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Donald Nelson Mayor	Lee Anne Greene	Curtis Heathcoe	James Ivy	Tonya Moss	Mark Howell
			Councilmembers		
Kim W. Pettway City Clerk	Linda Hoiles Court Clerk	Jerry Taylor Chief of Police			

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF CREOLA COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT CREOLA CITY HALL ON
May 8, 2014 @ 6:00PM**

Mayor called the meeting to order.
Rev. Chambers gave invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance
Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present:

Mayor states he was questioned about saying prayer in public meeting. Mayor states that the city was incorporated in 1978 they have said prayer for 30 plus years and will continue to pray.

Mayor Nelson
Councilwoman Greene
Councilman Heathcoe
Councilman Ivy
Councilwoman Moss
Councilman Howell

Attorney Johnny Lane and city clerk was present.

Minutes from the council meeting held on, April 24, 2014 were presented.
Councilman Howell made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting.
Councilman Heathcoe seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mrs. Casie Bennet presented Officer Jason Shaw a vest for Officer K-9 Hicks and a heat alarm that will be installed in his police truck. All funds were raised thru fundraising and were no cost to the city.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Mr. Earl Definbaugh asked why meetings are not being posted around town. Mayor states that they are posted in three places which are post office, Macs and Platt's. Mr. Definbaugh asked about sewer south of I-65. Mayor states that he has invited Mr. McDonald to come down to speak. Mr. Definbaugh said to just make it mandatory. Mayor states that will be up to the citizens

to sign up or either have a vote but the council or city has no intent on forcing anyone to tie into the sewer at this time.

Mr. Fisher states that the city workers are doing an excellent job of picking up trash and keeping it clean on Lister Dairy Rd. Mr. Fisher states that he come out today and trash is everywhere again. What can be done to help with this issue?

Mrs. Heathcoe commends council for attending conference and thinks all council needs to attend the meetings.

Mr. Chambers thanked city for participating in National Day of Prayer.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OTHER BUSINESS

No business

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene states that she spoke with Don Moss, building inspector about meeting with the Alabama Choppers business owner and asked why he had not been at a council meeting. Mr. Moss stated that he was told he could not drive a city vehicle to council meetings. Mayor states that is correct and that the inspector works for him and he does not need to be at the meetings. Councilwoman Greene states that she feels it is important for the building inspector to be at the meetings and should the council as a whole have made the decision instead of the mayor only. The mayor said no it was his decision to save the city money. Councilwoman Greene made a motion for the building inspector to be able to drive the city vehicle to council meetings. Mayor states to Councilwoman Greene that she has brought up something that was not brought up in the workshop. Mayor states that when Mr. Moss was hired he was told he could drive the vehicle home and back to work for daily activities. Councilwoman Greene states to the Mayor that you do not think it is important for him to report to the council. Mayor states that he reports to him not to the council. Mayor states he can drive to work but not to council meetings. Councilman Heathcoe asked what was the difference in him driving home and coming back to work and driving home and coming back to the council meetings. Mayor states he told him he was not needed at the council meetings. Mayor asked what purpose he had at the council meeting. Mrs. Bennet asked was it not important for him to report things at the meetings like other departments and Mayor called her out of order. Mayor states for planning board issues Mr. Chambers and Councilwoman Greene is here to answer questions. Councilwoman Greene asked attorney if this was a decision the Mayor should make on his own, the attorney stated it seemed ok. Mayor states that he is looking to try to save money because money is starting to get tight again Councilwoman Greene asked the Mayor about the economic development board that was mentioned in the Call News was he still planning on creating one, Mayor stated that he did not say he would create an Economic Development Board, Darla with the Call News and several others stated that he in fact state it and it was printed. Mayor stated that Councilwoman Greene had him flustered so he may have misunderstood. He stated he had not taken any action on developing a board. A citizen asked isn't that the same thing that the CDG does.

Councilwoman Greene states that citizens were asking about the Pipeline resolution that was being worked on the attorney general. Attorney states that he is working on it.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

No business

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilman Howell states that they are still waiting on plans for the nature trails at the park on Gunnison Creek.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZEN

Councilwoman Moss states that the bidding of the door for the building has been done and will be between \$850-\$1300 depending on the size. Lowes charges \$35.00 service fee to come measure the door.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Greene read report and gave bank balances as of 5/8/14.

General fund	\$65,394.84
4cent gas tax	\$9,081.16
7cent gas tax	\$18,820.42

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the finance report as presented.
Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion pay bills as presented.
Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

COMMUNITY GROUP

Councilwoman Greene states that the group was discussing the deaths in area and decided to purchase a death in the family sign. The sign will be left at city hall and when someone is in need of the sign someone from the group will take it to the family.

Councilwoman Greene states that the breakfast for the seniors and veterans will be held 5/17/14 at 9am- at the senior building and would like to extend the invitation to the police department, volunteer fire department and city employees.

Councilwoman Greene wanted to let everyone know that Mrs. Brooklyn Lynch was crowned Ms. Faulkner State 2014 on March 20.

Councilwoman Greene states that the community development group wants to have a day of prayer in the park in September.

Councilwoman Greene thanked Casie Bennet for all of her hard work in getting the extra funds for the vest for officer k-9 Hicks.

POLICE AND FIRE

Councilman Ivy states that the fire department needs to get an engine leak fixed on the fire truck.

Councilman Ivy stated that the police department would like to request to purchase information on brochure on synthetic drugs and bath salts.

Councilman Ivy made a motion to purchase the brochure on synthetic drugs and bath salts.

Councilman Howell second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene states she had a phone call from Commissioner Ludgood and the listed items below will be donated to the police department.

7 vest \$535 each

1 laptop \$649.00 each

2 printer \$199.00 each

Total received is \$4792.00

Councilwoman Greene read 2 letters of gratitude for Officer Daves, Asst. chief Davis and Dispatcher Merriweather on doing a fine job in helping and serving the community.

Councilwoman Greene states that on the fire department , fire fighter 2 classes , and have instructor 1 class, and then just about everyone except the 4 new people will be certified.

Councilwoman Greene states for April they had 18 medical calls, 2 fire calls, 8 motor vehicle accidents, for May they had 5 medical calls, 3 fires, 1 motor vehicle.

Councilwoman Greene states that starting at the next meeting; Police and Fire chief will be giving safety tips so we can get public education out.

STREETS

Councilman Heathcoe states Mr. Bobby is doing a good job.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Councilwoman Moss states that Satsuma City school systems last day for registration for non-resident's students is 6/15/14.

A citizen asked about Ducey Rd being private or public road. Councilwoman Moss states that Councilwoman Greene, she and Mr. Crisswell went down to the maps and the map people said it is a public road. In 1994, anything before this date was private and stayed private but if you annexed property after then it would be a public road. Mayor stated that the same people told him it was not. Councilwoman Moss states that they also went to Alabama league of municipalities and asked this question to an attorney and they said if you incorporate an area the roads belongs to that city.

Adjournment

Councilman Ivy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Howell seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.