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**AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF CREOLA "SPECIAL" COUNCIL
MEETING**
HELD AT CREOLA CITY HALL ON TUESDAY,
October 14, 2014 @ 6:00

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

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

The city clerk was present.

Council discussed the budget, councilman Howell had questions about the figures, and if chief Taylor was sure the city could afford a raise for the employees, mayor nelson stated that he did not think the city couldn't afford not to give the raises, he stated that it had been 5 years. Councilman Howell asked why the \$50K was borrowed and it was explained that we had big items to pay last year. City clerk and chief stated that the revenues were up and even with adjusting the revenues for the next year to reflect possibility of oil production being reduced. Councilman Howell stated that they had just given per diem, mayor stated that was several years ago and it was only for the police department personnel that worked 12 hours. Chief stated that the city is about 20% below the other municipalities in salary, with a 5% raise, it will bring city closer but still behind. Councilman Howell stated that Melvin Taylor made more than he did last year so the overtime needs to be addressed. Mayor stated everyone was aware of the salaries, but it was cheaper to pay the overtime than to hire more employees and pay benefits. Chief also explained that several personnel spots were never filled at the police department after resignations and retirements.

It was explained that the \$50K that was borrowed was from outstanding expenses carried over from previous year. Mayor stated that the council can honor the 5% and continue to watch finances closely. Sales taxes and ad valorem continue to increase and there are a few more businesses in area. Mayor suggested passing the budget and if it is necessary to go back and adjust then we can. Councilman Howell stated the city will be in constant debt with the police cars, Kenny Walker stated that the city had agreed to buy one car per year.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 budgets in its entirety.
Councilman Howell seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

MOUNT VERNON CONTRACT

Mayor asked was the provision about the housing the inmates addressed, chief stated that it was corrected. Chief stated that there will only be 2 instances where our jail would be necessary and that is for public intoxication/DUI arrests and Domestic violence arrests.

Councilwoman Greene asked if chief would administer advice to Fire and Police departments, chief stated he would, it is normal expectation of a Public Safety Director. Chief stated that the city will not be dispatching for the fire department, only the police department. Creola Police department is not being contracted to patrol in Mt. Vernon, the cities will continue to do mutual aid with all departments as always. Chief also stated that he will not be compensated personally for this position, the contract is between the cities not him and Mt. Vernon. Councilman Howell stated that basically nothing will change with the exception of the dispatchers dispatching calls for Mt. Vernon.

Councilman Howell made motion to accept the contract between Creola and Mt. Vernon.

Councilman Ivy seconded, all favored;

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Greene	Yes
Councilman Heathcoe	was absent
Councilwoman Moss	Yes
Councilman Howell	Yes
Councilman Ivy	Yes
Mayor Nelson	Yes

All favored, none opposed, motion carried.

City clerk will add Mt. Vernon income to the report starting in November.

Councilwoman Moss asked if chief would have to attend meetings, chief stated occasionally.

Councilwoman Greene asked who had the authority to make changes or decisions in reference to the contract, Mayor said it is a council decision, he and the city clerk are just authoritative signatures.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Greene made motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Moss seconded.