

September 6, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on September 6, 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 Kendrick, Fire Chief  
Seth Gandy, Park and Recreation Director  
Sean Lemley, Police Chief  
Chris Pappas, City Engineer  
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations Director  
Matt Worthen, IT Services Manager

Guests: Harold Cole, Fred Hoskins and Kay Snowden Turner

Jason Jarvis 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 – August 15, 2016  
Work Session – August 15, 2016  
Special Called Meeting – August 30, 2016

Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

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

Sean Lemley, Police Chief stated he is working on Employee ID badges for new City Hall.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

Council Member Watts is excited we are in the new City Hall.

Council Member Busby stated the high school football season is off to a great start. The Calera Football Team is currently 3-0 and this week we play Central Tuscaloosa at home. Come out and

show your support for the team. Mr. Busby complimented Chris Pappas for the great job on the new concrete conference room table.

Council Member Busby invited everyone to attend the upcoming Historical Cemetery Walking Tour, October 29, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Columbiana. This event is presented by the Shelby County Museum and Archives.

#### **MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Graham requested a Budget Work Session be scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Watts made a motion to schedule a Budget Work Session as requested for Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dogtown Chevron requested approval for the following Alcohol License Application.

Applicant: Gunter Oil Company, Inc.

Trade Name: Dogtown Chevron

Address: 5900 Highway 31, Calera, AL 35040

Type License: 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only)

Type License: 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only)

Council Member Phillips made a motion to approve the Alcohol License Application for Gunter Oil Company, Inc. Council Member Busby seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

#### **PROCLAMATION – GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, during National Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month, we honor those we have lost, show our support for women who bravely carry on the fight against gynecologic (gyn) cancers, and take action to lessen the tragic toll these cancers take on families across our Nation; and

WHEREAS, gyn cancers are among the leading cancer killers of women in the United States, and more than 98,000 women will be diagnosed, and more than 30,000 women will die from these diseases this year and the absence they leave in our hearts will be deeply felt forever; and

WHEREAS, the “A State of Teal” initiative brings awareness of all gyn cancers to the people throughout the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of women in our city and state are enhanced by increased awareness of gyn cancers and their symptoms and treatments; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for women, physicians and all healthcare providers to recognize the risk factors and symptoms of gyn cancers and to remember the importance of early detection in preventing and treating these diseases; and

WHEREAS, continued progress in the battle against gyn cancers requires increased awareness and education, and all educators, service providers, researchers and advocacy groups are urged to work together to inform more women about these cancers and to educate women in Calera and the State of Alabama about screening and prevention services; and

WHEREAS, it is also crucial that all women in Calera and the State of Alabama take an active role in learning the symptoms and risk factors associated with gyn cancers, developing healthy habits, and undergoing regular medical examinations so that any occurrence of these diseases may be detected in their early and treatable stages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera, Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2016, as

### **GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the City and encourage all residents of City of Calera to work together to raise awareness of gynecologic cancers and do commend this observance to all our citizens.

Council Member Busby made a motion to proclaim September, 2016 as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, children are our future and society’s greatest asset, and committed families shape and guide children by preparing them for obstacles and encouraging them to overcome life's demanding challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the cornerstone of an orderly society is the family, but Alabama’s families have grown progressively weaker and children are living in a world where TVs, cell phones, and electronic devices have replaced playgrounds and conversation; and

**WHEREAS**, children who spend significant time with both parents show lower risks of suicide, dropout, teen pregnancy, prison time, and drug abuse; however, the importance of children having two parents is diminishing in society as approximately 40,000 Alabama children a year are victims of court ordered visitation with one parent for only two to six days a month; and

**WHEREAS**, also, widespread availability of illegal drugs from outside the state, along with an increase in homegrown marijuana and the local manufacture of methamphetamine and designer drugs, has resulted in an increased drug threat with an estimated 281,000 Alabamians needing treatment for drug and alcohol abuse in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, children of concerned and active parents are far less likely to exhibit risky and unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, drinking, or using illegal drugs because of the valuable time spent with parents and the positive examples set by parents, and social scientists agree that shared parenting should be the norm for children of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, simple daily activities like sharing a meal, a conversation, or a book can have an enormous impact on the life of a child; strong and engaged families help build a strong Alabama, and it is our responsibility as concerned family members to help create a solid foundation for the future health and happiness of all of Alabama's children; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Day has grown to promote the importance of family interaction and connecting with kids throughout the day, and to stress that children NEED both parents, and on Family Day we honor the devotion of parents and recognize their critical role in teaching children positive and healthy behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all Alabamians to visit [CASAFamilyDay.org](http://CASAFamilyDay.org) for information on talking with children about the perils of drug use, and we call on community and state leaders to support shared parenting because of its benefits for children.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jon G. Graham, Mayor of the City of Calera, Alabama do hereby proclaim September 26, 2016, as **FAMILY DAY**, calling upon our citizens to join together in observing this day by spending time with their families and by engaging in appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor and strengthen our city's/state's families.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to approve September 26, 2016 as Family Day. Council Member Watts seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

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

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk