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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, JANUARY 23, 2020 6:00PM
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL

Officer Allo w/ Creola PD welcomed all attending the meeting. He asked that everyone silence their cellphones and anyone wishing to speak, wait to be recognized by the council. No outbursts will be allowed. Officer Allo turned the meeting over to Mayor Criswell.

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.

Rev. Ellen Lesley gave the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilwoman Greene
Councilman Martin
Councilman Walker
Councilwoman Moss
Councilman Hadaway ABSENT
Mayor Criswell
City Attorney -Ms. Theresa Williamson
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 01/09/2020 and seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

RESIDENTS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

1. Joan Stringfellow asked if dump trucks are supposed to be brought home on Lister Dairy Rd? Mayor Criswell stated that they do on his street and he has lived there 30+ years. Mayor Criswell explained to Mrs. Stringfellow, "If the trucks become a nuisance, we will get the PD involved".

There were several residents of 407 Dead Lake Rd present.

Mayor Criswell stated that this is a private matter with the park owner and the City of Creola is not involved with the closure of the park. Each resident was given a letter with the owners' name, address, email address and phone number to contact him directly. Councilman Martin stated that he would like to go on record asking the property owner to consider some compassion for the residents living at 407 Dead Lake Rd looking at each case individually. Mayor Criswell reported that he has spoken with the owner and they are doing that.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Criswell stated we have bids for the bridge repair including 100% performance bond, and 50% material bond. A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene to make a commitment to the lowest bidder, Tim Tew w/ Intercoastal Enterprises, Inc., for \$25,000.00., pending bond, seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call vote:

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

Approved with roll call vote.

We will review and turn over to our city attorney for his review. Repairs will be checked by Safe Span and audit by ALDOT.

ALDOT is requesting an audit on review.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to host the July 4th fireworks, sending letters to local businesses to sponsor the fireworks. Last year, we spent \$1500. -\$1800. The fireworks lasted about 20 minutes and we received rave reviews. We are anticipating spending \$3,000. And the fireworks will last approximately 35-40 minutes. We will come back to council for additional monies, if needed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene for Ordinance # 2020-001 creating the Parks and Recreation Department, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none

opposed, motion carried. The ordinance will be posted in at least 3 places for 15 days. Will vote at 2/13/2020 meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene reported that the Planning and Zoning Board met last Tuesday, and the meeting went well. The board will meet for workshop on February 18, 2020 from 4PM-5PM only. No regular meeting will be held due to a conflict. The LCAP meeting is at 5:30.

Councilwoman Greene reported on the SARPC conference at the Grand Hotel. She stated that Mayor Rubenstein of Saraland, gave her the message that Alabama League of Municipalities commended the City of Creola on the salary ordinance and is encouraging other municipalities to do the same requiring the workshops for new council members.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION

Major Holt announced that the registration for soccer begins Saturday, January 25, 2020. We are expecting about 350 kids to register.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss stated that 2 new guys have been visiting the senior center recently. They will be grilling for seniors next Monday and every 3 months, thereafter. They will cook fish, and have a shrimp boil, as well as grilling. They will furnish everything, and it is free for seniors attending.

Councilwoman Moss reported that the new senior van has been lettered and still looking for a driver.

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 as of 1/23/2020 -\$39,450.29

General Fund	\$ 89,756.88
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5-cent)	49,242.67
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	28,669.04
Special Court Fund	3,924.91
Court Fund	16,404.95
S.A.I.L Center Account	7,153.95
Court Bond Fund	9,712.36
Police Equipment Fund	4,738.19
Fire Fund	5,418.35
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services)	26.06
Capital Improvement Fund	19,398.40
*Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax	3,403.94
*Rebuild Alabama Diesel Tax	1,022.94
TOTAL IN BANK	238,872.64

*Rebuild AL bank statements will be posted in city hall each month.

Councilwoman Greene stated that we will receive approximately \$108,000. from Alabama Power Co. on 1/31/2020. We will pay off AMIC, Workman's Compensation and pay \$15,000.00 to Diamond Gas over overpayment.

POLICE

Chief Kirkland reported that we have 2 recruits at the police academy in Tuscaloosa. They were appointed as squad leaders within the first two weeks. A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene to approve the expenses of approximately \$850.00 for Chief Kirkland to attend Chief's conference, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

FIRE

Fire Chief Jeff Reeves was absent. Councilwoman Greene reported that the fire department had 44 calls for the month; 2 fires, 1 wreck, all other calls were medical.

Councilwoman Greene reported that the \$24,000.00 loan for the firetruck made during the last administration, has a payoff balance of \$4,891.38. We would use ½ of fire fund and ½ of general fund. The payment is \$495.00 per Month and is not due to pay off until February 2021. That would be \$2,445.69 coming out of each account (fire fund and general fund) to pay off Servis First.

Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	NO
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES

Councilman Hadaway ABSENT
Mayor Criswell YES
Approved by Roll Call Vote.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne Miller is working with PD as an auxiliary officer. Wayne will be having knee surgery on Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020.

Mayor Criswell reported that the city will be using the capital improvement fund to repair the old city hall for the Public Works/Street Department.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss reported that SSAB has a \$35M project underway. We have 6 new houses being built in Creola and more plans coming soon.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Criswell reported that the City of Creola audit for 2018 and 2019 is complete. Each council was given an audit report for each year.

Mayor Criswell stated that he has a meeting with the Mobile County Personnel Board Tuesday. Hopefully, they will wash out the balance that is owed by the city from 2011-2016.

Mayor Criswell reported that he received a "Thank You" note from Dr. Eichold w/ Mobile County Health Department for putting the ordinance in place for the low speed vehicles.

Mayor Criswell will get 3 quotes to finance the old Naheola Credit Union Building for the new Creola City Hall located at 9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilman Walker
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss
Meeting adjourned @ 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

William R Criswell
Mayor

c.m 01.23.2020