

October 6, 2020

The Planning Commission of the City of Calera met on October 6, 2020 at the Calera city Hall at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Chairman: Bill Davis

Members Present: Juanita Bailey, Tommy Edwards, Connie Payton, Peggy Higgins, Ernest Montgomery, Jon Graham

City Engineer: Chris Pappas

Building Inspector: Reggie Darden

City Attorney: Butch Ellis

Absent: Steve McCord, Dane McKinney

Guests: Kenny Dale Cost, Calvin Morgan, Ben Watson, Richard Byers,

Debbie Byers, Jason Spinks, Amanda Tucker, David Tucker, Bart Carr, Candace Byers, Baylee Byers,

Rebecca Harrell, Carl Doss, Angela Davis, Pat Mackay, Stephanie Busby, Phillip Busby,

Kay Snowden Turner, Donna Gray, Greg Gray, Matt Cockrell.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order. Tommy Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and dispense with reading. Jon Graham seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

AYES: Davis, Bailey, Edwards, Payton, Graham, Higgins, Montgomery

Nays: None

PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR EMERALD RIDGE SECTOR 4.

City Attorney Butch Ellis explained the legal responsibility of the city regarding the approval of a Preliminary plat. If a developer has met all the regulations in a subdivision the city must approve the plat, or the developer could sue us.

Kay Snowden-Turner asked why the developer can remove the trees on property that hasn't been approved for the preliminary plat. Chris Pappas advised that any property owner can remove their trees, the city can't stop them.

Chris Pappas explained the process for preliminary plat approval.

Kay Snowden-Turner asked could the regulations be changed to require better standards on homes being built in Calera. Bill Davis explained that the Comprehensive Plan is in the process of being updated.

Carl Doss complained about the streets in the existing Emerald Ridge. He asked why we can't cash the bonds and have the streets fixed. Chris Pappas explained that the streets would be re-surfaced within the next 3 weeks.

Matt Crockrell asked if the construction traffic could use Hwy 16 entrance instead of coming thru the existing subdivision. Chris explained that they would use Hwy 16 as long as possible, but once the cul-de-sac is completed they will have to access thru the existing sub-division.

Tommy Edwards made a motion to approve the Primary Plat for Emerald Ridge Sector 4 and Ernest Montgomery seconded said motion.

AYES: Davis, Bailey, Edwards, Payton, Graham, Higgins, Montgomery
Nays: None

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR CAMDEN PARK PHASE 1

Tommy Edwards made a motion to approve the Final Plat approval for Camden Park phase 1 and Ernest Montgomery seconded said motion.

AYES: Davis, Bailey, Edwards, Payton, Graham, Higgins, Montgomery
Nays: None

Jon Graham made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ernest Montgomery seconded said motion. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Davis, Bailey, Edwards, Payton, Graham, Higgins, Montgomery
Nays: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

Approved

Katie Cannady, Secretary