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William R. Criswell Leanne Greene Harold Martin Ralph Walker Tonya Moss Kendal Hadaway

Mayor

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Carolyn Sue Cain City Clerk

Linda Hoiles Court Clerk

Doug Kirkland **Chief of Police**

Jeff Reeves Fire Chief

Minutes of the City of Creola Public Hearing Thursday, July 11, 2019 Creola City Hall 6:20 PM 9618 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL

Public Hearing 5:00 PM City Council Meeting 6:00 PM (Re-Zoning of Kentucky Boys Property from R-1 to R-5 on Jackson Rd.)

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order,

All council members were present.

Councilwoman Greene

Councilman Martin

Councilman Walker

Councilwoman Moss

Councilman Hadaway

Mayor Criswell

City Attorney - Mr. Danny Mims

City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Present:

Wade Lowery Developer Les Developer Adam Engineer Adam Spence Engineer Jason Shaw **ALDOT**

The developers, Wade Lowery and Les gave a 30-minute presentation for the project on Jackson Road.

Development Project – 395 new home sites West & North being reserved

Adams presented the current layout of the land. It will be in multi-phases – 395 lots Must adopt R5 zoning to allow for this. There will be access to the access + utility drainage. Will leave natural areas. There will be sewer and homes will have natural gas. We will work from an engineer standpoint. Will meet criteria of the subdivision ordinance, state regulations and erosion control plans. We will apply for storm water permit. There is a lot of work left to do with both the city and state.

Les explained that they would start early August or by Fall breaking ground. We will determine how many lots in phase 1 and begin grading in phase 1. There will be 3 phases - 100 lots each.

Adam gave an overview of project.

- 1. ALDOT has seen site plan
- 2. Mayor Criswell met with Matt Erickson w/ Traffic Safety
- 3. Traffic Survey- Maximum 3-½ minutes to enter Hwy. 43 at present. State dictates to them
- 4. A traffic study is being performed. The numbers justify a warrant. We are looking at existing factors and will provide a study. ie. Signals, turn lanes, widening of roads.

Mayor Criswell stated:

A Question & Answer session will now be held, allowing each resident 2 minutes to speak.

Approximately 15 people spoke, expressed their concerns about this project and presented questions to the Mayor, council and project members present. The Mayor and project members gave answers to each question.

After much discussion, all residents speaking, objected to this projects and none approved of the project. Reasons for objection were traffic problems getting in and out of Jackson Rd, dangerous intersection, safety, schools (our children have to ride 30 miles to Citronelle High School on a two-lane road), oil refinery, and crime rate increase.

The re-zoning of the property from R-1 to R-5 was tabled until the next council meeting on July 25, 2019 to be held at the Creola Senior Center.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:25pm. The regular council meeting convened at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain City Clerk

William R. Criswell Mayor