



CITY OF CREOLA
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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**

Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2019
Creola City Hall 6:00 PM
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order, asking everyone to please silence cellphones and no texting or phone calls during the meeting, etc.

Carl Walker gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present except Council Hadaway.

A quorum is present.

Councilwoman Greene

Councilman Martin

Councilman Walker

Councilwoman Moss

Councilman Hadaway - ABSENT

Mayor Criswell

City Attorney -Mr. Danny Mims

City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the minutes of 07 /25/2019, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the minutes of 07/30/2019, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Gary Hudson – People’s Rights

Mr. Hudson wants to remind the Mayor and council that “We are the people, we are watching you and we are going to vote you out.” He mentioned that he was told he could not have his cellphone in the meeting but I’m sitting here looking at the Mayor and council with their cellphones. Mayor Criswell stated again that he said, “No cellphones activated, no texting, no calls, etc.”

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 1- 2020 Census – Shemika Brown Partnership Specialist
The Mayor introduced Ms. Shemika Brown and she gave us an overview of the 2020 Census. Councilman Martin asked, “Why is the census so important?” Ms. Brown answered, saying, “It is very important that everyone be counted in your home. There were no many children not counted for numerous reasons. Like living with another relative, etc. but was not counted either place. We will receive paperwork for 2020 Census April 1, 2020. To apply as a census worker, must be 18 or older, have a valid e-mail address. Contact: 1-855-JOB-2020. The 2020 Census workers will have badges to identify them. Everything is confidential. Ms. Brown will attend the August 22nd council meeting to fully explain the 2020 Census Program.
- 2- Mayor Criswell recognized Randy Campbell, Principal of Citronelle High School & asked him to introduce his staff attending tonight.
 - (a) Heather Cook – Intern Signature Specialist w/ Citronelle Signature Academy
Mr. Campbell reported there were 47 paid interns this past summer. Five years ago, we started with 8 interns. This is the third year for Creola to participate.
 - (b) Allan Merriman – Career Tech Department
Mayor Criswell stated that we had 2 interns working with the City this summer. Councilwoman Greene read a proclamation for Dreayana Morgan.
Councilwoman Moss read a proclamation for Aarrianna Byrd.
3. Mayor Criswell reported that the Public Works Department needs weed eaters as the others are not working properly. Quotes received were from \$379.00 to \$300.00 each. The 2 weed eaters were purchased due to the emergency need. Councilwoman Greene ratified the purchase of the weed eaters for PWD. Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
4. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to extend the sidewalks at the park, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. Mayor Criswell reported that the \$5,000.00 donation was received from LCAP. It was presented at the meeting Tuesday, 7/30/2019. Councilwoman Greene stated that the donation is to be used on the parks. This \$5,000.00 donation will be used to extend the sidewalks in the park. Sam Sanders will extend the sidewalk for \$5,000.00.

5. Ordinance 2019-029 was introduced by Councilwoman Greene. It will be posted for 15 days 8/15 thru 8/29. The council will vote at the 9/12/2019 council meeting.
6. Holidays Dates for council meetings:
Councilwoman Greene made a motion to change meetings to November 14th & 26th, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
Councilwoman Greene made a motion to change meetings to December 5th & 19th, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Mr. Chambers reported that the committee is doing workshops, bringing the fees up to date and everyone is invited to participate.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

No report

PARKS AND RECREATION

Major Holt is getting ready for Fall Soccer. We have a poster for the Soccer Teams on display here in city hall.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss reported that the Senior Center is doing good, as several new ones are coming to the Center each day for lunch

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 Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

Total Bills: \$ 34,809.24

Revenues (7/2 – 7/31) \$87,322.10 (includes AlaTax + deposits)

Withdrawals (7/1/- 7/9) \$46,383,18 (includes analysis charge + online payments)

General Fund	\$	48,714.46
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)		46,553.32
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.		14,942.04
Special Court Fund		16,235.95
Court Fund		27,978.25
Court Bond Account		9,598.36
S.A.I.L. Center Account		6,101.12
Police Equipment Fund		2,496.32
Fire Fund		212.22
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services)		100.00
Capital Improvement Fund (Infrastructure)		<u>19,659.77</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$	192,591.81

Financial reports itemized for bank balances and loans (January 1st thru July 31st) were given to each council member, as well.

POLICE

Chief Kirkland is in Birmingham having an MRI. The Chief took care of some business with APOST in Montgomery on his way to Birmingham.

Joan Stringfellow, a Creola resident, stated that she thought Councilman Walker was over the PD. Mayor Criswell explained that Councilman Walker is the liaison between the PD and the council.

FIRE

Jeff Reeves reported that the Squad 10 is in the repair shop. Will have final invoice for next meeting. We received the \$15,000.00 grant from Mobile County Commission. We had general medical calls, 1 smoke detector call and had 1 vehicle accident, but driver walked away. The VFD has had 10 runs in August to date. Chief Reeves reported that driver training thru the State is coming up.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Criswell reported that Wayne Miller has been cutting grass, weedeating culverts and working to release trapped water in the ditches to Crenshaw Park.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss reported that the Dollar General is making great progress. Doing the foundation next week. Building should be here Monday. The RV and American Environmental are making progress, as well. We have received plans for new houses.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Councilwoman Greene

Seconded by: Councilwoman Moss

Meeting adjourned @ 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

William R. Criswell
Mayor

c.m. 08 08 2019