

February 1, 2010

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on February 1, 2010 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: Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Janet Greathouse, Library Director
Mike Wood, Building Official
Mike Kent, Zoning Official
David Jones, Public Works Director
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief

Guests: Wanda Franks-Watson, Ronda Mink Steciuk

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order. Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – January 19, 2010

Work Session – January 19, 2010

Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mike Wood, Building Official reported to the Mayor and Council concerning over grown lots in subdivisions and will return to the next council meeting with a number of over grown lots that need nuisance complaints.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer would like the Mayor and Council to consider passing an Ordinance to require contractors to put down the top seal coats and limit maximum weight allowed on the streets after the top coat seal has been applied.

David Jones, Public Works Director requested approval for gas employees to attend a gas conference. The total education request will be \$160.00.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve the education request by David Jones, Public Works Director. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Police Chief, Sean Lemley received a request from the Waterford Home Owners Association to place a speed limit sign on Waterford Parkway.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to approve the requested speed limit sign on Waterford Parkway. The City will provide the stop sign; however if a special design pole is required, the Home Owners Association will provide the pole. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Fire Chief, Sean Kendrick requested approval to attend the Fire Chief's Executive Development Conference at the Alabama Fire College. The dates of the conference will be February 2-5, 2010. The total cost of the conference is \$125.00.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve the education request by Chief Kendrick. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Public Works Director, David Jones presented a contract to be signed between the City of Calera and Eagle1Resources railroad investigations. This contract will release the City of Calera from the current lease and join the class action suit for any future agreements.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to authorize Mayor Graham to sign the Eagle1Resources contract. Council Member Gentry seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Public Works Director, David Jones presented an invoice for the total fees associated with the repairing Village Trail. The cost will be invoiced to Reamer Development.

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to authorize the repairs to Village Trail. Council Member Gentry seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Sewer Operations Director, Doug Smedley requested approval to attend the AWEA conference in Orange Beach starting April 18th through April 22nd. The purpose of the conference is continuing education hours for renewal of certification as well as learning of new rules and regulation updates from ADEM and EPA. The total cost including lodging and conference is \$974.00.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve the education request by Doug Smedley. Council Member Roberson seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results

were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Building Official, Mike Wood updated the Mayor and Council on new computer software for the Inspections Department. Mr. Wood is still gathering information on the software. E-Ring, Inc. currently provides software to Shelby County Inspections Department. A meeting will be set for a later date between the Mayor, City Clerk and E-Ring, Inc. to discuss their software.

City Clerk, Connie Payton requested approval to send Amy Jacobs to a Financial Training Seminar with Incode for total cost of \$1,250.00.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve the education request by Connie Payton. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Roberson questioned David Jones, Public Works Director concerning a stop sign in Marengo. Mr. Jones advised Council Member Roberson that the stop sign has been installed.

Council Member Roberson is concerned with the next election. Mr. Roberson advised the city might need to contact Birmingham Regional Planning Commission concerning district lines for the next election. Mr. Roberson feels the city needs to be prepared to move forward after the Census results are returned.

Council Member Bradshaw questioned Mike Wood, Building Official on the status of the old Rail Road Car located on Highway 31. Mr. Wood advised Mr. Bradshaw that we are still waiting on the return receipt request from the certified mail to the owner.

Council Member Bradshaw requested an update from Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief on the billing issue and the status of the Williams property. Mr. Kendrick advised Mr. Bradshaw that the city might need to request an Attorney General Opinion for the billing issue. The Williams property has a potential buyer.

Council Member Bradshaw requested an update from Mike Kent, Zoning Official on the status of the repair of the Senior Citizens Van. Mr. Kent advised Mr. Bradshaw that Harvest Chapel Church is still loaning the City their van for outings.

Council Member Bunn requested an update from Mike Wood concerning the vacant lot next to Murphy Oil. Mr. Wood will see that a nuisance letter is sent to the current property owner.

Council Member Bunn expressed concerns with the number of phone calls received from

Waterford residents concerning paving of the roads. The City released bond money to Reamer Development in September to allow him to pave some of the finished streets. Chris Pappas, City Engineer advised the Mayor and Council that the delay of the street paving is no fault of the city.

Council Member Gentry was questioning the current pay scale and the process of hiring as well as the advancement of current employees. Mr. Gentry is of the opinion that an employee should not be given a raise until the certification (if required) for the advancement has been completed.

GUESTS:

Wanda Franks – Watson was present to address the Mayor and Council Members concerning the street conditions at Meriweather. Mrs. Watson requested the streets in the Meriweather Subdivision be paved by the City. After discussion with Mrs. Watson and the Mayor and Council, the Mayor instructed Chris Pappas, City Engineer to obtain prices to pave the requested streets.

Ronda Mink Steciuk from the Shelby County Humane Society was present to discuss the upcoming campaign for Calera residents to have their cat Spayed or Neutered.

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-03

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calera hereby amend “Chapter V – Leaves of Absence – Section 3 – Vacation Leave” of the “**CITY OF CALERA PERSONNEL RULES & REGULATIONS**”

WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

V. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

SECTION 3. VACATION LEAVE

(b) Scheduling

Unless special permission is secured from the appointing authority, no employee may take vacation leave until 12 months of employment has been completed. Vacation leave cannot be accumulated in excess of 5 days to carry over to the next calendar year. Vacation leave must be taken by **January 31** of the next calendar year.

SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

V. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

SECTION 3. VACATION LEAVE

(b) Scheduling

Unless special permission is secured from the appointing authority, no employee may take vacation leave until 12 months of employment has been completed. Vacation leave cannot be accumulated in excess of 5 days to carry over to the next calendar year. Vacation leave must be taken by **December 31** of the current calendar year.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2010-03. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion and upon vote, results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor declared Resolution No. R-2010-03 adopted this the 1st day of February, 2010.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Municipal Board Appointments:

Mayor Graham requested approval to appoint the following members to the Library Board: Norman Loftin, Martha Cole, Hilda Moon, and Kathy White.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to appoint Norman Loftin to Library Board with a term expiring in September 2015. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Council Member Phillips made a motion to appoint Martha Cole to Library Board with a term expiring in September 2014. Council Member Roberson seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: Gentry

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to appoint Hilda Moon to Library Board with a term expiring in September 2013. Council Member Roberson seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Council Member Roberson made a motion to appoint Kathy White to Library Board with a term expiring in September 2012. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Graham requested approval to appoint James Carden to the Industrial Development Board

Council Member Gentry made a motion to appoint James Carden to the Industrial Development Board with a term expiring in November 2016. Council Member Roberson seconded said motion, and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of February, 2010.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk