

January 5, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on January 5, 2015 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: Roy Hadaway, Finance Director
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Janet Greathouse, Library Director
Reggie Darden, Building Official
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director
David Jones, Public Works Director
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director
Matt Worthen, IT Services Manager

Guests: David Allison, Jim Beckner, Brett Parrott, Umang Patel, Judy Hester, Frank Hester, Anna Hester, Matthew Hester, Jeff Hester, Daniel Crowson and Harold Cole

Jim Beckner 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 – December 15, 2014
Work Session – December 15, 2014

Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director reported online registration for baseball and softball will begin next week. The department will host a registration day for individuals not wanting to register online.

Sean Lemley, Police Chief reported CSX is working to help resolve the problem due to crossing being blocked during rush hour traffic.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Busby congratulated the following football players on their accomplishments:

All Metro Team – 1st Team Ethan Thompson, Zach Gaines and Shakeith Tyes

All State Honorable Mention – Ethan Thompson

Honorable Mention – Austin Ford

All County – Shakeith Tyes

Top 20 in AHSAA – Braxton Strokes, Dylan Reddin, Lane Johnson and Kyle Harrell

MAYOR REPORT:

No report given

MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS:

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE:

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Grant Hester, as the City Judge for a two year term. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: Judge Daniel A. Crowson, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to the Jeffery Grant Hester, City Judge. Copy attached to minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Graham introduced the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE LISTED WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY, 2015, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2012-256, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CALERA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2012-256 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2012 Regular Session, providing for a State Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Calera, Alabama, exempts “covered items” from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday February 20, 2015 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (February 22, 2015).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2012-256, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above **and not for all years thereafter**.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the City of Calera, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on January 5, 2015.

Council Member Bradshaw moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for the immediate action upon said Ordinance. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion and upon vote the results were:

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

NAYS: None

The Mayor declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given.

Council Member Busby moved that Ordinance No. 2015-01 be adopted, which motion was seconded by Council Member Montgomery and upon vote the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Adopted this 5th day of January, 2015.

Mayor declared Ordinance No. 2015-01 adopted.

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Connie B. Payton, Assistant City Clerk, of the City of Calera, Alabama do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Calera, Alabama on the 5th day of January, 2015, as the same appears in the official record of minutes of the City of Calera Council meeting.

Given under my hand this 5th day of January, 2015.

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

I, Connie B. Payton, City Clerk of the City of Calera, Alabama do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly posted at the following locations:

Calera City Hall
Calera Post Office
Calera Public Library
Associated Foods

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Date Posted

Guests:

Judge Daniel A. Crowson, Jr. thanked the Mayor and Council for his opportunity to serve as the Calera Municipal Judge and their support in his new position as the District Court Judge of Shelby County.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of January, 2015.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk