

March 7, 2011

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Calera City Hall with the following present:

Mayor: Jon G. Graham

Council Members: Ernest Montgomery, Mike Roberson, David Bradshaw, Chris Bunn, Ed Gentry, Bobby Joe Phillips

Department Heads: Roy Hadaway, Finance Director
Sean Lemley, Police Chief
Chris Pappas, City Engineer
Mike Wood, Building Official
Doug Smedley, Sewer Operations
Clint Barnett, Deputy Police Chief
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief
David Jones, Public Works Director

Guests: Bill Davis, Rebecca Krueger, Jatinkumar J. Patel, Danny Wilson

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order. Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – February 21, 2011

Work Session – February 21, 2011

Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chris Pappas, City Engineer had a request to provide a cost estimate on the Sports Complex Project to Lhoist (Chemical Lime Company). (Cost estimate attached to minutes). Mr. Bradley has concerns about the restrooms and the concession stands beginning completed. Mr. Pappas advised that facilities will be made available to citizens as soon as the park is ready to be used.

Roy Hadaway, Finance Director advised a meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2011 to close out the audit. The audited financial statements will be forwarded to Alagasco as requested. As a reminder to the Mayor, Council, Employees and Citizens no agreements of any kind have been made with Alagasco to sell the gas system. Alagasco has completed an audit on our system and will deliver a proposal to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief issued the following press release concerning the Outdoor Weather Sirens:

The City of Calera has completed the re-programming and upgrades to our severe weather outdoor sirens. All of the sirens are in service and have been reprogrammed to the narrow band and are compliant with the FCC's new regulations for emergency service radio frequencies.

Frequently Asked Questions about Outdoor Warning Sirens

1. What should I do when I hear the sirens?

When the sirens are heard, go inside and tune to local media to get more information.

2. Why can't I hear the sirens in my house?

Sirens are an outdoor warning system designed only to alert those who are outside that something dangerous is approaching.

3. How can I get alerts when I'm at work or in my house?

For alerts indoors, every home and business should have a [NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards](#). NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector for severe weather, and it can wake you up when a warning is issued for your area so you can take appropriate action.

4. When are sirens tested?

Sirens are tested according to local community or state policies. In the City of Calera, this is on the first Wednesday of each month weather permitting. Check with your local officials to get the specific day for your community.

5. Will the sirens warn me of every dangerous storm?

The safest approach is to be proactive and use all of the information available to protect yourself and your family from threatening weather. Nothing can replace common sense. If a storm is approaching, the lightning alone is a threat. Sirens are only one part of a warning system that includes preparation, NOAA Weather Radio, and local media.

6. Who activates the sirens?

Sirens are typically activated by city or county officials, usually a police or fire department or emergency management personnel. Check with your city or county officials to learn more.

7. What is the community-wide siren policy that I've heard about?

When life-threatening weather is approaching, minutes or even seconds could make a difference. If people are unsure or confused about an alert, they may not respond quickly or appropriately. By adopting common outdoor warning system guidelines, confusion will be eliminated, response time will be reduced, and lives will be saved. Throughout the Quad City metro area, communities have adopted a common protocol for sounding their outdoor warning systems (sirens).

8. Does the National Weather Service have recommended guidelines for sounding outdoor warning sirens?

Nationally, no. However, the local NWS office in the Quad Cities partnered with local emergency managers to develop the recommended siren guidelines that have since been adopted by many local communities.

David Jones, Public Works Director and Sean Lemley, Police Chief discussed the lighting request for the intersection of Highway 42 and Highway 25. Chief Lemley has been meeting with Shelby County to help secure funding for this project. If funding is not provided by Shelby County the city will install the lights.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve the light installation at Highway 42 and Highway 25 if not funded by Shelby County. Council Member Roberson seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Connie Payton, City Clerk presented the Government Wireless Service Agreement for approval. Council Member Gentry and Council Member Bunn requested the agreement be reviewed by the League of Municipalities.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Ernest Montgomery requested approval for The Encouragement Learning Center to use the track facilities and the large pavilion at Oliver Park on March

19, 2011 for a Literacy Walk.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve The Encouragement Learning Center to use Oliver Park for their Literacy Walk. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which carried unanimously.

Council Member David Bradshaw requested a status update on the ByPass. Chris Pappas, City Engineer advised we are waiting on the results from the environmental study.

Council Member Chris Bunn reminded everyone opening day for baseball is March 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Graham will be throwing out the first pitch.

Council Member Ed Gentry requested the new concession stand at Oliver Park be assigned to one person. Mr. Gentry suggested Mike Wood, Building Official be in charge of the project from start to finish. Mike Wood suggested Chris Pappas be over the finance and bid work section of the project and he would act as the general contractor.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to appoint Mike Wood to the concession stand project at Oliver Park. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Council Member Ed Gentry recognized and thanked Chris Smith for an outstanding job he is doing with animal complaints. Council Member Ed Gentry also thanked Mr. Brown, Calera High School Golf Coach for a great tournament held today at Timberline. This tournament brought approximately 150 kids into our city.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Graham reported that the AOK Clothing drive and the Fairy Tale Ball was a great success. Mayor Graham read several postcards from individuals that attended the Fairy Tale Ball.

PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, every child is a blessing and deserves to live in a safe, permanent, caring family, receiving love, protection, and nurturing; and prevention remains the best defense against child abuse.

Whereas, children who are victims of child abuse represent every racial, religious, and socio-economic group, and the suffering they endure poses a threat to our families and to our society. Abused and neglected children often carry the effects of their experiences into and throughout adult life.

Whereas, children are our link to the future and our hope for a better tomorrow.

Whereas, keeping children safe is a community responsibility. By working together, we can put hope in our children's hearts and ensure healthy and safe lives for them. During the month of April our community and its people reaffirm our commitment to make a difference in ending child abuse and neglect, and we acknowledge that prevention

remains the best defense against child abuse.

Now, Therefore, I, The Honorable Jon Graham, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Calera, Shelby County, Alabama and call upon and encourage all citizens in the City of Calera to join together to support strong families, protect our children from abuse, neglect, and maltreatment and make our county a model place for others, taking action to make our own community a healthy place where children can grow and thrive.

Given under my hand, in Shelby County, Alabama this 7th day of March, 2011

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adopt April, 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Council Member Gentry seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

GUESTS:

Jatinkumar J. Patel was present to request approval for the Alcohol License Application for the following location:

Sayona Food Mart
Pramukhraj, LLC
11731 Highway 25
Calera, Alabama 35040
Retail Beer – Off Premises Only
Retail Table Wine – Off Premises Only

Council Member Phillips made a motion to approve the Alcohol License Application from Sayona Food Mart. Council Member Gentry seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

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

Approved this 21st day of March, 2011.

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk