing in society as approximately 40,000 Alabama children a year experience court ordered visitation with one parent for only two to six days a month; and

WHEREAS, the widespread availability of illegal drugs from outside the state, increased local manufacture of illegal narcotics, and the growing problem of prescription drug abuse, are all contributing factors to the increased drug concerns for Alabamians, especially teenagers; and

WHEREAS, children of concerned and active parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, drinking, or using illegal drugs because of the valuable time spent with parents and the positive examples set by parents, and social scientists agree that shared parenting should be the norm for children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, simple daily activities like sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book can have an enormous impact on the life of a child. Strong and engaged families help build a strong Alabama, and it is our responsibility as concerned family members to help create a solid foundation for the future health and happiness of all of Alabama's children; and

WHEREAS, Family Day in Alabama has grown to promote the importance of family interaction and connecting with kids throughout the Day/Week, and to stress that children need both parents, and during Family Day/Week we honor the devotion of parents and recognize their critical role in teaching children positive and healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Alabamians to visit CASAFamilyDay.org for information on talking with children about the perils of drug use, and we call on community and state leaders to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera, Alabama do hereby proclaim September 24, 2018 as **FAMILY DAY** and the week of September 23 through September 29, 2018 as **FAMILY WEEK** and in the City of Calera and encourage our citizens to join together in observing this day/week by spending time with their families and by engaging in appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor and strengthen both our city's and state's families.

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-12

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR THE CALERA POLICE STATION ROOF – 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 August 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were as follows:

Legacy Roofing	\$89,340.00
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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calera, at the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2018 considers the recommendation from City Engineer, Chris Pappas. The Mayor and Council will award the bid for the Calera Police State Roof in the amount of \$89,340.00 to Legacy Roofing

(Copy of City Engineer, Chris Pappas Recommendation letter attached)

Council Member Turner moved that Resolution No. R-2018-12 be adopted. Council Member Busby 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-2018-12 adopted.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2018.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk