

May 2, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on May 2, 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
David Jones, Public Works Director
Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director

Guests: Harold Cole and Fred Hoskins

David Allison 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:

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Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director thanked everyone for helping with the Strawberry Festival. Mr. Gandy requested the Mayor and Council consider adding additional parking at Oliver Park.

David Jones, Public Works Director reported a CSX Railroad subcontractor contacted him about making the necessary repairs to the spur line on U.S. Highway 31.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Bradshaw requested an update on the City Hall and Bridge Projects.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Graham thanked everyone for helping with the Strawberry Festival.

Mayor Graham updated the Council Members on the following projects:

City Hall Project:

The concrete for the parking lot is currently being poured. We are in the process of designing and building the conference room table. The LED light fixtures have been ordered. We are self-performing the electrical work to save money. We have pulled power into the building. The new scheduled completion date is July.

Mayor Graham encouraged the Council Members to stop by the construction site for a tour.

The Bridge Project:

The State of Alabama has requested our match money to begin the right-of-way acquisitions.

Council Member Bunn asked David Jones, Public Works Director to check on a street light request for the Shelby Springs Subdivision. Mr. Jones advised he is currently waiting on a price from Alabama Power.

Council Member Busby stated he noticed large equipment being stored on the vacant corner lot next to the gas station on Highway 87. The equipment was a large track hoe and a screen roller. Reggie Darden, Building Official reported he noticed the equipment also and will keep a watch on the property for any activity. Mr. Darden advised the owner installed a gate to help prevent people from dumping on the property.

Council Member Busby asked the Mayor if he has gotten any feedback from citizens concerning the right-of-way acquisitions for the bridge project. Mayor Graham advised he has not and the City Hall Conference room has been offered for a meeting place if needed.

Council Member Montgomery has spoken with a few citizens concerning the time frame to vacate the property once the purchase has been made.

Council Member Phillips requested the city consider allowing Mayor Graham to approach the owner of the 9600 Highway 25 property to see if they would consider selling the property to the city for additional parking for Oliver Park.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to authorize Mayor Graham to speak with Mrs. Patrick to negotiate a purchase price for the property located at 9600 Highway 25. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Council Member Busby advised part of the property located behind the Library and part of the walking trail could be used for additional parking if needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Board Member Appointment:

Mayor Graham stated Mr. Preston Nail has resigned from the Water Board. Mr. Fred Hoskins has been attending both the Water Board and Council meetings. Mr. Hoskins has shown an interest in serving on the Water Board.

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to appoint Mr. Fred Hoskins to the Water Board replacing Preston Nail. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

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

Approved this 17th day of May, 2016.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk