



Minutes of the City of Calera Council Meeting – December 17, 2018

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on Monday, December 17, 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
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Alison Powers, Library Director
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director
Matt Worthen, IT Services Manager

Absent:

Guests:

Arianne Turner, Markus Snowden, Fred Hoskins, Calvin Morgan, Jason Jarvis, Bill Davis, Julia Meyers

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 – December 3, 2018
Work Session – December 3, 2018

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Sean Lemley, Police Chief presented surplus items and the following Capital Expenditure items for approval:

4 Police Cars with necessary Equipment

Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director announced the Christmas Parade Winners:

1 st place	Grace Community Chapel
2 nd place	Stars and Stripes
3 rd place	Hot Wheels Public Safety

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Turner discussed the need to develop a marketing plan for a Shop Calera First promotion.

Council Member Busby discussed the following items:

Upcoming K9 Program
Trains blocking the tracks during school traffic times
Reported Street Lights in need of repair

Chief Lemley advised the vehicle is currently being outfitted for the K9 Program and the first class begins in a few weeks and he would contact CSX concerning blocking the tracks.

Council Member Bradshaw requested an update on the Highway 31 Paving Project.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer advised the Highway 31 and Highway 25 Paving Projects are currently scheduled for the February letting.

Council Member Montgomery thanked the pastors for leading us in the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance during 2018 and is looking forward to 2019.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Graham requested approval for the following Council Meetings to be rescheduled due to 2019 Holidays.

January 21, 2019 - Martin Luther King Holiday rescheduled for January 22, 2019

September 2, 2019 – Labor Day Holiday rescheduled for September 3, 2019

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to approve the rescheduled council meetings as requested.

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to approve the Capital Expenditure request for Chief Lemley.

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 2018-20 Surplus Items – Police Department (See Attached)

Council Member Bunn moved that Resolution No. 2018-20 be adopted. Council Member Turner 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. 2018-20 adopted

PROCLAMATION – January 2019 Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Council Member Busby made a motion to declare January 2019 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of January, 2019.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-20

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Calera, Alabama has inventoried the Police Department Inventory from a February 2015 Criminal Case and

WHEREAS, the City has found the following items for the City of Calera no longer needed.

- (1) Asus Notebook PC, F551MAV-DB02-B
- (2) Sony Play Station 4 (PS4) Model Number: CUH-5A, 500GB

WHEREAS, the City has found the following items are not unable to be returned to the rightful owner, nor can they be identified or located. Therefore, the City of Calera can use the following items for public municipal purposes.

- (1) Dell Inspiron 15 Model 3542 Laptop Computer
- (1) HP 15 Touchsmart Notebook PC, 15-R137WM

Council Member Bunn moved that Resolution No. R-2018-20 is adopted. Council Member Turner 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-2018-20 adopted.

Adopted this 17th day of December, 2018.

Connie Payton, City Clerk

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

January 2019

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a very real problem facing the world today. Although it can take many forms, including debt bondage, forced marriage, slavery and commercial sexual exploitation, in every case it goes against the core principles of individual freedom and civil rights that our state and nation stand for. The City of Calera, Alabama is committed to ensuring that our community remains on the front lines in combating this deplorable crime, and

WHEREAS, due to its secretive and illegal nature, it is difficult to accurately quantify the extent of **human trafficking**. However, the U.S. Department of State estimates that anywhere from 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Most victims of **human trafficking** are women or children who have been marginalized and isolated from society. The difficulty in grasping the full scope of this problem can be further compounded because people often turn a blind eye to it, and

WHEREAS, the first step in eliminating **human trafficking** is to educate others. We must work to ensure that all our residents are aware of this problem and how to spot it. We must work together as a community so that human traffickers are punished and to protect and assist their victims. Through the vigilance and perseverance of our citizens, effective enforcement of justice will someday be a reality, and

WHEREAS, we ask all residents of this community to join us in raising the visibility of this crime whose victims are all too often invisible. Together, we can become more informed about this pressing issue and work to combat its injustices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera do hereby proclaim January 2019, as "**Human Trafficking Awareness Month**" in Calera, Alabama.

Council Member Busby made a motion to declare January 2019 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

City of Calera, Alabama