

February 21, 2011

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calera met on February 21, 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  
Janet Greathouse, Librarian  
Sean Kendrick, Fire Chief

Guests: Bill Davis, Randy and Rebecca Krueger, Chris and Ginger Senn

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

Regular Meeting – February 7, 2011  
Work Session – February 7, 2011

Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Beginning on February 21, 2011 the City of Calera's severe weather sirens will be upgraded and programmed to become compliant with the new FCC requirements for emergency radios. These upgrades will take two to four weeks to complete. During this time, Calera's severe weather sirens will not work. The public will be notified when the sirens are working.

### **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.

Mike Wood, Building Official submitted the following three proposals for the AC Coil replacement for the Library:

Council Member Phillips made a motion to replace the coil at the Library. Council Member Bunn seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Sean Lemley, Police Chief thanked the Building Maintenance Department for their assistance helping install the new security door systems in City Hall. Chief Lemley also thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the new holding facility for animals running at large.

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-03**

**A RESOLUTION LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY FOR EXPENSES OF ABATING NUISANCE**

WHEREAS, Jerry M. Abernathy, Jr. and Michelle Abernathy, the owners of the real property described below, have been found in violation of Chapter 8, Article VI of the Code of Calera, Alabama, for maintaining and failing to abate a nuisance and for failing to pay the expenses incurred by the City of Calera in abating said nuisance; and

WHEREAS, all notices required by said Article VI have been provided and all public hearings provided by said Article VI have been conducted; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council of Calera, Alabama, that the expenses incurred by the City of Calera in abating said nuisance shall be assessed against said real property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Calera, Alabama, as follows:

1. The City of Calera, Alabama, hereby levies a special assessment against the real property described below in the amount of \$825.42, representing the expenses incurred by the City in abating a nuisance on said real property:

Real property located at 2075 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Calera, Alabama, owned by Jerry M. Abernathy, Jr. and Michelle Abernathy, and described as Lot 26, according to Farris Subdivision, Calera, Alabama, as recorded in Map Book 3, page 126, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama. Situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

2. Following the seventh day after the adoption of this resolution, the Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

Council Member Montgomery made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2011-03. Council Member Gentry seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

The Mayor declared Resolution No. R-2011-03 adopted this the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of February, 2011.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-04**

**A RESOLUTION LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY FOR EXPENSES OF ABATING NUISANCE**

WHEREAS, Veronica Castillo, the owner of the real property described below, has been found in violation of Chapter 8, Article VI of the Code of Calera, Alabama, for maintaining and failing to abate a nuisance and for failing to pay the expenses incurred by the City of Calera in abating said nuisance; and

WHEREAS, all notices required by said Article VI have been provided and all public hearings provided by said Article VI have been conducted; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council of Calera, Alabama, that the expenses incurred by the City of Calera in abating said nuisance shall be assessed against said real property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Calera, Alabama, as follows:

1. The City of Calera, Alabama, hereby levies a special assessment against the real property described below in the amount of \$1,039.56, representing the expenses incurred by the City in abating a nuisance on said real property:

Real property located at 710 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Calera, Alabama, owned by Veronica Castillo, and described as Lot 8, Block 51, according to Dunstan's Map and Survey of Town of Calera. Said map is unrecorded in the Probate Office and is unavailable for recordation. (Said Lot 8 Block 51 is also described on the plat of Calera Heights in Map Book 3 page 127 and the resurvey of Russell R. Hetz Property in Map Book 3 page 119 in Probate Office). All being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

2. Following the seventh day after the adoption of this resolution, the Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2011-04. Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

The Mayor declared Resolution No. R-2011-04 adopted this the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of February, 2011.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Mayor Graham introduced the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-01**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-10 of the City of Calera Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following section:

**PERMIT FEE CHARGES**

Fence Permit:           \$50.00

Council Member Phillips moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for immediate action upon Ordinance No. 2011-01.

Council Member Bradshaw seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES:           Montgomery, Roberson, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Gentry, Phillips

NAYS:           None

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given for the consideration of said Ordinance.

Council Member Phillips moved that Ordinance No. 2011-01 is denied. Council Member Roberson seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES:           Montgomery, Roberson, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Gentry, Phillips

NAYS:           None

Mayor Graham declared Ordinance No. 2011-01 denied.

Roy Hadaway, Finance Director presented the proposal for the insurance policy to cover loss of revenue and the RDS – Tax Revenue Agreement.

Council Member Gentry made a motion to approve the loss of revenue policy. Council Member Montgomery seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

Council Member Bunn made a motion to approve the RDS – Tax Revenue Agreement. Council Member Phillips seconded said motion which was carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

Council Member Roberson requested an update on the Ozley Nuisance complaint. Mr. Wood advised this case is currently in municipal court. Council Member Roberson requested that if possible the street lights and traffic directing be linked together to speed up the school traffic.

Council Member Bradshaw requested Chris Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, to review Ordinance 2005- 37. Council Member Bradshaw has received several complaints about the sale of used cars in the city limits.

Council Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk