

July 16, 2012

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on July 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Calera City Hall with the following present:

Mayor: Jon G. Graham

Council Members: Ernest Montgomery, Mike Roberson, David Bradshaw, Chris Bunn, Ed Gentry, Bobby Joe Phillips

Department Heads: Matt Worthen, IT Manager
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Roy Hadaway, Finance Director
Janet Greathouse, Librarian
Mike Wood, Building Official
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations
David Jones, Public Works Director

Guests: Phillip Busby, Randy and Rebecca Krueger, Japser Levio, Barbara Gray, Tammy Smith, Harold Cole, Clayton Smith, Bill Davis, Robert Nicholas, Scott Williams, Greg Oaks, David Sims, Meriweather Residents and Raymond Rivers

Raymond Rivers called the meeting to order and opened with a Word of Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regular Meeting – July 2, 2012
Work Session – July 2, 2012

Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mike Wood, Building Official reported that the Ice Maker at Fire Station No. 1 is broken. Estimated cost to repair the Ice Maker is \$700.00. Based on the year of the Ice Maker the company will not warranty the repairs. Estimated cost to replace the Ice Maker is \$1,600.00.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve purchasing the new Ice Maker for Fire Station No. 1. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Mike Wood, Building Official reported Meriweather Residents were present to discuss the Nuisance Complaint issued from his department. Mr. Wood explained his office received a

complaint from a Meriweather Resident. During the investigation of this complaint Mr. Wood and Officer Smith discovered the 20 foot drainage easement in the Meriweather Subdivision was not being maintained.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

No reports given

MAYOR REPORT:

No report given

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-19

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS

WHEREAS, a regular municipal election has been called to be held on the 28th day of August, 2012, and a runoff election to be held, if necessary, on the 9th day of October 2012; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-27 of the Alabama Code of 1975, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto provide, in part, that the municipal governing body, not less than 15 days before the holding of any municipal election, appoint from the municipality, officers to hold the election as follows: where electronic ballot counters are used, at least one inspector and three clerks,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Calera, Alabama, that the election officers for said election shall be as follows:

Inspector

Joanna Watts

Absentee Inspector

Bonnie Marquess

Registration List Clerks, Poll List Clerks, Ballot Clerks

Shirley Coggins

Carlene Gaines

Tonya Harrison

Shirley Hogg

Martha Perry

Lola Cannady

Deb Eberlein
Jean Godfrey
Laura Faye Scott
Karen Johnson
Joan Johnson
Norma Loftin
Diane Lucas
Molly Lucas
Gwen Ramsey
Morris Ramsey
Nina Gaiters

WHEREAS, rate of pay for election officers will be \$100.00 for registration list clerks, \$100.00 for poll list clerks, \$100.00 for ballot clerks and \$150.00 for inspector.

WHEREAS, it shall be mandatory for all election officers to attend an election official training session; and

WHEREAS, said rate of pay for attending training session will be \$25.00.

Council Member Montgomery moved that Resolution No. R-2012-19 be adopted. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Montgomery, Roberson, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Gentry, Phillips

NAYS: None

Mayor Graham declared Resolution No. R-2012-19 adopted.

Adopted this the 16th of July 2012.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Guests:

The following Meriweather residents were issued a Nuisance Complaint concerning a 20 foot easement not being maintained: Felipe Ferrer, Michael Thompson, Eunice Muya, William Phillips, Otis McGee, Brandon Brown, Diane Taft, Ronald Mayfield, Thomas Trenneddy, John Noyes, Timothy Curtis, James Patterson, Horacio Gonzalez, Adam Porter, Steven Simpson,

David Sims, Billy Stell, Steven Hassel, Felicia Lee, Inland Property, Betty Benton, Robert Nicholas and Eric Boozer.

Robert Nicholas spoke on behalf of the Meriweather Residents. He requested the City of Calera clean out the 20 foot drainage easement and do not disturb the creek banks. Mr. Nicholas reported that the flooding problem began after Southern Haulers poured the concrete pad. Mr. Nicholas requested that the City inspect the detention pond located on the Southern Haulers property.

Other residents to speak concerning this issue were: Scott Williams, Greg Oaks, and David Sims. Mr. Sims is concerned with the Beavers in the Creek.

David Jones, Public Works Director addressed his concerns about working on private property and maintaining private property easements. Several city locations have private property easements. The city is not equipped nor does it have the employees to maintain all private property easements.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer suspected that the ditch capacity appeared to be inadequate and has been that way since the subdivision was constructed. Mr. Pappas informed the Council and Meriweather Residents that the City of Calera is not responsible for drainage easements where the city has no utilities.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to go in and clean out the creek bed starting at lot 40 and ending at the problem area and continue to maintain the 8ft utility easement. Council Member Gentry seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Phillips, Gentry

NAYS: Montgomery, Roberson, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn

Council Member Roberson stated that cleaning out the ditch alone will not fix the problem. Mr. Roberson suggested Chris Pappas, City Engineer meet with Robert Nicholas and inspect the Southern Haulers detention pond.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer will also speak with the Corp of Engineers before anyone enters the creek bed.

Council Member Roberson made a motion authorizing Chris Pappas, City Engineer to schedule a meeting with Insite Engineers, Southern Haulers and Mr. Nicholas concerning a solution to this problem and all nuisance complaints issued to Meriweather Residents rescinded. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Montgomery, Roberson, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn

NAYS: Gentry, Phillips

There being no further business, Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of August, 2012.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk