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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, September 27, 2018 6PM
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL
Workshop: 5:30PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.
Pastor William Chambers 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

Councilman Hadaway states that he would like to make a correction on page 5, under Fire, third paragraph, eleven lines down. Councilman Hadaway states the paragraph sates “They are a 501 seat” but it should be 501-C. Also, page 6, second paragraph, second line it reads L&N Saw should read L&L Saw.

Councilman Hadaway makes a motion to accept the minutes of 08/23/2018 based on the corrections.
Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Dru Ryals, citizen, asked the council if there is a policy concerning the removal of documents relating to city business to be removed from the city hall by any council member or employee of the city. Mayor Criswell states the city does have a policy and that it does not leave the building, it is copied, and copies may leave the building. Dru Ryals asked the mayor who can the copies leave with? Mayor Criswell states the copies can leave the building by whoever requests the information and pays for the material. Mayor Criswell states that it's open information, there may be classified information like social security numbers of the employees that we would not allow out for the security of the employees, standard information is locked in the safe in the lobby. Dru Ryals asked Mayor Criswell if the information can be viewed by any citizen. Mayor Criswell answers yes. There are copies and copies of financial statements to view. Danny Mims, city attorney, states the information will be available with a reasonable notice.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Lee Anne Greene states Lil Bourbon was on the Public Hearing but left off the agenda by mistake. Councilwoman Greene states that Lil Bourbon is here for their business license from the council, we had the Public Hearing at 5pm. Mayor Criswell asked that anyone that was not here for the Public Hearing for Lil Bourbon Sports Bar may participate, question or give their views on sports bar having an open bar area to serve alcohol and to serve food in sports bar environment. Mr. Orso came to talk about what they were doing, and several people speak in to relation to that. Mayor Criswell states what they are having is an up or down vote on an operating license for the sports bar to have an open bar alcohol consumption on premises for the business.

Mayor Criswell is open for a motion. Councilwoman Moss ask if she could make a statement. City attorney, Danny Mims, states that we should have roll call to vote and everyone can express their opinion at the time of their vote.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion according to Ordinance 66 that we have that Shenna Davis has filled out all the proper information, passed her background check. Councilwoman Greene would like to make a motion on the floor that the council vote on the business license. Councilman Hadaway seconded.

Roll call for Lil Bourbon Sports Bar

A Roll Call Vote was taken

Mayor Criswell **NO**

Mayor Criswell states there are two basic reasons that he is voting against the license. Wrong place and wrong time. Mayor Criswell states wrong place, the business is located as an open bar, located in the traffic flow from plants to home. Mayor Criswell states that it's not like Wintzell's Oyster House or Ruby Tuesday where a family goes in, sits down has dinner and then goes home. Basically, Mayor Criswell is looking at it from a stand point that it's an open watering hole. Mayor Criswell states wrong time that we have 25,000 people flowing Highway 43 in automobiles and if you think they are doing twenty-five miles per hour, you are dreaming. Since Monday, the city police have stopped vehicles at a 100 mph totally intoxicated. We may not have been able to stop them if they wouldn't have run out of gas.

Councilwoman Greene **YES**

Councilwoman Greene states that according to Ordinance 66 of the city, read it and the person/owner has filled out all the information and she passed everything. Councilwoman Greene states that she views it as she has done what she needed to do, it's all fell into place.

Councilman Martin **NO**

Councilman Martin states that he would love to see a restaurant go up but based on public safety he must vote no.

Councilman Walker **NO**

Councilwoman Moss **NO**

Councilwoman Moss states that we have over 27,000 cars that pass on Highway 43 every day. Councilwoman Moss have no problem with businesses selling alcohol, because we do live in a democracy, but I do have a problem with safety. When people allow a person to over drink and ten they leave and become involved in an accident who is to blame? One hundred thousand dollars is not enough insurance. Someone needs to be held accountable. The safety of our citizens needs to be considered. I'm not going to have blood on my hands.

Councilman Hadaway **NO**

Councilman Hadaway states his decision is based on public safety and experiences that he's had with public safety.

Motion denied by majority vote.

Councilwoman Greene states that we have the lapel pins. Larry Luiz with The Pin Center had the wrong city logo, so Councilwoman Greene sent the city seal to Larry. Councilwoman Greene believes it was \$750.00 for 500 pins. The pin will have the forty years of being a city. The pins will be passed out to the city councilman and residents that would like them.

Mayor Criswell states this is a forty-year anniversary pin for the city. If you would like a pin, please see Laura or Carolyn Sue.

Councilwoman Greene states the city applied and approved for a \$30,000.00 grant. The last time Councilwoman Greene checked the volunteer hours was worth \$23.95. Councilwoman Greene would like to put a motion on the floor to execute the agreement with SARPC to authorize a lease for the zoning ordinance for this building. They would like to set the rent to \$500.00. Every time we have a workshop the \$500.00 will be counted off the \$30,000.00. There will never be any money changing hands, everything will be in kind.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion on the floor that we agree to set the rent here at the City Hall for the workshops at \$500.00 and the Mayor be able to execute the agreement with SARPC to carry out the functions of the grant.

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

Councilwoman Greene would like to put a motion on the floor that a flyer will be prepared and will go into mailboxes and post office box in Creola, AL. Councilwoman Greene states the cost of the flyers will be about \$160.00.

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

Mayor Criswell states that we have the throws for the Christmas parade that we have each year. Mayor Criswell believes that last year we ran out of throws. Councilwoman Greene states the parade route is going to be longer this year. Councilwoman Greene spoke with the Citronelle band because they are the school in our district. We paid them \$250.00 last year to march in our parade. Councilwoman states that we need throws not to exceed \$700.00 for Santa but she would like to include the \$250.00 check to Citronelle band because it does cost them to bring the bus and equipment. They have asked the Azalea Trail Maids, Citronelle has the queen, we have sent a letter to JC's, gave them the route and information. They will let Councilwoman Greene know if they will participate. We have seventeen applications turned in and Rosanne Haven will be the grand marshal.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion not to exceed \$700.00 throws for Santa and not to exceed \$250.00 for Citronelle band.

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

Mayor Criswell states the upcoming holidays for November and December. The dates will be changed a little bit for our council meetings November 8th and November 29th, 2018 and December 13th and December 20th, 2018.

Mayor Criswell asked the council if they agreed with the dates.

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

Mayor Criswell states that we reviewed a Vicious Dog Ordinance at the last meeting. The last count that we had of 30-50 dogs that were picked up in the trailer parks with no tags.

Danny Mims, city attorney, states at the last meeting that someone introduced the nuisance dog ordinance, it was tabled, and it is due for a second.

Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. The ordinance 2018-016 must be published for 30 days for it to be a municipal law. It will need to be sent to Municode.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene states 2018-019 was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the funding agreement between the City of Creola and Alabama Department of Transportation, project number TAPAA-TA19(925) for the construction of the sidewalk project along the east side of Old Hwy 43. The sidewalk will run from Crenshaw Park, in front of City Hall, all the way to Bradley Court. Phase II will be Frenchman's Bend and Phase III will be Rio Hondo Drive.

Chair Chambers would like to invite the citizens and council to take part in the grant. This grant will mean a lot to the city. Nicole with SARPC will come and bring us up to date. Everyone can participate with the In-Kind grant.

Mayor Criswell states that we have 3 trailer parks that have sold in Creola, North Bentley, 407 Dead Lake Road and Ellison Avenue. Mayor Criswell, Building Inspector Don Moss have met with the owners over on Ellison Avenue, they will be adding five trailers, they have six now with a total of eleven. The trailers that will be added will be new, going to be cleaning the park up, one trailer for sewer and a power pole for each trailer that will be secured with a lock.

The trailers on North Bentley and 407 Dead Lake Road have been upgraded from nine million dollars to twelve million dollars. They will be manufactured homes, 1800 square feet with a garage, street lighting. They have placed the order for the manufactured homes, tying on to sewer with Integra water, they're building a swimming pool and recreational area. The parks will be fenced, considering those to be gated parks in the future, paved streets and a local manager running the park. That will be a total of 298 homes. The people with the mobile homes and manufactured homes will be at our next zoning meeting.

Mayor Criswell states the surveying is complete on the DR Horton project on Jackson Road. There will be about 300 homes built on Jackson Road. The product they are bringing to market is 2100 to 2200 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with a price area of \$187,000.00 to \$225,000.00. October 1-15, 2018 they will start clearing the dirt pit.

Mr. Enzor, citizen, would like to know about the trailer that were moved in. Mayor Criswell assured Mr. Enzor that we shut that down and assured him those trailers will never be lived in. Lorraine

Bryan asked about the trailers on 407 Dead Lake Road. Mayor Criswell explained those who are renting space (trailers) will be asked to move in the next ten days. Mayor Criswell was told they are going to bear ground on North Bentley first, once they are through with Bentley those people will have to accept the new manufactured home and they will be given the opportunity to work with them on financing, they will work with them to get into a home.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

There will be a meeting on October 1, 2018.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mayor Criswell states he spoke with Major Holt. There are 309 kids that signed up for soccer. Major Holt believes the number could go up to 350 kids. Mayor Criswell states on Saturday there could be anywhere from 1000-1050 people to be here with the kids. There will be safety equipment out for parking and we have rounded up every reserve and police officer that we can find to help on Saturday. There are two softball teams using our field to practice. Major Holt thinks we might be able to pull one for the league in the spring.

Mayor Criswell states that October 1, 2018 we are charging \$50.00 for the pavilion with a \$100.00 deposit on the pavilion. The reason for this is that Wayne Miller and his crew go there for about 2 ½ hours getting the restrooms back in operation, cleaning up trash. Once the renter is ready to leave they will contact the police department, they will come to inspect the area, lock the restrooms and make sure they are functioning properly.

Mayor Criswell states that we make exceptions for non-profit organizations. Chair Chambers would like for the council to consider a modification for citizens of the city. Mayor Criswell states he will look into that modification.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss states that Friday, September 28, 2018, will be Valley’s last day at the SAIL center. Valley prepares the meals for the SAIL center. G&A foods out of Florida will be the new vendor. The guy who owns G&A use to work for Morrison’s. The meals will be different with different menus. Councilwoman Moss states they need a microwave for the SAIL center to prepare food.

Councilwoman Moss makes a motion to buy a new microwave for the SAIL center.

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

Councilwoman Moss states that for LIP day the seniors made a king size quilt and they will be taking donations for a \$1.00.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Moss gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (Details of report listed below), Councilman Walker making a motion to accept financial report as read, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$ 104,971.29
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	\$ 46,562.30

7-cent Special Gas Tx Acct.	\$ 17,873.58
Special Court Fund	\$ 26,890.35
Court Fund	\$ 20,316.91
Court bond Account	\$ 9,406.45
S.A.I.L. Center Account	\$ 1,803.71
Police Department	\$ 11,217.59
Fire Department	\$ 1,018.41
MIS	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 241,160.59

Revenues totaled \$126,225.32 for 09/04/18-09/24/18
 Withdrawals totaled \$26,344.19 for 09/04/18-09/24/18
 Total Bills out \$81,285.58.

POLICE AND FIRE

POLICE

Mayor Criswell states that Blake Bosarge was called to an automobile accident involving a F150 hit an 18-wheeler. Mayor Criswell states that he doesn't know many who could hold their cool to see someone with his arm severed, the officer applied a tourniquet to the man's arm if he hadn't the man would have bled to death. According to USA Medical center that had he not done what he did the man would have lost his life.

Police Chief Doug Kirkland presents the Life Saver award to Officer Blake Bosarge in recognition and his heroic action on September 23, 2018.

Police Chief Doug Kirkland states that Wayne Miller is the new reserve officer. Mr. Miller is 73 years old, ten years under his belt as a deputy game warden and Mr. Miller has grown up in Creola all his life.

Mayor Criswell states soon we are going to tie onto Integra Waste Water. The police department is on septic tank and the field lines are filling up. Mayor Criswell states that we have an agreement with Integra Water they pay a percentage, where we don't pay anything out of pocket, but we will have to buy a grinder pump.

FIRE

Mayor Criswell states the truck is back from being detailed. Councilman Hadaway states the truck we got from the Federal program, low mileage, DuPont painted it for us. Working on order the equipment for the truck and to get it serviced. Engine 2 had a bad radiator that was replaced. The radiator was put in last week and it was pumped on two different fires and it did fine.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne Miller with the Public Works says he just needs less rain. Mr. Miller states the Public Works Department has a new employee and he seems to be working out well. The Public Works Department has a total of four employees.

Mayor Criswell states that Laura Rawlins is taking on the roll of assistant city clerk and the contact person for the Public Works work orders. Mayor Criswell states that we are continually improving our department. Mayor Criswell hopes that the citizens will see the difference on the street.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss, building inspector, states he will be spending time at SSAB with the new roll line. Don Moss states that if we can get dry weather we can get going again.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Nothing to discuss

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Greene states that Aimee Mills invited the council to the breakfast in Citronelle on October 9, 2018 from 8:30am until 9:30am.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilman Walker

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss

Meeting adjourned @ 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

c.m. 09.27.18