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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**

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Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 11, 2018 6PM  
Creola City Hall  
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL  
Workshop: 5:30PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.  
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  
Interim City Clerk- Laura L. Rawlins

Councilman Walker makes a motion to accept the minutes of 09/27/18 based on the corrections.  
Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

None addressed the council.

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

Councilwoman Greene states Mrs. Michelle Salter would like to remind everyone they are taking up monetary donations or any other types of donations that would like to bring to the City Hall or the Police station.

Mayor Criswell states we have the 20/20 Census. It is important because it governs how many representatives that we in congress and state. It helps with how many people that we have in the City of Creola. Mayor Criswell states the Census will be coming down and they will hire people from the city to help with the Census.

Mayor Criswell states we are formulating the budget for next year. Mayor Criswell states that meeting will begin on Finance, meeting with Police Chief and Fire Chief to find out budget requirements for the next year, 2019.

Councilwoman Greene states the Finance meeting will be posted and it will be an open-door policy. The meeting won't be like a council meeting with a forum. Councilwoman Moss and Councilwoman Greene will hold the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Mayor Criswell hopes that everyone will come to the meeting to see where the money goes and what the money is for.

Mayor Criswell states he received a letter that the City is receiving a grant for \$60,000.00 for the SAIL Center van. Councilwoman Moss states the SAIL Center should get the van by May of 2019. The van will be a 12 plus 2 passenger van.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Greene states the next workshop and meeting will be October 16, 2018. The workshop starts at 5:00pm and the meeting starts at 6:00pm. Councilwoman Greens states the volunteer hours are now \$24.69. The representatives for the new manufactured homes will be at the meeting on October 16, 2018 to present the new line and let us know what the time line will be.

Mayor Criswell states that each trailer on Ellison Avenue must have sewer system and power supply and water supply for each trailer. There will be a total of eleven trailers.

Councilwoman Greene states Deer Creek Storage will be at the next meeting with their plans in hopes to be approved.

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Councilwoman Greene states Mr. Boucher was the President and he met with the Zoning Board of Adjustments committee. Mrs. Teresa Williamson was present. The board did vote to approve the use of land.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mayor Criswell states Major Holt large group of kids around 310. Major Holt states they're maxed out on coaches with the number of kids that signed up. They need more coaches to take more kids. Mayor Criswell states there is lighting out at the ball field. The city is looking to have that repaired and working with Alabama Power. Mayor Criswell states there is a girl softball league playing at the ball field and Major Holt is concerned with only 3 poles burning.

## **UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss states the new microwave will be installed. Councilwoman Moss states she is selling tickets for the quilt made by the senior citizens and the tickets are \$1.00. The money that is raised will be used for gas money to take the seniors on outings.

## **FINANCE**

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

Revenues totaled \$135,738.01 for 09/04/18-09/28/18  
Withdrawals totaled \$27,781.68 for 09/04/18-09/28/18  
Total Bills out \$81,285.58 for 09/04/18-09/28/18

## **POLICE AND FIRE**

### **POLICE**

Don Turberville states several officers are here for the meeting. Don Turberville states the two officers that graduated from the academy in July are doing a great job. Don Turberville states at night the police officers are serving a dozen to two dozen warrants at night. They had a truck stolen with drug paraphernalia and two cases with FBI indictments. Friday night the police department had a road block and wrote twenty citations. Don Turberville states they toured some areas on four wheelers, looking for stuff. Don Turberville states the traffic is slowing down on Highway 43.

Don Turberville states the court is going well. The court cases are getting back to what they use to be. The court cases seem to be around 300 a month.

Mayor Criswell states his plan with the patrolling of the police department is every four to six hours in all parts of the neighborhood. Mayor Criswell states that one of the objectives is to clean up as much of the drug issue and cleaning the trailer parks up. Mayor Criswell states he wants the drugs out of the city.

Don Turberville states the police department needs safety equipment. The police department needs body cameras and car cameras to watch and see what we do and to watch what is going on. Don Turberville states they will approach the council once he has prices. Mayor Criswell states that we have a grant that must be done by October 31, 2018. Mayor Criswell asked Don Turberville for a list of what is needed. Mayor Criswell states he wants to give the police officers the best equipment that we can afford to give them and the best training that we can give them.

### **FIRE**

Kendall Hadaway states everything is normal for the Fire Department with call, had a few wrecks but nothing as serious as the one on Interstate a couple of weeks ago. Kendall Hadaway states as it dries out they will have more brush fire to pick-up.

Don Turberville states the Fire Department responded well to a trailer that was on fire with hot materials.

### **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Wayne Miller states the Public Works Department is still trying to catch up on the work orders. Wayne Miller states they have and working on cleaning up and cleaning out ditches. There are some ditches that never dry out throughout the city.

Mayor Criswell states that we are under a new program with Mobile County regarding the use of the operators, tractors and graders for the city. Before the new program we would pay the operator direct, but someone apparently complained to the Ethics Board, so now the county is taking over. We will contact the county, they will give us the operator and the equipment, and the county will bill the city on a thirty-day cycle.

Mayor Criswell states we had a conversation with the Engineering Firm this week regarding Ducey Road. Mayor Criswell states there was a \$350,000.00 grant that was for drainage and shaping the road with no pavement. Mayor Criswell suggested to the Engineering Firm to add an option for Ducey Road to be paved. The Engineering Firm received the pricing back and it was under \$350,000.00 with pavement.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Building Inspector Don Moss states, he will be at SSAB this week and next week. Don Moss states there are new houses going up, several houses being remodeled. Don Moss states that he mailed out around six certified letters to the owners of the property. If there is no contact after thirty days of the certified letters sent out, then he will condemn the property and the fire department will be able to burn the houses.

Mayor Criswell states that where the Building Inspector has pressured some of these property owners they have seen some of these properties cleaned up.

### **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

Mayor Criswell states the schools have been an issue in the community for about five years. The city was almost annexed into Saraland because of the school issue. Mayor Criswell mentioned at the State of the City address that the kids were used as a pawn politically and it is time to get the kids out of that and take care of them. Mayor Criswell states that we should educate our kids properly in a good school and environment. Mayor Criswell states since he has been Mayor, he's had numerous discussions with Satsuma school system as well as the counties school system. Mayor Criswell and Councilwoman Moss went to the Satsuma school board meeting. Mayor Criswell states that Satsuma is only so big, and it's surrounded by Saraland on the Southside of the railroad, the East side, Saraland on the West and little Creola on the North. If you take the three hundred houses from D.R. Horton, two hundred eighty-seven manufactured homes, with the amount of kids that we have in Creola, we are bigger than Satsuma. Mayor Criswell states if Satsuma sits here another seven or eight years and they don't fix something then we must do something. The kids are on a bus two in a half hours one way, spend five hours in school and two in a half hour back. That will be five hours travel time and five to six hours education time.

Mayor Criswell states conversation with Randy Campbell and Mr. Threadgill with the school board take place in the next week or so. Mayor Criswell states that he is not closing any doors, he is getting information. Mayor Criswell states somewhere down the line, not to distant future, we can come back and say this is where we are, and you tell us what to do now. Do we go into the Satsuma School system? Do we develop a school committee to be able to help the school kids isolated from the political scene? They can go to school and the tail is attached back to the Satsuma gator and you will have to make that decision. Do we want to stay out in the public-school system? Mayor Criswell states that he is looking at a time line somewhere around the fall 2020. Mayor Criswell that we have made no commitments just getting information.

Mayor Criswell states he and Councilwoman Greene met with Citronelle as a representative from different locations as advisors to the Signature Academy. Mayor Criswell states the Signature Academy in Citronelle High School is the best in the school system. There were several in the meeting from other school system in the county to find out how Aimee Mills and Randy Campbell is doing the Signature Academy.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilwoman Greene states that we have Lewis & Clark Circus tickets for October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018, there will be two shows 5:00pm and 7:30pm. Councilwoman Greene states if anyone needs to purchase any tickets see Carolyn Sue Cain or Laura Rawlins at the City Hall. Councilwoman Greene states you can buy tickets the day of the circus for \$15.00.

Councilwoman Greene states the arrangements for Henry Phillips will be held at the First Baptist Church of Chickasaw on October 16, 2018 from 9:00am until 11:00am.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hadaway

Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Rawlins  
Interim City Clerk

c.m. 10.11.18