



**CITY OF CREOLA**  
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<b>William R. Criswell</b> Mayor	<b>Leanne Greene</b> Place 1	<b>Harold Martin</b> Place 2	<b>Ralph Walker</b> Place 3	<b>Tonya Moss</b> Place 4	<b>Kendal Hadaway</b> Place 5
<b>Carolyn Sue Cain</b> City Clerk	<b>Linda Hoiles</b> Court Clerk	<b>Doug Kirkland</b> Chief of Police	<b>Jeff Reeves</b> Fire Chief		

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**Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 24, 2019**  
**Creola City Hall**  
**9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL**  
**Meeting 6 P.M. Workshop 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order and asked everyone to please turn off cellphones and store them until we complete our meeting.

Brother 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

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/27/2018, seconded by Councilman Martin, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

**CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

NONE

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

- (1) Planning & Zoning Commission Training-3/28/2019-International Trade Center 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m. RSVP by 3/20/2019. Councilwoman Greene made a motion for the city to pay the \$25.00 registration fee for Planning & Zoning Board, ZBOA, city attorney and council that would like to attend. Seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried
- (2) Councilwoman Greene stated that we will be adding a soccer club sign to the new welcome sign. We will be getting poles for the flags to go behind the welcome sign. Councilwoman Greene got a price of \$1690.00 for 1-20' and 2-15' poles to go behind the new welcome sign. Councilman Hadaway will get a second quote.
- (3) Mayor Criswell announced that we have a new person on staff in city hall. She is Marcy Brown, past clerk in Dora, AL She will get her Master's in Political Management -May 2019. She has an associate degree and BS degree with 65 hours in Accounting. Welcome aboard!

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Greene stated that the workshop would be held January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. D. R. Horton sent more information to forward to Nicole and Theresa. No decisions will be made at this meeting. Next meeting will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in February (February 19<sup>th</sup>)

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

David Boucher asked, "Is the training open to ZBOA members"? He stated he would like to attend. Councilwoman Greener stated the training was open to Planning & Zoning, ZBOA and council.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Major Holt announced that registration will be held each Saturday in February. Spring registration will be held Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Major Holt stated that he is looking for 300 kids.

**UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss reported that everything is fine with the senior center. We are getting new seniors and getting our quota.

Mayor Criswell stated that we need to remember Freida as her son will be having surgery soon.

Mayor Criswell reported that we lost three seniors in Creola this last week.

Councilman Walker announced that he appreciated the city allowing them to use the senior building for lunch after the Lawshe funeral, due to the addition at Creola First Baptist Church fellowship hall not being completely renovated.

**FINANCE**

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (see details of report listed below), making motion accept, seconded by Councilwoman Moss.

Copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one  
Revenues totaled: \$93,890.80(includes AlaTax + deposits) - 1/2/2019-1/23/2019  
Withdrawals- \$42,776.93(includes analysis charge + online payments)  
1/7/2019 Dec. 2019 BCBS \$10,047.00; 1/11/19 Jan 2019 BCBS \$12,321.00  
Payroll 1/11/2019 -\$26,069.98; Bills-1/14/2019-1/17/2019: \$27,742.94 including \$5,775.11 for RSA.

January 2019 –O/S checks	\$6,664.74		
General Fund		\$	64,208.50
Court Bond Account			14,259.95
Court Fund			19,094.81
Special Court Fund			26,374.79
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services			100.00
Fire Fund			13,098.56
Police Equipment Fund			1,494.10
S.A.I.L. Center Account			5,602.41
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.			15,513.57
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)			<u>38,827.74</u>
Total: (in bank)		\$	197,974.43

Councilwoman Greene reported that we will be depositing \$17,997.00 tomorrow.

Bridge Repair – Intercoastal Enterprises \$19,500.00 paid out of 4-cent tax fund  
The loan w/ Regions Bank for the backhoe fore \$15,627.47 was paid in full 12/18/2018 w/ 7-cent tax fund

## **POLICE**

Chief Kirkland was out on a call.

Mayor Criswell reported that the Creola PD was well represented in the Shawn Tuder funeral.

Mayor Criswell reported that we are evaluating two police officers for hire thru MCPB. They will be going to the academy soon.

## **FIRE**

Chief Reeves reported that the fire truck is out front for all to see. Squad 10 is now in service.

Creola VFD had 37 calls for the month of January 2019.  
The VFD worked the 18-wheeler wreck/fire on the I-65 bridge.

Mrs. Virginia Lawshe was the first female fire chief in Creola, AL and the State of Alabama. Her son, William Lawshe, Jr. was on the dept. for many years. Mrs. Lawshe will be greatly missed by the Creola community.

Chief Reeves reported that his son, Gavin Reeves w/ Boy Scout Troop #32 will host a flag retirement ceremony Tuesday, January 29, 2019 6:30 pm Creola Park. He will be working on a project for the soccer field

## **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Criswell reported that we ordered 2 street signs for Hatter Rd. S and Guthrie Lane. Mayor stated that we are working on an easement for the Browns on Sheffield Circle to ease the blockage of water from Frenchman's Bend.

Wayne and his crew have been working on drainage issues. Ducey Rd. will be paved soon. Lyons and Hurst are in good shape. Dead Lake Marina Rd. Ext. We will maintain this right of way throughout the year. The Pay-As-You-Go will be December 2019.

Mayor Criswell reported that we lost a tree on Sheffield Circle on the right-of-way. We had asked Alabama Power to cut it down a while back. The wind blew it down on her fence and the power line. We will talk with Alabama Power to see if they can take care of the fence and power pole.

Councilman Walker reported that an O'Neal Steel 18-wheeler was going down Lister Lane, went around tree, trailer went off the road and sunk down, tearing up the man's yard.

Mayor Criswell reported that a sign has been ordered for Lister Lane.  
Mayor Criswell reported that the two guys working with Wayne Miller for PWD are listed as Unskilled Laborers @ \$7.50/hourly. When they complete 1080 hours they will qualify for Utility Worker 1 thru Mobile County Personnel Board.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Don Moss reported that he has been chasing goats on Sailor Rd.-15 goats not penned up-running loose-eating neighbors flowers and messing on their porch. Mr. Moss issued a warning to the guy with the goats. Mr. Moss reported that the guy has 25-30 vehicles and the end of the Sailor Rd. Mr. Moss gave him 1 month to get the vehicles moved out. Mr. Moss is working on yards that are not clean.

Mr. Moss received 2 sets of plans for two new houses to be built in Creola.

### **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

Mayor Criswell reported that when D R Horton starts construction, Walmart is looking at building on the property of the on Creola Mercantile on Hwy 43 @ Dead Lake Rd. Mayor Criswell stated "This is a year that lots of things will be happening. Mr. Platt is planning to retire in January 2020.

Councilwoman Greene commented that her neighbors are complaining about the golf carts and the 18-wheeler in her neighborhood.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilwoman Greene announced that there will be a fundraiser behind the Bank in Mt. Vernon on February 16<sup>th</sup> for Marty Henderson's son, was injured in a car accident in Louisiana recently. Dinners will be served at 11am. Chicken plates \$7.00 and Rib plates \$8.00 w/ sides.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Councilman Walker  
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss  
Meeting adjourned @ 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain  
City Clerk

c.m. 01.24.2019

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