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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 25, 2018 6PM  
Creola City Hall  
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL  
Workshop: 5:30PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.  
John White 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 **Absent**  
Councilman Hadaway **Absent**  
Mayor Criswell  
City Attorney –Mr. Danny Mims  
City Clerk- Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilman Walker makes a motion to accept the minutes of 10/11/18 based on the corrections.  
Councilman Martin seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

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

Mayor Criswell states that Charlie Brown had a question at the Public Hearing meeting regarding Ducey Road. Mayor Criswell states that Ducey Road has been bid, he signed the final contract for the county. Mayor Criswell states that initially Ducey Road was not paved, they asked for them to put it as an option in the bid and came in under the money so Ducey Road will be paved. Mayor Criswell states they should be pushing dirt by the first of the year at the latest.

Barbara Enzor, citizen, states that she lives on Ellison Avenue by the Trailer Park. Mrs. Enzor states they brought three trailers and one sitting in the park is horrible. Mrs. Enzor states about the trash ordinance that went into effect October 26, 2017 and they are burning garbage in two barrels. Mrs. Enzor states they were burning two nights ago, and it is horrible. Mayor Criswell states that he stopped the trailers. Mayor Criswell states three guys bought the trailer park. Mayor Criswell and Don Moss had a meeting with two of the gentlemen and Mayor told them they had to attend the Zoning and Development board before they would allow the trailer to be moved. The Zoning is correct it's R3. Mayor Criswell states his concerns were the development because we have Bentley Road and 407 Dead Lake Road underway. Mayor Criswell states they shut them down. Mayor Criswell and Don Moss met the gentlemen at the trailer park and showed them the things that Mrs. Barbara Enzor was talking about. There were issues with bad plumbing, power boxes left open, breakers missing out of the trailer and the skirting left off some of the trailer. There are numbers of issues that must be fixed. All three of the gentlemen came to the Zoning and Development meeting Tuesday night and they were told they will not be allowed to do anything until they made a commitment to move those trailers in place and remodel the trailers. They were also notified that the garbage service was cutoff, and they contacted Advanced Disposal to reinstate the garbage disposal. Mayor Criswell states that some of the trailers did not have any Ad Valorem stickers on them. Mayor Criswell states Advanced Disposal are to have a garbage can for each trailer. Mayor Criswell states the city is on a five-year contract with Advanced Disposal that was done by past administration and it will not be out until the year after the mayor leaves office.

Michelle Salter with Cops for Kids states last year ninety-eight stockings were filled. Michelle Salter states that Cops for Kids is designed to try and make a connection back with the cops and the children, so the children will not be fearful of the cops. They want the children to know the cops and firemen are their buddies and their friend. Michelle Salter states that in June she started this program again and had the community and businesses working with them. Michelle Salter states they have expanded the boundaries for Cops for Kids. They are now doing Creola, Axis, Satsuma, Saraland, Semmes and Mobile County.

Melvin Enzor, citizen, states he was told the Building Inspector Don Moss was not certified to inspect mobile homes. Mayor Criswell states there are building requirements that Don Moss is aware and that we are reviewing and if there is someone else, they need to bring in to inspect those homes then that is what he will do. Mayor Criswell states the trailers will be brought up to safe code. Mayor Criswell states the trailer park on Ellison Avenue that was listed here has nothing to do with other two trailer parks. They are a separate group of people and separate purchase made by those guys.

Mayor Criswell states the city has a Nuisance Ordinance (Clean-Up Ordinance) that we are using to clean up the city. Mayor Criswell states the Building Inspector Don Moss has written several letters to property owner that live as far as Maryland that have trailers in the woods that nobody wants to claim.

Joan Stringfellow, citizen, states that Mayor Criswell stated several months back that the past administration, some of them were being investigated and last August you stated that again. Joan Stringfellow asked Mayor Criswell what is going on with that case. Mayor Criswell states that he will not comment on that and if you would like to know anything about that the Mayor would suggest Joan Stringfellow to contact FBI. Mayor Criswell asked City Attorney Danny Mims if that is what he would suggest. City Attorney Danny Mims states the he doesn't have anyone for Joan Stringfellow to contact. Joan Stringfellow states the FBI will not talk to anyone unless they are investigating someone. Joan Stringfellow states Mayor Criswell stated many times and called their names and that is why she asked the Mayor because he was free with that information. Mayor

Criswell states he doesn't recall at any time at a public meeting that he made those statements. Joan Stringfellow states she has it in recording. Mayor Criswell states he will not make a comment on any of that. Joan Stringfellow ask Mayor Criswell if he thinks that is still happening. Mayor Criswell states that he didn't say that, and he can neither confirm or deny that there is any investigation going on in the City of Creola.

Dru Ryals, citizen, asked if the minutes are edited prior to publication. Mayor Criswell ask Dru Ryals what she means edited. Mayor Criswell states if there are corrections then the corrections are made but there is no editing of minutes. Dru Ryals asked if the content is edited in any kind-of way. Mayor Criswell states no.

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

Mayor Criswell states the City sign was destroyed in an accident involving three pick-up trucks. Mayor Criswell states that we need to construct a new sign and we have one price now and will be working on getting another price. Mayor Criswell states we need to know from the State how far we need to be back from the right-of-way so that we are out of danger and if any kind of brick or steel post, we want to be correct in what we do so we don't get anybody hurt.

Mayor Criswell states that we have an Ordinance for the Severe Weather Protection a Preparedness tax holiday in February. City Attorney Danny Mims states the Severe Weather Protection is not an Ordinance it is a Resolution. City Attorney Danny Mims summarized the Resolution and its purpose is to notify the Department of Revenue to participate in the tax-free Severe Weather Preparedness

Holiday which is February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. City Attorney states that we must give them notice by January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Councilwoman Greene makes a motion. Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Criswell states we don't have a Resolution to vacate Carney Road. Councilwoman Greene states that she will be introducing the Resolution tonight. The Resolution 2018-021 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Creola Alabama to vacate the Carney Road right-of-way. Councilwoman Greene states they would like to put a motion on the floor to introduce it and bring it back to the next meeting for a vote when we have a full council.

Councilwoman Greene makes a motion. Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Greene states Planning and Zoning Committee will meet again on November 13th, 2018. Councilwoman Greene states the meeting will be moved up one week due to Thanksgiving. Councilwoman Greene states Kyle Jackson came to the board at the last meeting and he wanted permission to place a camper while he is building his house in Creola, Alabama. Councilwoman Greene states they gave Mr. Kyle Jackson a six-month leeway after he sells his house in Satsuma, Alabama. At the end of six months it will be evaluated that his house is being built and if he needs another six months then we will grant it.

Councilwoman Greene states the trailer owners Tim Kelly, Blake Racnjack and Jay Chambers for Oak Creek Park came by and spoke with them. Councilwoman Greene states Stuart Surveying

came to the meeting the Ross Orso land had a small error on the drawing, a new number parcel A so they agreed to approve it, it was a drawing from 2013 and when they went to sell it, they saw the error.

Councilwoman Greene states Jasmine McConnell and Brittany Summers came to request to open a daycare business located in the Creola Mart on Highway 43. The board approved it contingent that they pass all their State approvals and any other inspections needed.

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Councilwoman Greene states that Nicole with SARPC took the first couple pages of the Zoning Ordinance that we have now, and she will be adding some things that are highlighted and this is a start for a year and we will go by the zoning book one by one. Councilwoman Greens states that Mrs. Venus Davis is on the board and we will be reading these, and they would like the council to read it because at the end of the year they will ask the council to pass this ordinance book. Councilwoman Greene states that we will work on it a little at a time at every meeting. Councilwoman Greene states she would like the Zoning Board of Adjustments to be aware of it because things that we must pass to you, you need to be aware of what changes are in our books as well so that everyone will be up to date. Mayor Criswell states he encourages anyone with the questions regarding the trailers to attend this meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The owners of the trailer parks on Bentley and Dead Lake Roads will be attending this meeting. Mayor Criswell states that you need to be aware of what they are doing with the trailer parks. Councilwoman Greene states that Nicole with SARPC stated that when people hear about the Zoning and Planning meeting, they think we are re-zoning the whole city, that has nothing to do with it, we are just revising the book and making it easier to read for the people that are wanting to bring new business in.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mayor Criswell states we have the LIP Day on November 3, 2018. We have started the preparation for LIP Day obtaining garbage cans, three golf carts for the Senior citizens to be picked up from the parking area because the soccer tournament will be the same day and we are looking for about twenty-five hundred people or better to park and be here to be involved with the community day. Mayor Criswell states they will start serving food about 11:30am and everyone received a post card about LIP Day in their mailbox.

Mayor Criswell states we need some repairs at the ball park before next Spring. Mayor Criswell states Alabama Power typically does the repair, free of charge. Mayor Criswell spoke with Chris at Alabama Power and he does not have the man power, the bucket truck is available just does not have the man power since they are helping in Mexico beach. Mayor Criswell states that once Chris has his crew back, he will come to replace lights and some other things.

Mayor Criswell states we had a hoodlum take a crowbar to the restroom at the city park and tore up a steel door and door frame, the brick jam around it and busted out a window. They left beer cans in the floor, stuffed beer cans and water bottles in the toilets which took several hours to clean. They also spread human feces on the wall and doors. Mayor Criswell states we had just spent three hundred dollars cleaning the bathroom. Mayor Criswell states we will have to spend for the steel door, steel door jam and the brick work somewhere between twenty-five hundred to three thousand dollars. Mayor Criswell states it happened between the patrols at night, nobody knows anything,

we can't find out anything but that doesn't mean we aren't looking. Mayor Criswell states that we have new cameras on the restrooms, SAIL Center, the City Hall, police station and Crenshaw Park and we are getting ready to have new cameras on the old restrooms.

## **UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Mayor Criswell states we have a new grant for a Senior Citizen van in the amount of \$60,000.00 and we will be getting the van within the next six to seven months. Mayor Criswell states we will be looking to create a shelter at the SAIL Center for the van. Mayor Criswell states they would like to get a shelter large enough to put the new vehicle for the Senior Homebound delivery vehicle to house under.

Mayor Criswell states if anyone would like to use the SAIL Center for anything you will need to get with Carol Sue, City Clerk, or any of the girls in the office.

## **FINANCE**

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

General Fund	\$ 38,282.80
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	49,578.92
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	21,456.62
Special Court Fund	24,414.64
Court Fund	22,384.20
Court Bond Account	10,706.45
S.A.I.L. Center Account	4,339.17
Police Department	10,110.26
Fire Department	580.83
City of Creola (MIS)	<u>100.00</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 181, 953.89

Revenues totaled \$ 67,444.89 for 10/01/2018 -10/24/2018.

Withdrawals totaled \$43,597.48 for 10/01/2018 -10/24/2018

Bills totaled \$86,197.00 for 10/01/2018-10/24/2018

Outstanding Checks totaled \$7,684.94 for 10/01/2018-10/24/2018

Outstanding Checks for September totaled \$983.60

Councilwoman Greene states this will be available as soon as it is complete, that lets everyone know what we wrote a check for, three pages of different accounts. Councilwoman Greene states she broke it down into quarter payments for salaries, total gross paid (what we paid retirement, taxes withheld, hours of comp time and holiday pay etc.) Councilman Martin ask about the council if he is listed on the report. Councilwoman Greene states the council is listed under Bentancourt CPA and we pay him \$1,373.33 per month. Councilwoman Greene states the taxes will be under Payroll. Councilman Martin asked Councilwoman Greene if Mr. Mims, city attorney, was listed on this as well. Councilwoman Greene states Danny Mims is listed under The Mims Firm.

## **POLICE AND FIRE**

## **POLICE**

Police Chief Doug Kirkland states he spoke with Mobile County Animal Control and they are backed logged. Police Chief Kirkland states the police department will do another round up. Mayor Criswell states the city several weeks ago had six Animal Control trucks follow behind a patrol car and they picked up thirty-eight dogs. Mayor Criswell states the city now has a Vicious Dog Ordinance that was passed to take care of some of those issues.

Police Chief Doug Kirkland states business as usual, the cadets are doing a wonderful job and will be graduating from the academy on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Police Chief Kirkland states the police department is having safety check points periodically. Police Chief Kirkland states there will be two more cars ready soon.

## **FIRE**

Fire Chief Jeff Reeves states business as usual. Fire Chief states the calls for this month is about fifty-five. Fire Chief states the new truck will be in service by December 2018. Councilman Martin states he saw on Facebook a bunch of good compliments on the Red Fox Road structure fire.

## **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Criswell states the Public Works Department have been busy taking and working the work orders. Mayor Criswell states that we had the county come and cut Highway 43 and Wayne Miller is trying to get a final cutting across the city with the zero turn and will be working on the street culvert cleaning. Mayor Criswell states on Bentley Road there is a cone sitting in the middle of the road, that we will be working on. Mayor Criswell states the Public Works Department operates four days on the streets, start at six o'clock in the morning and work into the afternoon and Friday they do equipment maintenance. Mayor Criswell states if you have an issue call Laura with the Public Works Department and she gets the work order set-up and gets the order to Wayne Miller and he will take care of it.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Mayor Criswell states Don Moss is absent from the meeting tonight due to a surgical procedure. Mayor Criswell states the Building Inspector Don Moss is doing a wonderful job cleaning up the properties.

## **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

Mayor Criswell states the end of the year Christmas City Council meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the SAIL Center.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Criswell states all the city buildings have been transferred to a sewer system with exception of the police department. Mayor Criswell states we are getting ready to put in a duplex grinder pump and put them on city sewage because the fill lines are backed up and it will cause it to back

up into the jail cells and that is not acceptable. Mayor Criswell states Integra Water is to put in a sewer tap which we do not pay. Integra Water pays the city a franchise fee each year and we use that franchise fee and the previous council used the franchise fee for the City Hall. Mayor Criswell states that the city will have to buy a duplex grinder pump.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Councilman Walker

SECONDED BY: Councilman Martin

Meeting adjourned @ 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain  
City Clerk

c.m. 10.25.18