

March 3, 2014

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on March 3, 2014 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, Bobby Joe Phillips

Department Heads: Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Reggie Darden, Building Official
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Janet Greathouse, Library Director
Roy Hadaway, Finance Director
Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director
David Jones, Public Works Director

Guests: Harold Cole, Randy Krueger, Clayton Smith, David Allison, Jerry and Debbie Mahon and Gail Blankenship

David Allison called the meeting to order and opened with a Word of Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regular Meeting – February 18, 2014
Work Session – February 18, 2014

Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director requested approval to purchase two plaques to be presented to Coby Mize and Calera High School at a later Council Meeting. Total cost of the two plaques should not exceed \$100.00.

Council Member Watts made a motion to approve purchasing the two plaques as requested. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations requested approval to use the Community Center free of charge on April 23, 2014 to teach a class for the Alabama Rural Water Association.

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to approve Mr. Smedley's request to use the Community Center free of charge. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Janet Greathouse, Library Director thanked the city departments for their role in making the Fairy Tale Ball a success.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer presented information concerning an Emergency Sewer Sliplining Project for the Buxahatchee Sewer Plant. See quote attached from Hydra Service, Inc.

Mr. Pappas explained the emergency project will be upgrading around 300 feet of pipe of sewer trunk line. During the project we will be bypassing 1000 feet of pipe to make the necessary repairs to the 300 feet of pipe.

Monthly cost to rent the pump to make the bypass is \$11,800.00. The cost to slipline the pipe is \$42,300. Project is estimated to take one month, if project moves into the second month the monthly rental cost will be prorated. Total estimated project is around \$59,125.00.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to approve the emergency repair to the Buxahatchee Sewer Truck Line. Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Watts requested Chief Lemley report the missing speed limit sign located near Bates Aluminum Products 11320 Hwy 25.

Council Member Busby congratulated Coach James Knowles and the Calera Eagles Girls Basketball team on their recent trip to the AHSAA Class 4A Basketball Finals. The tournament ended with the Calera Eagles Girls Basketball team being named as the Class 4A State Runner Up.

MAYOR REPORT:

No report given

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-02

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calera hereby amend “Chapter V – Leaves of Absence – Section 2 – Holidays ” of the “**CITY OF CALERA PERSONNEL RULES & REGULATIONS**”

WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

V. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

SECTION 2. HOLIDAYS

(b) Holidays on scheduled work days

Employees who are required to work on the observed holiday shall be granted a work day of leave.

SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

V. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

SECTION 2. HOLIDAYS

(b) Holidays on scheduled work days

Employees who are required to work on the observed holiday will receive pay for the holiday.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2014-02. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion and upon vote, results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor declared Resolution No. R-2014-02 adopted this the 3rd day of March, 2014.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are frequently present in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements; and

WHEREAS: Behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child and interfering with parenting time and communication can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm, as such alienating tactics are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation takes advantage of the innocent and impressionable, depriving children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents and extended family; and

WHEREAS: Mental professionals agree that the negative effects of parental alienation can follow a child into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS: The recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) made several references to the dysfunctional family dynamic of alienation to be a form of psychological child abuse; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama subjected to child custody determination in 2012; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this problem to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community, leaders to better identify and combat such abusive behavior to children; and

WHEREAS: God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law; and

WHEREAS: The organizers of Parental Alienation Prevention Week are asking everyone to blow soap bubbles at noon on April 25th to show their support in spreading the simple message that children should be allowed to freely love both of their parents and extended family members; each free flowing bubble representing the love a child should have for his or her mother and father.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera, do hereby proclaim April 20 – 26, 2014, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

And hereby proclaim April 25th, 2014, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to proclaim April 20 – 26, 2014 as Parental Alienation Prevention Week and proclaim April 25, 2014 as Parental Alienation Awareness Day. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Guests:

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of March, 2014.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk