

April 18, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on April 18, 2016 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 and Bobby Joe Phillips

Department Heads: Reggie Darden, Building Official
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director
Matt Worthen, IT Manager

Guests: Harold Cole and Fred Hoskins

Ruby Heard Bustamonte called the meeting to order and opened with a Word of Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

No reports given

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Montgomery asked how the legislation concerning the municipal police jurisdiction will affect the city. Currently the city has their police jurisdiction at 1.5 miles. This legislation stated we could increase to 3 miles.

Mayor Graham stated the city municipal police jurisdiction has remained at 1.5 miles and we are not required to increase to the 3 miles of police jurisdiction.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Graham reminded everyone about the upcoming Strawberry Festival on April 30, 2016 at Oliver Park from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Graham suggested dividing the duties of the Finance Director between himself, Amy Jacobs, Bookkeeper and Connie Payton, City Clerk and recommended giving raises for additional duties.

Council Member Phillips stated he liked this plan more than hiring a full time finance director.

Council Member Montgomery had the following questions concerning the Mayor's recommendation:

1. How long the Mayor thought we could work with the plan suggested?
2. If and when a full time finance director is hired would the council take back the raises given?
3. Would there be a savings to the budget with this recommendation?
4. Would the employees also be willing to handle the same duties for the Water Board?

Council Member Montgomery has concerns with the recommendation, considering Mr. Hadaway recommended hiring a full time finance director.

Mayor Graham advised the Council that he has met with the auditors and they are ok with the recommendation. The recommendation would be a net savings to the city. Mayor Graham stated he has not planned on taking any raises back if the city continues to grow and a full time finance director needs to be hired.

Council Member Bunn stated he would like to see where the recommended raises would place these employees on the scale before he would consider voting. He also wants to know if we would take the raises back when a full time finance director is hired.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Graham presented an opportunity for The City of Calera to purchase the Rolling Hills Camp Ground. (A copy of the tax map and letters from Rolling Hills Camp Ground attached)

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to authorize Mayor Graham to begin negotiations to purchase Rolling Hills Camp Grounds. Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

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

Approved this 2nd day of May, 2016.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk