

June 20, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on June 20, 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

Absent: 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
Alison Powers, Library Director
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Matt Worthen, IT Services Manager
Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director

Guests: Harold Cole, Fred Hoskins, Randy Krueger, Sharon Alexander, Robert and Vickie McGiboney, Kim Partridge and Carlene Gaines

Randy Krueger 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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Work Session – June 6, 2016

Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Doug Smedley, Director of Sewer Operations advised ADEM has renewed our permit, extending the deadline for our total phosphorous compliance from July 1, 2016 until July 1, 2018.

Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director reminded everyone to visit the Calera Farmers Market every Tuesday between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. across from Publix's on Highway

70. Mr. Gandy advised the Playmaker World Series Baseball Tournament was held at the Eagle Sports Complex this past weekend.

David Jones, Public Works Director called Alabama Power to discuss the current street lights located in the downtown area and requested pricing to update current lighting. Mr. Jones advised there were 13 street lights currently in the downtown area. The city is currently paying \$208.00 per month for the downtown street lights. After discussion the council decided the current light is sufficient.

Sean Lemley, Police Chief advised he feels the downtown area has sufficient lighting.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Watts stated it would be nice to see improvements in the downtown area with the sidewalks and adding additional lamp street lighting. The problem is there is not enough spacing to make these improvements.

Council Member Bradshaw requested Chris Pappas, City Engineer gives a City Hall Project update.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer stated we are currently waiting on a few light fixtures for the inside and outside of the building. The carpet has been installed and the conference room table is currently being built. We should be ready for a punch list in a couple of weeks. Mr. Pappas advised we are still waiting on AT&T.

Council Member Bunn asked Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director how many teams attended the last baseball tournament at the Eagle Sports Complex. Mr. Gandy advised an estimated 125 teams were present for the opening ceremonies.

Council Member Busby advised his son played in the tournament. Mr. Busby thanked Seth and his staff for their hard work to make the tournament a success. This tournament brought 1000's of people to our city. Mr. Busby received lots of positive comments from visitors concerning our park.

MAYOR REPORT:

No report given

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Busby made a motion to authorize Mayor Graham to enter into a contract to purchase 9600 Highway 25 on behalf of the city to be used for additional parking for Oliver Park. Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Graham will report back with the contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing to receive input concerning a proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance:

Table 5.2 Permitted – Uses for Non-Residential Districts:

Wrecker Service:

B-2 – Allowed by Special Exception

M-1 – Allowed by Special Exception

M-2 – Allowed by Right

M-3 – Allowed by Right

Outdoor Storage:

M-2 – Allowed by Special Exception

M-3 – Allowed by Special Exception

Section 3.5.5 – Industrial Uses:

Adding definition for Outdoor Storage:

The keeping, in an unenclosed area, of any goods, materials, merchandise, products or vehicles in the same place for more than forty-eight (48) hours. This definition only applies to zoning classifications where outdoor storage is allowed by special exception.

R-4 Setbacks – Establish

GUESTS:

Carlene Gaines requested Mayor Graham read the proposed zoning changes. Mayor Graham read the proposed zoning changes as listed above.

Chris Pappas, City Engineer and Reggie Darden, Building Official explained the proposed changes.

Carlene Gaines requested the Mayor and Council not consider the proposed change for the Wrecker Service. Mrs. Gaines does not want a Wrecker Service located beside her residence.

Vickie McGiboney requested the Mayor and Council not consider the proposed change for the Wrecker Service.

Vickie McGiboney was present to discuss a current drainage issue on 10th Avenue beside her business. Mrs. McGiboney handed out pictures of the ditch for the Mayor and Council Members to review. Mrs. McGiboney is having a mosquito problem on her property. A fence has been

built in the avenue on the lot next to her property. Mrs. McGiboney has no record of this avenue being closed.

Mayor Graham explained a survey was provided by Rodney Shiflett Surveying LLC which states that portion of the avenue was closed. We have reached out to Mr. Shiflett to discuss this issue. The property owner came before the council on July 20, 1998 and requested the 10th Avenue between 14th Street and 15th Street be closed. The city will make contact with the property owner's family which made the request.

Mayor Graham and David Jones, Public Works Director went out to look at the 10th Avenue ditch at the request of Mrs. McGiboney. David Jones, Public Works Director reported his staff has sprayed the area and also placed mosquito control donuts in the ditch to help with the problem.

There were discussions about the drainage of the ditch and what could be done to help with the issue. Chris Pappas, City Engineer will go to the site and assess the situation.

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of July, 2016.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk