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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, April 28, 2022
Creola City Hall
Meeting 6:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Creola, Alabama, met in the Creola City Hall at 5:30 p.m. A workshop was held before the Council Meeting at 5:30 pm. Present at the meeting was Kendal Hadaway, Harold Parmer, Cody Chambless, and Mayor Nelson. Items that were discussed was the Gazebo, Phase 2, Police Department cameras, Tasers, QuickBooks Update, Building Inspector School, Lister Dairy repair, Fourth of July celebration
The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Nelson at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Mayor Nelson. 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, Kendal Hadaway, Harold Parmer, and Cody Chambless. Council Members Mark Howell and Wendy Lynch were absent. Also present was City Attorney, Danny Mims.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes – - The minutes of the March 24, 2022, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Chambless made a motion to accept the minutes, as written. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

Mayor Nelson gave an update on the finances and bank balances. Mr. Chambless made a motion to approve the financials of 04/28/22 as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Chambless made a motion to approve the bill list dated 4/28/2022 as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Several members of the community showed up to address the council regarding their thoughts on the Satsuma merger. John Reamer asked the council where they stood on the discussions coming from Satsuma. Parts of it he agreed with and parts of it he was against. He was for us adding a high school to the North Mobile School on Salco Road. Mr. Reamer did not think that it was right for non-property owners to be allowed to vote if an election were to happen.

Mayor Nelson stated that no action has been taken by the City of Creola. In the near future the mayor is going to ask the council to take action to resolve the rumors being spread. Mayor Nelson stated that we have some great things going on in Creola and also has a meeting scheduled with Mobile County Board of Education to discuss our school situation.

Mr. Hadaway stated that we have not officially been approached by the City of Satsuma. Ms. Stringfellow pointed out that she had a letter from a citizen who had a daughter that paid her fee to go to the school but missed school for a couple of weeks due to medical reasons. When she returned to school, she had to repay the fee to go back. This happened to several other students. This is not what we want for our Creola students.

Mike Cassidy stated that all registered voters would be allowed to vote. The meeting that he arranged had approximately 198 citizens from Creola and Satsuma. Of those polled, (only 150 participated) 82.5 percent of Satsuma citizens were in favor as well as 74 percent in favor from Creola residents. Mr. Cassidy stated that he knew some were against it but that a pile of individuals for it. Mr. Parmer stated that he has had only three individuals tell him they were for it but everyone else was against it.

Mr. Hadaway said that he had some questions. If we get an official notice, and see what is being proposed, would we be divided in districts or stay at large. Also, would we have fair representation.

Mayor Nelson stated that there are many facts that the citizens need to be aware of. One is the zoning. We had a hot bed in the dirt pit that is about to raise its ugly head. To put four hundred homes there will affect the citizens living near them. If we merge and the Creola Zoning Board goes away, who will protect our interest. Satsuma officials have stated that we need growth and would be for the project to be reinstated.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept. – Chief Hammond stated that the tasers would be taken out of service until the council decides on how to replace them. Mayor Nelson supported this decision.

Mr. Chambless made a motion to table the discussion until more information is gathered. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Sail Center – No Report given.

Park Dept. – Mayor Nelson stated that the poles that were vandalized would be worked on to prevent this from happening in the future. Major Holt made a request for fertilizer, insecticide, and lime for the upkeep of the soccer fields. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to purchase the items needed for the soccer field at a cost of \$1351. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Fire Dept. – Chief Moye stated that the fire department was going to be getting money from the County Commission in the near future. Creola Fire Department should get about \$75,000; The firefighter certification course has officially started.

Public Works Department – Mr. Wayne is working on getting street signs replaced, cutting the grass, and scraping the roads.

Building Inspection Department – Mr. Moss presented council with a right of way permit suggestion. Mr. Moss asked the council what they wanted to do. Council said they would think about it and get back with Mr. Moss.

Zoning Board – No report given.

Item #8 - New Business-

a. QuickBooks – After discussing how the QB 2019 version being currently used will be expiring May 31, 2022, Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase the QB package at a cost of \$1392. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

b. Gazebo, Phase 2 – The gazebo is complete except for the cupola which is being shipped in about 6 weeks. Phase 2 is ready to begin which will be adding sod and electricity. Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase three pallets of centipede sod to be placed around the gazebo. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

c. Mobile County Purchase Agreement – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve the yearly purchase agreement with Mobile County. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

d. ALDOT Agreement - Mr. Hadaway made an agreement to approve the agreement with ALDOT to remove debris from Highway 43. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

e. Police Department Clean up – Mr. Parmer made a motion to allow Josh Rhodes to clean up around the police department. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

f. 4th of July – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve spending up to \$500 for the purchase of food for the 4th of July celebration in the park. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

g. Road Resurfacing - After a discussion on the roads in our city, Mr. Hadaway made a motion to submit Holmes, Hall, and Lyon Road to be presented to Mobile County Commission for resurfacing. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

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Item #9 - Mayors Comments

Mayor Nelson reminded everyone that the Alabama League of Municipality will be having their annual convention in Tuscaloosa May 11-14, 2022. We will not be having a council meeting on the second Thursday of May for this reason. Race Trac will begin construction soon as it is being bid out.

Mr. Chambless made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk