



**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**

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**Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 14, 2019**  
**Creola City Hall    6:00 PM**  
**9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL**

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 -Ms. Theresa Williamson  
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 10/24/2019, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

## CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

1. Mark Howell- asking about his requests for reimbursements to Mayor and Council for expenses since taking office November 2016. Mayor Criswell stated that his request has been reviewed and turned over to the city attorney. Mr. Howell asked, "WHY?" Mayor Criswell explained that the city attorney will review to make sure everything is above board and no personal information is disclosed.
2. Gene Threadgill – 2 questions for the Mayor & Council  
Why would you reduce the salary for the Mayor & Council?  
Mayor Criswell explained that a lot of errors were made when we took office and stated that if you read the entire ordinance, it explains everything. Mayor asked Councilwoman Greene to explain the ordinance stating that it would be effective from November 2020 forward.  
Mr. Mark Howell stated that this is discriminatory to the younger council members like Kendal Hadaway and we need young people involved. Mr. Howell stated that Mr. Hadaway has a job and family and cannot attend classes. Mayor Criswell explained that he runs a fulltime business and he took time off to attend trainings to learn. It was explained to Mr. Howell that some of the training is web bar and some classes are on Saturday. Mayor Criswell stated that this was recommended by Alabama League in Montgomery and it gives everyone an incentive to go to training to learn the proper way to conduct business in a municipality.

## RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2019-025 Introduced @ last meeting & posted for 15 days.  
Councilwoman Greene explained the Ordinance:  
A fixed sum of \$300.00 Month – Mayor  
A fixed sum of \$200.00 Month – Council  
(a) (CMI) Certified Municipal Officer additional \$100.00 month  
(b) Advanced CMI additional \$100.00 month  
(c) Emeritus (120 hours) additional \$100.00 month  
(d) Certified AL -University of North Alabama additional \$25.00 month  
Motion by Councilman Walker, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, Roll Call Vote:  
Councilwoman Greene YES  
Councilman Martin NO  
Mr. Martin's comment- "It appears that it is a provision to reduce some salaries & a hidden provision to add to some. "My Vote is "NO".  
Councilman Walker YES  
Councilwoman Moss YES  
Councilman Hadaway NO  
Mayor Criswell YES  
Approved with 4-2 roll call vote.

2. Garbage Ordinance 2019-030 has been posted for 15 days. Mayor Criswell stated that this would require every household in the city to have garbage service. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept garbage ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call vote:
 

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	NO

Wants this recorded that this requires each person to have 1 garbage service. Mayor stated that it is an open franchise. The Creola residents have S & S, Republic and Advanced Disposal. Mr. Martin stated that verbatim his vote is “No”.

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

Approved with 4-2 roll call vote.
  
3. Neel-Shaeffer – Mayor Criswell explained that this would allow the City of Creola to enter into an agreement with Neel Shaeffer. Will be billed to the developers with no charge to the city. This will be conforming to all requirements for a new development.
 

Motion was made by Councilwoman Moss, seconded by Councilman Walker;

Roll call vote:

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

Approved with unanimous roll call vote.
  
4. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to split the \$3,000.00 ad on TV 10 three ways for the Season’s Greetings for service men/women to send greetings to family back home here on the Gulf Coast. The City of Creola’s logo will be on the ad with Satsuma and Chickasaw. Seconded by Councilman Hadaway, none opposed, all favored, motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Chair William Chambers thanked the Mayor and council for their support of the zoning board. Mr. Chambers invited all to attend the workshops, as input for the citizens always helps.

Zoning Meeting will be Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> - 5pm workshop; 6pm meeting.

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Gloria Myers - No Report

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

No Report

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss gave a report for the senior center.

80 meals a day are served: 60 Meals on Wheels (Creola and Satsuma); 20 meals served at center.

Today was the Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors. 35 attended and enjoyed the meal.

**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: (as of October 13, 2019) \$ 49,353.02

Motion to accept bill list made by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed. Motion carried.

**RECAP: 10/1/2019 thru 10/31/2019**

Beginning Balance	\$	66,148.28
Deposits/Credits		113,840.32
Withdrawals		50,998.70
Bank Fees (Analysis fees)		671.19
Checks		<u>68,786.68</u>
Ending Balance:	\$	59,532.03

A deposit was made today from Court Fund \$11,403.25

This deposit will post to General Fund tomorrow, 11/15/2019.

**POLICE**

Chief Kirkland stated that the Creola PD is doing well. No problems.

**FIRE**

Councilman Hadaway stated "No report". Chief Reeves absent but will have total calls at next meeting.

**STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Criswell reported that Wayne and his crew have been cleaning ditches. LIP Day in the Park, Soccer season closed on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Creola First Baptist Church Fall Festival Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 funerals.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Don Moss reported the Dollar General Opened last Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the RV grand opening was Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Moss stated that he has several sets of plans for new houses.

**MAYOR’S DISCUSSION**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilwoman Greene announced the City of Creola Annual Christmas Parade will be held November 23, 2019 11am

Howard Blackwell Masonic Lodge in Satsuma will host a flag ceremony with the Boy Scouts @ 9am Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Scouts will show the proper way to dispose of the flag.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Councilman Walker  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Moss

Meeting adjourned @ 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain  
City Clerk

William R. Criswell  
Mayor

c.m. 11.14.2019