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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 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 Harold Parmer, Mark Howell, Kendal Hadaway, Wendy Lynch, and Mayor Nelson. Items that were discussed was the 2022 Budget, Introduction of Ordinance 2022-003, Air conditioning unit for fire building, Bid from Herring Plumbing for Veterans Park, Painting of Storage/Fire House Bldg., Holmes Road, Mobile County APRPO6 102-22-Tasers/Body Cam, \$87,000, APCO overhead service - \$7,500 donation, Park bathroom cleaning service estimate/quote, Attorney letter to Insurance Company - fire damaged car, Bid for Creola line burying, Bid for Creola water line at park. Meeting adjourned at 5:58p.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 Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, Wendy Lynch, and Kendal Hadaway, and Mayor Nelson. Cody Chambless was absent. Theresa Williams filled in for Atty. Danny Mims.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes -- The minutes of the September 8, 2022, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Lynch 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. Howell made a motion to approve the bill list of 09/22/2022 as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the ending balance report for the General Fund as of 09/22/2022 as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept. – Chief Hammond said that they were going through the warrants and clearing out those that needed to be purged, keeping only the valid warrants. Mr. Howell said that we are going to get two (2), possibly four (4), Tahoe's from Orange Beach that are in really good shape.

Sail Center – Everything is going well.

Park Dept. – No report given

Fire Dept. – Mr. Hadaway read and discussed the report from Chief Moye. See attached report. Mr. Howell was going to speak with the Orange Beach fire department and see if we could buy a fire truck from them as we need a mini pumper.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to earmark \$200,000 of the covid funds for the purchase of a firetruck, used or new. Mr. Howell seconded the motion.

Rollcall: Mr. Hadaway – Yes; Mr. Chambers – Absent; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Yes; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. Motion was passed. 5 Yes votes.

Public Works Department – Mr. Wayne has been working on cleaning up around the bridge, keeping the grass cut, and filling in potholes. Mr. Howell said that an oak tree on Lister Dairy Road had limbs that had fallen and wanted the tree removed. Mr. Howell also said that the trash on Lister Dairy Road is horrible.

Mrs. Lynch pointed out that Mark Daugherty called about the trash on Lister Dairy Road. Mrs. Lynch wants another community cleanup day. After a discussion, the cleanup day will be October 22, 2022, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Veterans Day event is set for November 12, 2022.

Building Inspection Department – No report given.

Zoning Board – No report given.

Item #8 - New Business-

- a. **2022 Budget** – Discussion will be carried over to the next meeting.
- b. **Introduction of Ordinance 2022-003** – This is an ordinance requiring approval for excavation and burying underground utilities lines within the city of Creola.
- c. **Estimate for the AC at Fire Department** – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve the purchase of a Goodman AC unit, by Mobile Heating and Air Conditioning, to be installed at the fire station for \$5800. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion.

Rollcall: Mr. Hadaway – Yes; Mr. Chambers – Absent; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Yes; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. Motion was passed. 5 Yes votes.

d. Plumbing for Veterans Memorial – After a discussion, Mayor Nelson was going to contact LeMoyné Water for a quote on them running the water line for the fountain at the Veterans Memorial.

e. Painting of Storage/Fire Bldg. – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve the estimate from Mr. Ward, of Coating Pro, for \$2100 and to allow Mrs. Lynch to pick out the color. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion.

Rollcall: Mr. Hadaway – Yes; Mr. Chambers – Absent; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Yes; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. Motion was passed. 5 Yes votes.

f. Holmes Road – Mr. Howell made a motion to use JMT Resources to pave Holmes Road at a cost of \$30,245.15 using the gas tax funds for payment. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion.

Rollcall: Mr. Hadaway – Yes; Mr. Chambers – Absent; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Yes; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. Motion was passed. 5 Yes votes.

g. Mobile County Tasers/Body Cam \$87,000 – Mrs. Ludgood of the Mobile County Commission is going to give a grant to Creola Police Dept for \$87,000 for the purchase of Tasers and Body Cams.

h. APCO Overhead Service – Alabama Power is donating \$7500 for the overhead service for the Veterans Memorial Park.

i. Park Restroom Cleaning Services – We are getting bids for the cost of cleaning the park restrooms.

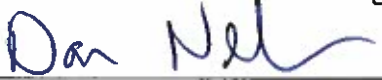
j. Attorney Letter to Insurance Company on the fire damaged car – Mr. Parmer made a motion to have the city attorney send a letter to the insurance company of the officer who was in possession of the police car when it burned at his house. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

k. Replace Tables for Council Meeting – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to replace the current tables with 3 new white plastic ones to be purchased from Sam's Club, along with table clothes per Mrs. Lynch choice. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

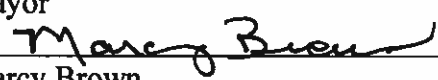
Item #9 - Citizens to Address Council – None noted.

Item #10 - Mayors Comments – Mrs. Ludgood is going to pave South Creola Road for the city. We have about 4 roads remaining to be paved. Raceway has broken ground on the new station.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Don Nelson

Mayor


Marcy Brown
City Clerk

Attachment Item #1

Greetings to Mayor and Council!

First, I cannot be at the council meeting tonight. The fire department has a training event scheduled.

I have finally received quotes from two vendors for both mini pumper/rescue and brush truck/rescue configurations. The summary of those quotes is below:

Deep South, Seminary, MS
Mini-pumper \$272,907
Brush truck \$244,535

NAFECO, Decatur, AL
Mini-pumper \$285,345
Brush truck \$197,524

Both the brush truck and mini pumper can provide the quick response capabilities for EMS calls and other minor incidents. They can both handle brush and woods fire responses. The advantage to the mini pumper is that we can also get some insurance credit for it because of the pump size. A truck this size will also be much easier to training new and less experienced personnel to drive and operate.

As you are aware, we also had our reserve engine, Engine 1, assessed for repairs to the pump. Pump and other repairs were quoted by Sunbelt Fire Apparatus at over \$30,000. This is a 40-year-old truck. It is also our reserve pumper. That is an important part of our insurance grading to have a backup pumper. I honestly do not see investing over \$30,000 in a 40-year-old truck. Our current state is that our two front line pumpers, Engine 2 and Squad 10 are 1995 and 1994 trucks, respectively. That is old for front line fire engines. The National Fire Protection Agency recommends that front line fire engines not be over 20 years old. I have been researching the cost of used fire trucks in the 10- to 15-year-old range. Trucks that would meet our needs in that age range are running \$125,000 to \$200,000. This is extraordinary. We bought Engine 2, 7 or 8 years ago, for \$30,000.

So, what does all this mean? We have been discussing the purchase of a new brush/mini-pumper type quick response truck applying Relief Act funds to the purchase. Unfortunately, we have also run into this issue with reserve pumper. To replace Engine 1 can easily double our funds that will be required if we try to do both. I want to be very straightforward when I say that I am not a proponent of buying used fire trucks. That has in part lead to the situation we are in. However, I also understand that our current funds are limited, and we have an immediate need.

This is my short-term recommendation:

- 1) That we postpone the purchase of a new brush/mini-pumper unit at this time.

- 2) We work to identify a used pumper/tanker that is 10 to 15 years old for purchase using the designated Relief Act funds (up to \$200,000) This would provide a much newer pumper to the fleet and allow us to reassign either Engine 2 or Squad 10 as the reserve pumper.
- 3) Sell Engine 1 for scrap.

We still need to resolve the ownership issue with Engine 3 although it appears now that we will have to return it to the department that donated it to Creola. Apparently, the title was never processed when we took delivery to change the owner to Creola.

We also need to resolve where to house our fire trucks. We really need one more truck bay to properly house the fleet that we have. That issue needs to be addressed before winter weather arrives. Turnerville has graciously offered to let us store a truck at their Station 3 on Highway 43, but I do not know how long that will be available to us.

A couple of other updates:

We were requested to respond to aid Saraland on a building fire on September 9th. It was a large shop structure behind a house off Radcliff Road in their jurisdiction. We responded with two pumpers and 4 personnel and were on scene for approximately 4 hours. Our main support was water supply in a non-hydrated location about 3000' off of the road.

The Tower truck is due to be returned on Friday. Our next step will be to have it tested and then it should be certified for use.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Charles Moye
Fire Chief