

April 20, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on April 20, 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: Reggie Darden, Building Official  
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief  
Roy Hadaway, Finance Director  
Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director  
Chris Pappas, City Engineer  
Matt Worthen, IT Services Manager  
David Jones, Public Works Director  
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director

Guests: Harold Cole, Fred Hoskins, Jason Jarvis, Randy Krueger, Carol Smedley, Stevie and Vickie Edwards

Jason Jarvis 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:

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Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

#### **REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director reminded everyone about the upcoming Strawberry Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The event will be held at Oliver Park from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer discussed a needed repair in the slab at Fire Station No. 2. Mr. Pappas requested an estimate for the repair and will report back to the Mayor and Council.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

No reports given

**MAYOR REPORT:**

No report given

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Reginald Holloway, Manager of Community Services for Shelby County requested approval to move the voting location for Calera Community Center to the Roy Downs Public Library.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to approve moving the voting location of Calera Community Center to the Roy Downs Public Library for both county and city elections. Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-07**

Whereas HB185 restricts municipal authority to license home health businesses to those with a headquarters or branch office physically located within the City of Calera; and

Whereas businesses that provide goods or services within the municipal corporate limits, whether or not they have a physical location within the corporate limits, take advantage of the financial and other benefits they receive from the municipality including, but not limited to, the use of city streets and roads, the potential use of police and fire protection, and the potential use of city ambulances or rescue services; and

Whereas revenue collected from business licensing provides a financial means for defraying the costs of providing essential services by licensing businesses in appropriate circumstances; and

Whereas, businesses with physical locations outside the municipal corporate limits will use municipal services to benefit their business when inside the municipal corporate limits; and

Whereas, monies collected from business licensing are used not just for revenue purposes, but to protect citizens by allowing municipalities to verify that home health companies providing services inside the municipal corporate limits are in compliance with necessary laws and regulations; and

Whereas, legislatively carving out this type of business from the coverage of municipal business licensing creates fundamental unfairness to other businesses and is a slippery slope as other businesses and industries start to request similar legislative limitations on municipal license authority which could potentially cost the municipality a significant loss in revenue thereby resulting in a potential for devastating effects on the quality of life of our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA expresses its strong opposition to HB185 or any similar legislation that would further restrict the municipality's authority to properly license business that is transacted within the municipality. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA, that its legislative delegation oppose the passage of HB185.

Council Member Phillips moved that Resolution No. R-2015-07 be adopted. Council Member Busby seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Graham declared Resolution No. R-2015-07 adopted.

Adopted this 20<sup>h</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie Payton, City Clerk

**Guests:**

Mayor Graham and Council Members recognized Stevie Edwards on his retirement and for his 25 years of excellent service, unwavering support and unrelenting guidance which helped in leading our Parks and Recreation Department to our path to success.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Approved this 4<sup>h</sup> day of May, 2015.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk