



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, October 24, 2019 6:00PM
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.

Brother William Chambers gave the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Criswell introduced our special guest, Heather Cook, Signature Specialist, Citronelle Signature Academy. Ms. Cook did a power-point presentation explaining each aspect of the Academy. She stated that they appreciate the City of Creola and our participation with the Academy. City of Creola has had 3 interns from the Academy. Mayor Criswell encouraged everyone to tour this facility. The Ambassadors will give you a guided tour.

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 10/10/2019 seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

RESIDENTS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

1. Joan Stringfellow – Lawyer hired?
Ms. Stringfellow asked “When was Mr. Mims hired? Mayor Criswell replied, November 7, 2016, the day we took office. Ms. Stringfellow asked, “Was Mr. Mims paid anything before November 7, 2016? Mayor Criswell stated “NO!” that Mr. Mims attended a council meeting with the former administration, but Johnny Lane was hired.
2. Don Nelson – Rocks Needed for Nelson Woods Drive
Mr. Nelson stated that 10 years ago, Councilman Kenny Walker put 3 loads of rocks on Nelson Woods Drive. Mr. Nelson is requesting more rocks. Mayor Criswell asked Wayne Miller to check on this.
3. Mark Howell – City Business
Mr. Howell personally handed a Public Records Request form to Mayor Criswell, LeeAnne Greene, Tonya Moss and Attorney Danny Mims, requesting travel expenses, meals, lodging including all expenses paid by the City of Creola from November 7, 2016 to present.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councilwoman Moss introduced Ordinance No. 2019-025 w/ amendment, repealing Ordinance No. 17, passed 3/11/2000. New salary suggestions for Mayor and Council.
Mayor \$300.00 Month
Council \$200.00 Month
If they attend school for CEUs-additional \$100. (40 hours)
Advanced -additional \$100.00 (40 hours)
Senior Emeterius-additional \$100.00 (120 hours)
This will encourage everyone running for office to be knowledgeable of their duties.
This was seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
Mark Howell questioned the expenses paid by the city for travel to receive these CUEs. Mr. Howell commented that you are trying to be detrimental to the new council members running.
Councilman Hadaway suggested and presented a new payment plan for the Mayor and Council since the City of Creola is the lowest paid for Mayor and council.
Mayor Criswell stated that this ordinance is being reviewed, posted for 15 days and brought back to next meeting.
2. Band, Throws, and Trophies for Christmas Parade
Councilwoman Greene made a motion to purchase items for Christmas Parade on Nov. 23rd, not to exceed \$500.00, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, one opposed (Councilman Martin-NO!), motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No meeting scheduled-no applications

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Gloria Myers – Nothing to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mayor Criswell reported that the last day for soccer will be Saturday, November 2nd- same day as LIP Day. There were 340 students enrolled. Park lights are being replaced. The walking trail is finished. Grass has been fertilized. A girls’ softball team will be using the field.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss reported everything OK ; Michelle, the Meals on Wheels driver for Satsuma, lost her son this week. His funeral will be Saturday, Nov. 26th. Gloria Myers has been helping to prepare the meals and the City of Satsuma sent someone to deliver their meals.

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. Bill List: \$28,384.60

General Fund	\$ 49,960.28
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	43,656.14
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	21,938.67
Special Court Fund	8,798.70
Court Fund	22,022.85
Court Bond Account	7,711.36
S.A.I.L. Center Account	7,367.97
Police Equipment Fund	381.96
Fire Fund	15,412.42
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services	100.00
Capital Improvement Fund	19,580.03
Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax (New A/C)	100.00
Rebuild Alabama Diesel Tax (New A/C)	100.00
Total: (in bank)	\$ 197,130.38

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the bill list and financial report, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

POLICE

Chief Kirkland reported that a cement truck turned over on Hardy Drive. Handling everything with that situation. We have 1 new officer. Three officers will be going to the Academy in January 2020. Chief Kirkland reported 2 deaths in our community: (1) Ronnie Dingman's Mom; (2) Matt Brown's Step-Father. The PD escorted both funerals and the families were very appreciative.

FIRE

Chief Reeves reported that Squad 10 truck is back in operation. 40 calls were handled by VFD this month; 5 being fire related.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne Miller stated that the growth of the grass is slowing down; bleachers in the park are fixed and the PWD has been fixing a few potholes.

Mark Howell found a sign "Creola Lane" in a storage unit. He asked Wayne Miller to come by and he can have it for the street department.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mayor Criswell reported that Don Moss is out of town and will return on Friday, October 31st.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Moss mentioned that she found 2 boxes of LIP caps in storage. We can hand them out for LIP Day on Nov. 2nd. They are brand new.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIP DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 - EVERYONE COME OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY IN THE PARK.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss
SECONDED BY: Councilman Walker
Meeting adjourned @ 6:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

William R Criswell
Mayor

c.m 10.24. 2019