

March 16, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on March 16, 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: Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Reggie Darden, Building Official
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
David Jones, Public Works Director
Roy Hadaway, Finance Director
Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Janet Greathouse, Library Director

Guests: Harold Cole, Fred Hoskins

Fred Hoskins called the meeting to order and opened with a Word of Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Regular Meeting – March 2, 2015
Work Session – March 2, 2015

Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chris Pappas, City Engineer, stated that sealing of the streets in the Waterford subdivision would start tomorrow.

Janet Greathouse, Library Director thanked the staff for their help and support of the Fairy Tale Ball. Approximately 1050 people visited the ball this year.

Sean Lemley, Police Chief, stated the community meeting with the Waterford subdivision went well.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Montgomery asked Chief Lemley about a stop sign at the I65 southbound Exit Number 231. Chief Lemley will check into the situation and get back with Mr. Montgomery.

Council member Bradshaw requested Norfolk Southern and CSX be contacted about needed repairs at Highway 25 and Highway 31.

Sean Lemley, Police Chief or Chris Pappas, City Engineer will contact with railroad officials about this matter.

Council Member Busby thanked Deputy Chief Barnett and Chief Lemley for the Gun Safety class held at the Savannah Point Subdivision.

MAYOR REPORT:

No report given

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities, and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, national service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve with, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, *Jon G. Graham, Mayor of Calera*, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to recognize April 7, 2015 as Day of Recognition for National Service day for Volunteers. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which carried unanimously.

Signed on this the 7th day of April, 2015

Jon G. Graham, Mayor of Calera

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are frequently seen in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements but can and do occur in intact marriages; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation is the term used to describe any number of behaviors and attitudes on the part of one parent that are designed to interfere, damage or destroy the relationship a child has with their other parent. It's a form of abuse that causes emotional trauma to children; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation deprives children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents, their extended family, and robs children of their sense of security; 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 were subjected to child custody determination in 2013; 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, and 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 Children should be able to freely express the meaning of F.A.M.I.L.Y. =
Father **A**nd **M**other, **I** **L**ove **Y**ou; and

WHEREAS: In honor of Parental Alienation Prevention Week, come and show your support by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon, on Saturday, April 25, to blow soap “Bubbles for Love”. Each bubble we blow will represent the love our children have and should be allowed to share with both their parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera, do hereby proclaim April 19 through April 25, 2015, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

And April 25, 2015, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS “Bubbles of Love” DAY

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to authorize April 25, 2015 as Parental Alienation Awareness “Bubbles of Love” Day and Parental Alienation Prevention Week. Council Member Montgomery seconded motion which carried unanimously.

Barbara Ingram requested to be de-annexed from the city limits. Mrs. Ingram property is located at 375 Bonnieville Drive, Calera, Alabama. The property owner next to Mrs. Ingram also annexed into the city limits, if this property is de-annexed the next property would not adjoin the corporate limits.

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to deny the request. Council Member Bunn seconded said request which was carried unanimously.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of April, 2015.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk