



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

Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2019
Creola City Hall 6:20 PM
9618 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL
Public Hearing 5:00 PM City Council Meeting 6:00PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order,
Bro. 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
Councilman Hadaway
Mayor Criswell
City Attorney -Mr. Danny Mims
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the minutes of 6/27/2019, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

- 1- Santeria Howze – Lister Lane
Ms. Howze came asking for Lister Lane to be maintained by the city. Ms. Howze stated that she wanted Lister Lane put on the Pay-As-You-Go and have it paved. She no longer wants gravel-she wants it paved. Attorney Mims stated that we will meet with the county attorney and if it is indeed a public road, we will create a resolution to legally take over the road and maintain it, but we will need proof

that it is indeed, a public road. Mayor Criswell stated that we cannot use public funds to maintain a private road. Mayor Criswell advised Ms. Howze that we put roads on the P-A-Y-G, but it is up to the county which ones are paved. Both the Mayor and City Attorney agreed to meet with Ms. Howze after the meeting, but she stated she could not stay as she has Bible study. Attorney Mims will bring back to next meeting the results of the meeting with the county attorney.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2019-208 to re-zone property on Jackson Road R-1 to R-5
Councilwoman Moss made a motion to introduce and asked for immediate consideration to vote on Ordinance No 2019-208, seconded by Councilwoman Greene, Roll call vote.

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	NO
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	NO
Mayor Criswell	YES

4 YES 2 NO

A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene to table until next meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll Call vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	NO
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

5 YES 1 NO

Approved by Roll Call Vote.

2. November & December dates for council meetings due to holidays.
November 14th OK Nov. 7 or 21 due to Thanksgiving being on the 4th Thursday
December 5th OK Dec
We will consider the dates at next meeting.
3. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to allow Terry Foster to use the Creola Senior Center for his Hunter Education Class on 9/21/2019 8am-5pm. seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
4. Councilwoman Greene presented a quote of \$ 1,484.97 (\$1,399.00 ea. + 85.97 freight = \$1,484.97 for baby swings for park. The swings are for one parent + toddler. Councilwoman Moss stated that we need to finish the walking trail and we will get a quote on concrete from Sam Sanders for the trail. A motion was made by Councilwoman Green to table the swings until next meeting as we need to get a quote for completing the walking trail for the park seconded by

Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. The funds for these projects are from LIP donation.

5. Chief Kirkland asked for 7 radar units for the police department so a unit can be placed in each patrol car. The total for the 7 units (\$900.00 each) including freight (\$70.00) = \$6,370.00. A motion was made by Councilman Walker to purchase the 7 units, seconded by Councilman Hadaway. The officers will receive training & certification for the radar before using.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Approved by Roll Call Vote.

6. A motion was made by Councilman Hadaway to allow Judge Jay Ross to attend a conference in Birmingham -Registration (\$325.00) to earn 6 hours CLE's August 16, 2019 and will be paid out of court fund before 8/11/2019, seconded by Councilman Martin, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene reported the next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2019 @ 6PM. We have one application. Councilwoman Greene stated that the subdivision regulations are finished and now posted on our website: www.cityofcreola.org for everyone to view.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Chairman David Boucher had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Major Holt reported that registration for Fall soccer will be scheduled in August.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss stated that the Center has 6 new members. The Center is feeding approximately 100 seniors (including shut-ins). Councilwoman Moss stated that we will be receiving the agreement from SARPC for the senior van by the end of July. We have a \$60,000.00 grant for the Van.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (see details of report listed below), making motion to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed. Motion carried.

Also copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one.

Total Bills: \$ 56,000.00

Revenues (7/2 – 7/10) \$6,374.41 (includes AlaTax + deposits)

Withdrawals (7/1/- 7/9) \$16,298.76(includes analysis charge + online payments)

General Fund	\$	55,078.32
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)		43,740.10
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.		11,698.27
Special Court Fund		19,816.85
Court Fund		34,511.45
Court Bond Account		9,898.36
S.A.I.L. Center Account		5,674.40
Police Equipment Fund		1,797.35
Fire Fund		212.22
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services		100.00
Capital Improvement Fund (Infrastructure)		<u>19,659.77</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$	202,187.09

Mayor Criswell commented that the average revenues per month for the city has been \$244,000.00.

POLICE

Mayor Criswell reported that we have 2 officers that will be graduating from the police academy on July 25, 2019. They will be APOST certified and will receive training and certification for the radar equipment when they return.

FIRE

Chief Reeves met with Mayor Criswell, Councilwoman Moss and Councilwoman Greene concerning the emergency repair bill for the fire truck. Councilwoman Greene spoke with Commissioner Ludgood and she has agreed to appropriate a \$15,000.00 grant for the emergency repairs. Councilwoman Green made a motion to pay the \$3,500.00 balance for the repairs, seconded by Councilwoman Moss. This was tabled at the last meeting. Roll Call Vote.

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	NO
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Approved by roll call vote.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Criswell stated that the Public Works Department had a tough week. Wyatt Watson’s grandfather passed away this past weekend and his Dad is in ICU at Springhill Memorial. Anthony Walker’s Dad passed away last night. Wayne and Austin have been cutting on a rotating schedule. They have cut Jackson Rd. and Radcliff Rd. Three trees were down on Sheffield Circle, Lister Dairy Rd., and Hardy Dr. They were 2-3’ in diameter, had to be cut up w/ chain saw and hauled to the burn pile. Mayor Criswell stated that we are still having a lot of vandalism in Crenshaw Park and in the city park bathrooms. We pick-up trash by the tons throughout the city. Our administrator, Marcy Brown’s husband, helped Wayne w/ welding the bleachers at the park.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss reported that we have a new set of plans from SSAB, the trailer storage is ready to pour the slab, Dollar General has permits, contractors have permits, as well. The slab will be poured soon. We have plans for 2 new homes in Creola.

MAYOR’S DISCUSSION

Mayor Criswell reported that Steve Platt w/ Platt’s Grocery will be retiring July 25, 2019. Mr. Platt is 72 years old and wants to retire. Another factor for closing: he is not very competitive w/ Dollar General, the building has age and his meat market has health issues with the health dept. These issues helped him decide to retire. Mayor Criswell stated that we have been contacted by several individuals wanting to open a grocery store. Mayor Criswell stated that we appreciate Mr. Platt and his service to our community for all these years. Mayor Criswell wanted to recognize Mr. Platt at one of our meetings, but Mr. Platt declined.

Mayor Criswell stated that we have an Amnesty program in place for August 12 thru August 16, 2019 at City Hall 8am-5pm for anyone wishing to pay fines without coming to court.

Mayor Criswell stated that we now have the MIS Program in place. At the ALM Conference, it was reported a total of \$8M + has been collected in Alabama thru MIS. If you get a ticket and decide not to pay it, your social security number and driver’s license number will be attached to your Alabama State Income tax and it will be deducted from your refund or added to the balance you owe. These funds will be sent back to the City of Creola.

Mayor Criswell reported that our council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month and he would love to see this crowd tonight at all our council meetings. This is your City. We are here for you. Mayor Criswell thanked all for attending.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Councilwoman Moss

Seconded by: Councilman Walker

Meeting adjourned @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

William R. Criswell
Mayor

c.m. 07.11.2019