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

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

Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 2018 6PM
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL
Workshop: 5:30PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.
Pastor Don Turberville gave the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present
Councilwoman Greene
Councilman Martin
Councilman Walker
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 07/26/2018 meeting.
Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Mr. Roy White, business owner of the Chevron, protested the purposed gas tax, the increase of the 3cents, you guys were already at 5cent. He would like for the council to reconsider resending this thing. Satsuma tax is 6cents, you've got Pilot truck stop, they are brutal, brutal competitor for us. They are having a hard time competing with them because they will sell below cost. The police jurisdiction tax is 5%, it puts him in a disadvantage with those guys. Atmore tax is 3cents a gallon. The highest local tax in the State of Alabama is 8cents per gallon. Mr. White asks the council to please reconsider this, it is unfair to these 3 stations. Need to consider the tax increase. Mayor states we hear you and we will relook at it and see where we are at with it.

Mr. Mark McDonald, business owner Mac's Discount, this will put my family out of business. It will kill these 3 stations. Mayor states that he doesn't think anyone understood what it was going to do or even how the tax worked so we hear you all, this will be reviewed.

Mrs. Dru Ryals, citizen, inquiring if there are any elected official, city employee or anybody on their behalf or a private negotiation for Satsuma for us to merge with Satsuma. Mayor states that he is not aware of that information.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Hadaway made a motion for the city to pay \$1,440.00 for the annual maintenance item from Sunbelt Fire.

Councilwoman Moss second, the attorney asked if there is any type of contract that must be executed, Councilman Hadaway said no.

Roll call for Sunbelt Fire

A Roll Call Vote was taken

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Councilwoman Greene motion that we host Lewis & Clark Circus in our park on October 22nd and October 23rd.

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

Major Holt needs a resolution for the soccer club to purchase a small tractor for the maintenance of the soccer fields. The soccer program will make the payments for the loan, he needs the purchase order through the city then he gets the municipality discount. The lawn tractor will be less than \$15,000.00. Major will house the tractor onsite, the long-range plan is that it becomes the property of the city.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion for resolution, not to exceed \$15,000.00 to purchase the lawn tractor.

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

Roll Call for Major Holt-Lawn tractor

A Roll Call Vote was taken

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES

Mayor Criswell YES

Motion carried by majority vote.

Major Holt states that 34 runners validated the course with the swim, the bike and the 5k run. That was all necessary for them to get credentials for the course. Major appreciated the police force with the traffic control.

Councilwoman Greene has a checklist for LIP Day on November 3rd 9am until 1pm. The checklist on our end is that we must make sure that we have pest control, security and parking which comes from our police department, traffic control by the Creola police and that we have trash can and liners that Wayne Miller will help with and rent 2 golf carts. Councilwoman Greene would like to make sure the city council is okay with renting 2 golf carts and paying the overtime for the Creola PD and Wayne, anyone from the street department that is willing to work. Lemoyne Industrial Park contributes \$5,000 to the city and the park and recreation each year.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion that we rent two golf carts and pay the overtime for the police department and the street department.
Councilwoman Moss second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mayor states that we have the need for a new vehicle for the SAIL center to deliver food to the shut-ins for the city. Dana has been delivering for twenty years and is using a used police patrol car that we have snatched the back seat out of with mileage over 200k. She is delivering about 60 meals per day the remaining group come and have lunch at the SAIL center. We are looking at purchasing under the State Bid contract a Ford Escape through the same bid process state contract that we purchased our police vehicles. The Ford Escape, white, rubber mats for \$20,214.50. They will have to order, and it will take until the 24th of the month to get it.

Mayor is asking the council to purchase a vehicle that will be assigned strictly to the SAIL center. This could approach 100 meals within a year, so we may be faced with two shifts.

Mayor is asking for a motion to purchase something with a set interest rate that we can finance through Regions, we do not have a rate back from Ford, not to exceed 6%.
Councilwoman Moss made a motion to purchase this but not to exceed 6% in finance charge and no more than \$20,214.50. The payments would be around \$475.00 if it is 6%, if it is less than we could get 4%.
Councilman Walker second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call for the SAIL Center vehicle

A Roll
Councilwoman Greene YES
Councilman Martin YES
Councilman Walker YES
Councilwoman Moss YES
Councilman Hadaway YES
Mayor Criswell YES
Motion carried by majority vote

Mayor asked Councilwoman Greene to explain the update on cigarette tax ordinance, City Clerk pulled the ordinance #8, approved on the 26th day October 1978. Councilwoman ask Mrs. Carolyn could explain the cigarette stamps. Mrs. Cain states that our ordinance needs to be updated because it will be about two more months before we must order stamps. Mrs. Cain received message from Mrs. Linda Ehrhart. Mayor asked Danny if he thought the cigarette tax has gone up and we aren't there. Danny will draft something consistent.

Councilwoman Greene made the motion to ask the council for permission that our attorney work on Ordinance #8, update it and bring it back to the next meeting so that we can review it, read it and pass it.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene states that Deer Creek Storage will be bringing their plans to the Tuesday night meeting, the 21st of August.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

No business

PARKS AND RECREATION

Major Holt states that soccer registration starts on the 18th of August, hold registration for four weeks and the games will start towards the end of September. Major states that they expect around 250-300 kids this year.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss states that she spoke with Mr. Kevin Harrison with SARPC and that our van looks very promising that we will get our van this year.

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.

General Fund	\$ 130,530.34
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	40,973.93
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	11,230.93
Special Court Fund	30,803.81
Court Fund	49,164.33
Court Bond Account	12,388.56
S.A.I.L. Center Account	2,318.59
Police Department	12,942.65
Fire Department	<u>118.24</u>

Total: (in bank)

\$ 290,471.38

Revenues totaled \$ 11,690.99 for 8/1/2018 -8/8/2018.
withdrawals totaled \$8,334.98 for 8/1/2018 -8/8/2018

POLICE AND FIRE

POLICE

Chief Kirkland states business as usual, getting the stray dogs of the roads, working extra wrecks. Chief states recruits going to the police academy on August 20th. A lot of training on the streets with the ones that have just gotten back from the academy. Mayor talked about the new police cars on the street.

FIRE

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Wayne Miller states that he has been working the brush cutter and working on the pot holes. The guys are in the new uniforms now, dark green pants, green shirts and large boonies hat. The new equipment has new indicating lights to protect them. When Mr. Wayne is running the brush cutter, Mayor ask that you give Wayne a wide birth, it can turn in a vertical motion and trim the side of the road. Wayne and the guys are out cutting grass.

Mayor states that they are scheduling for the grader to come in, we pay the operators. They are coming to do the end of summer grading and we are looking at bringing in their batwing mowers to cut Hwy 43 and some of the other longer roads. Mrs. Laura Rawlins is now getting into position so that you can call in with your street problem.

Mayor states that our inventories are complete. All city property has been accounted for and is having a tag put on it or a box that it is put in so that we know where our property is. That in terms is put on a thumb drive and lockdown. The books are the same way. Betancourt & King CPA have helped us establish our books for the city, we are now in the process of our 2017 audit with Betancourt & King and that should be finished shortly, and all that information is stored in a fire proof safe sitting here in the City Hall.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Don Moss states that we are seeing a lot of houses that are not being taken care of, yards, trash everywhere, a septic tank left wide open on Sheffield Circle.

Don Moss states that he has plans for new houses that are about to go up. Mr. Chopper Stagner wants to get with Building Inspector, he wants to build new houses on the other side of the park, over on Hardy Drive. He would like to start with six (6) houses to start with and maybe more later. The houses would start 1800 square foot to 1900 square foot.

Councilman Hadaway states the fire department has burned several rundown houses for training with owner's permission. The fire department Facebook page have videos and pictures of training that can be very educational especially for the younger guys.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor states that we received a notice from EMA-Mobile County Emergency Management group that when we came into office, we owed \$31,000.00 that had not been paid for 8 years. John White is working with EMA. What EMA does is like hurricane preparedness, how we set up for hurricane preparedness, we have a hurricane plan that we go to different levels that we submitted to EMA last year that was approved. In certain stages we rent generators to run the fire department, police department, we close the City Hall in certain levels but that's all-in position. We are required to pay every three (3) months \$1800.18 in monies to EMA. Mayor states that is the new rate of \$600.06 a month, councilwoman Greene states that the amount is \$496.00, it went up some. Mayor is hoping that the \$31,000.00 will go away.

Mayor states that there was no communication between the city and EMA when they came into office with John White's help we have reestablished with them and are in good standing with them and moving forward. So that is the rate for 2018-2019. Mayor wants to make people aware that amount will be paid out on an every three (3) months basis, which is quarterly.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Moss states the council approved several weeks ago for Judge Jay Ross and Court prosecutor David Zimmerman to stay in a hotel while there were attending Municipal Court practice and procedure school and the amount was \$396.72. That was paid out of the court fund.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss
SECONDED BY: Councilman Hadaway
Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

c.m. 08.9.18