

January 17, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on January 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: Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
Alison Powers, Library Director
Kelly Ellison, Finance Director
Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director
Matt Worthen, IT Services Manager
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director

Guests: Fred Hoskins and Harold Cole

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order and Keith Jones 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 – January 3, 2017
Work Session – January 3, 2017

Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director announced registration will remain open until February 2, 2017 for T-Ball, Baseball, Girls Softball and Soccer.

Sean Lemley, Police Chief invited the Mayor and Council for a tour of the new dispatch center after the council meeting. Chief Lemley thanked the Mayor and Council for their support on this project. Chief Lemley stated the Building Maintenance Department and his staff did an outstanding job on this project.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Montgomery questioned if there were any tenants at the M4A Building. Mayor Graham advised only the Fire Department and the Senior Center were located at the M4A Building right now.

Council Member Busby thanked Chris Pappas, City Engineer for the great job he did building the concrete tables in the council chambers.

Council Member Turner stated, "I've had concerns expressed to me about the speed of vehicles coming southbound over the hill on Hwy. 31 at the new Chevron station. Citizens attempting to leave the station and go northbound are concerned about the speeds especially. I've spoken to a traffic engineer at Alabama Dept. of Transportation and was told they would look into the matter. Also, I am asking the Police Chief and our Public Works Dept. to look into what can be done to improve traffic safety in this area."

Council Member Turner thanked Chris Pappas, City Engineer for contacting AT&T and having the entrance at Kensington Subdivision cleaned up.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Graham suggested Chief Lemley place the digital speed limit sign on Highway 31 near the Chevron. Chief Lemley stated he would contact the highway department concerning lowering the speed limit in this area.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

GUESTS:

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

Approved this 6th day of February, 2017.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk