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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2021
Creola Senior Center
Meeting 6:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Creola, Alabama, met in the Creola Senior building at 5:30 p.m. A workshop was held before the Council Meeting. Present at the meeting was Mayor Nelson, Mark Howell, Wendy Lynch, Cody Chambless, and Kendal Hadaway.

Items that were discussed were the American Rescue one time pay increase, 2021-2022 budget and audit, hiring of police officers and dispatchers, street sweeper, wrecked vehicle incident, updates on debris cleanup, Race Trac, and Mobile County Sheriff Department assistance. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Bill Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nelson. Roll call was taken by City Clerk Marcy Brown. Present at the meeting was Mayor Nelson, Mark Howell, Wendy Lynch, Cody Chambless, and Kendal Hadaway. Harold Parmer was absent. Also present was City Attorney, Daniel Mims.

Roland Hayes was present at the meeting and had questions on whether the Creola Scholarship fund was still available for those children who live in Creola but attended school in Satsuma. While this has ended, he would like to see it started up again.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

Approval of the Minutes - The minutes of the September 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Howell to accept the minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hadaway. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

Mayor Nelson went over the bill list as well and the city financials. Mr. Chambless made a motion to approve the bill list as presented. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

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Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.

Chief Hammond discussed the repairs for the wrecked Tahoe. Mr. Howell made a motion to get the repairs done, based on the findings of the adjustor. Mr. Hadaway second the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Moye has been reaching out to different companies regarding the purchase of a new fire truck as well as the financing of it. There is a new fire class to be held in November that Chief Moye will attend instead of the one discussed during the prior council meeting.

Park Dept. – About 90% of the sprinkler system installation is completed.

SAIL Center Dept – The SAIL Center explorer needs a new set of tires. Fausak can replace them at a cost of \$406.68.

Zoning Board – Update was given on the Race Trac project. Subdivision meeting will be held on October 18, 2021.

Public Works Department –. Still picking up storm debris.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **American Rescue Act one time pay increase-** Mayor presented Resolution 2021-0004 for the council to review and discuss a onetime pay increase for all essential workers. All full-time employees that have been employed for more than a year will receive \$5,000.00 and part-time employees with more than a year \$2,500.00. All other full-time and part-time employees with less than a year of employment will receive \$2,500.00.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-004. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cody Chambless – YES; Wendy Lynch – YES; Kendal Hadaway – YES; Harold Parmer – Absent; Mark Howell – YES; Mayor Nelson – YES. Motion carried.

b. Police and Dispatcher Hires – Chief Hammond has hired 2 new officers and 1 dispatcher. One officer is a veteran of law enforcement with about 30 years of experience and the other will be attending the upcoming police academy beginning in November.

c. Street Sweeper- Mayor Nelson stated that we would have a street sweeper soon.

d. Dispatchers and Officers- Chief Hammond stated that he will be hiring 2 dispatchers and at least 1 police officer.

Item #9 - Mayors Comments

a. We are getting ready to work on budget and mayor asked council and department heads to see what they need for the new fiscal year.

b. Mayor is talking to EMA about the siren in Creola not working.


Mr. Chambless made a motion that Marcy Brown, City Clerk, or Christie Bryant, Magistrate, add the council meetings and zoning minutes to be added to the city Facebook page. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Discussion was made and after talking to Danny Mims, city attorney, until more information is gathered on the liability of the social media page, Mr. Howell made a motion to rescind the motion on posting the meeting minutes on our FB page. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Chambless made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Don Nelson

Mayor


Marcy Brown
City Clerk