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**William R. Criswell** Mayor    **Leanne Greene** Place 1    **Harold Martin** Place 2    **Ralph Walker** Place 3    **Tonya Moss** Place 4    **Kendal Hadaway** Place 5

**Carolyn Sue Cain** City Clerk    **Linda Hoiles** Court Clerk    **Doug Kirkland** Chief of Police    **Jeff Reeves** Fire Chief

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Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 12, 2018 6PM  
Creola City Hall  
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL  
Workshop: 5:30PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.  
Pastor John White gave the Invocation.  
Pledge of Allegiance

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present except Councilman Walker  
Councilwoman Greene  
Councilman Martin  
Councilman Walker absent  
Councilwoman Moss  
Councilman Hadaway  
Mayor Criswell  
City Attorney –Mr. Danny Mims  
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 03/22/2018 meeting.  
Councilwoman Greene seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

Mr. Barney March, running for circuit court judge for Mobile County, introduced himself and spoke about why he is running in the election for circuit court judge. Mr. March is asking for your vote on June 5, 2018.

Mr. Flynn Christian, speaking on behalf of a St. Thomas Church in Chickasaw fundraiser. He is asking for the councilmembers to have a triathlon (which consist of running, swimming, and biking) in the city. Councilman Hadaway asked where the run and bike would take place. Mr. Christian states that the swim would be at Ski Chaste lake, Creola axis loop road. Mr. Christian states that this is not something that will happen in 30 days, this is something that he is proposing to do this time next year. Councilwoman Moss and Councilwoman Greene states, they think it

would be good for the city. Mayor asked for a presentation to be brought back quarterly with updates and what they can do to help. Mayor and council are interested.

Atty Mims states for Mr. Christian to come back with more concrete plans and they can overlook a contract to see if any legal issues or concerns are there.

Mr. Alex Boucher, a citizen of Creola, is joining the Monastic Vocation Monastery in Louisiana. He thanked the council and citizens of Creola and asked for prayers for his new journey.

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Greene states that National Day of Prayer will be held May 3, 2018.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to host National Day of Prayer in the City Hall parking lot on May 3, 2018 at 12 noon – (weather permitting.)

Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene states they have a franchise from Spire Gulf.

Attorney Mims states this is a franchise ordinance for Spire Gulf Inc. (previously Mobile Gas) to allow spire Gulf Inc. to come in to the streets and alley ways for purposes of laying pipe to tunnel gas to citizens of Creola.

Councilman Martin made a motion to put the franchise agreement from Spire Gulf on the next agenda to consider it.

Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to table the Franchise agreement for Spire Gulf Inc.

Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion for the building inspector, Don Moss to attend a training class with the Electrical Consulting Group on May 19, 2018 for the cost of \$150.00.

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

Councilwoman Greene states that Citronelle High School sent 7 students to interview for the summer internship. Councilwoman Greene states that they were all fantastic students and it was hard to choose. Ms. Sabrina Presley, our intern for 2017-18 year will be leaving to go to AM&S. The two students chosen for the internship were Ms. Dreyanna Morgan and Ms. Madeline Newton. They will start June 5, 2018, they will work 3 days or 5 days if needed.

Councilman Hadaway made a motion to accept Ms. Morgan and Ms. Newton as the City's new interns for the summer.

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

Mayor states that each year the city is required to have an audit and it should be done by a CPA that is chosen by the Mayor. Mayor states last year he contacted Betancourt and King to do the city's audit. Mayor states that when they took office the city did not have books, that everything was in folders. Mr. Betancourt is assisting us in formulating a set of books. The other requirement that is needed is the city should store the books in a fire proof tight safe.

Mayor states he recommends to the council to purchase the champion safe for \$1499.00. It is 30x60x26 ½ and will hold up to 1500 degrees of heat for 1 ½. hours (\$1699.99 w/shipping)

Councilman Martin made a motion to purchase the champion safe for \$1499.00.

Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mayor states that the zero-turn lawnmower deck went out. The cost to repair the deck is \$2100.00. The city purchased the part for \$300.00 and Mr. Wayne Miller put it together. The zero turn is back running. Mayor states that the city will need a Zero -turn soon.

Mr. Don Moss states that on April 16, 2018 they will have a meeting at the Creola Senior center about how to prolong the life of your septic system. A free septic tank pump out voucher will be given only to qualified participants in attendance.

Mr. Moss also handed out some information on Fortified Home building and would like to adopt this program. It would save on the home owners insurance. Mayor states that this information is just to make homeowners aware that it is out there to help them.

Mr. Moss would also like to adopt the Code 2015 book to do inspections.

Attorney Mims states that when the book comes in they will adopt an ordinance of the Southern Standard Building Code 2015 and in the process of having conversations with Muni-code to put all the codes together.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Greene states the next meeting will be April 17, 2018 at 6pm. Ms. Hancock is on the agenda to subdivide some property.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Councilwoman Moss states that the parks are fine.

## **UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss states that they are having a senior and veterans breakfast June 16 from 9-11am.

Mayor states that they got the new grills in at Crenshaw park and the next day after they were put up someone vandalized them. Mayor states they are getting a price to see what it would cost to put in a camera in the area. Mayor states that they have cameras on the bathrooms in the park, the senior building, city hall and the police department.

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Mr. Boucher states that the meeting is scheduled for May 21,2018 at 5:30pm.

## **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (Details of report listed below), making a motion to accept financial report as read, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. Revenues totaled \$ 5,384.54 for 4/2/2018 thru 4/11/2018 and the analysis fee \$577.24. The bills that have been paid from 4/1-4/12 total \$33,265.45 and payroll is \$22,660.73 which total \$55,926.18.

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| General Fund                            | \$ 170,265.24 |
| Money Market                            | 9,059.22      |
| 4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent) | 36,032.42     |
| 7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.            | 27,484.06     |
| Special Court Fund                      | 32,866.41     |
| Court Fund                              | 43,280.24     |
| Court Bond Account                      | 4,955.11      |
| S.A.I.L. Center Account                 | 1,801.40      |
| Police Department                       | 7,990.33      |
| Fire Department                         | <u>858.24</u> |
| Total: (in bank)                        | \$ 334,592.67 |

Mayor states the auditor is motoring monthly and instead of paying a lump sum fee for the auditor at the end of the year, the city pays each monthly.

## **POLICE AND FIRE**

### **POLICE**

Mayor states that Chief Kirkland has been out for personal reasons for a few days and the other officers have been holding down things and doing a great job. Officer Turberville states that Officer Wentzell graduated the academy and will be back at work next week as a certified officer. Officer Bosarge will start the academy on April 30, 2018. Officer Turberville gave an update on the cases they have handled within the last 2 weeks.

Officer Turberville introduced Officer Bosarge and Officer Butterworth. Both officers will be going through the academy. Councilwoman Greene asked how long the classes last. Officer Turberville states 13 weeks.

Mayor asked if they have got the 3 cars from the City of Mobile. Mr. John White states not those 3 but they got 2 cars in and they are in front of the police building, working on a striping package. Mayor states they are changing the striping from black and white to blue and white.

### **FIRE**

Councilman Hadaway states the fire department had 45 calls in March.

### **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor states that Mr. Wayne and workers have been cutting brush back and fixing to start cleaning out ditches. Mayor states that the Mobile County Personnel Board have been sending applications to us for the public works department.

Mayor states that in the next month they will be putting out for bids for the fire department building.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Mr. Don Moss states that SSAB is starting the new admin building. Mr. Moss states he has given notices about houses that will be condemned.  
Mayor states that they are still working on the reconstruction of the mobile home parks.

### **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

Mayor states he has contacted Mr. Frank Seltzer with Lemoyne water and they have met with an engineer firm this week to address the water problem. Mayor was hoping they would attend the council meeting tonight.

Mr. Boucher was asking if there was a way to locate local students that might want to do yard work. Mayor states that the co-op students we have are covered under the school board program. You must meet certain criteria to be in the program or hire within the program.

Councilwoman Greene asked that the public access to records form be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Alex Boucher gave some information on how to upgrade the grills.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss  
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Greene  
Meeting adjourned @ 7:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain  
City Clerk

c.m. 04.12.2018