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*Cody Chambless*  
*Wendy Lynch*  
*Harold Parmer*  
*Mark Howell*

**MAGISTRATES**  
*Linda Hoiles*  
*Christie Bryant*

**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 24, 2023**  
**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 were Kendal Hadaway, Harold Parmer, Mark Howell, and Mayor Nelson.

Items that were discussed were the concrete bids for sidewalks, fire department full time positions, new police car update, resurfacing on Skidmore and Christy Street, painting the police cars, Wayne Miller raise, initial restaurant phone conference, police chief contract update, police officer staffing, ABC Board Approval Chevron Transfer, pothole repair material, Christmas party date, Dana Douglas deductible, SCBA and air compressor service from Sunbelt Fire, and police printers for vehicles. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm p.m.

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Carl Walker. 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 Mark Howell. Wendy Lynch and Cody Chambless were absent. City Attorney Danny Mims was also present.

Ashleigh Long spoke to the council and stated that she was running for Circuit Court Clerk for Mobile County and asked for the citizens votes.

**Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –**

The minutes of the August 10, 2023, meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Howell to accept the minutes of August 10, 2023; the motion was seconded by Mr. Parmer. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Item #6- Financials/Bill List-**

The bills were discussed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the bill list for August 24, 2023, as presented. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

The financials were discussed. If anyone would like to see the reports, they are welcome to stop by the city hall. Bank balances were presented. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Item #7 - Departmental Reports –**

**Police Dept.-** Chief Stringer stated that a letter was received from a Mrs. George from Cleveland, TN, who had broken down on I-65. Sgt. McConico had stopped and offered his services until the tow truck arrived and she was very grateful for his help.

Chief Stringer also stated that he has approximately four part-time police officers and has added 3 additional full-time officers bringing the total of full-time officers to 5 (including himself). Also, two part-time and two full-time dispatchers have been hired.

**Fire Dept. –**Chief Moye stated that he appreciated the hard work involved with putting out the fire that was behind the city park. Chief Moye also stated that it was time for the yearly SCBA testing.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the SCBA testing at a cost of \$1,972.90. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Park Dept. –** No business

**SAIL Center Dept –** No business

**Zoning Board.** Mayor stated there is training in OWA on September 13,2023. It is for the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, council and building inspector. The Zoning board met and had a gentleman question the board on his fence located in his front yard.

**Public Works Department –** The mayor stated that a note was received from Ms. Jenkins thanking the street department for doing a great job.

There is a 90/10 funding opportunity coming for street paving. Mayor Nelson stated that he would get Kirby Latham to investigate this.

**Item #8-New Business-**

- a. **Concrete Bids –** The bids were opened from the 3 individuals that submitted them. Mr. M. L. Eubanks bid was \$13,700, Eagle Contracting was \$12,950, and Michael

Whittington's bid was \$22,500. All bids would be reviewed, and a decision will be made after speaking with each of them and making sure they know what is expected.

- b. **Fire Department Full Time Position** - After a lengthy discussion on the fire position and rate of pay, Mr. Howell made a motion to establish the fire position of a fire technician with the rate of pay being decided on later. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- c. **New Police Car Updates** – The two 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe's, that were recently purchased from Donohoo Chevrolet, were picked up by Bobby Jackson who carried them to Jasper to outfit them with the proper lighting.
- d. **Resurfacing Skidmore and Christy Street** - Mayor Nelson stated that Skidmore and Christy Street were resurfaced.
- e. **Stripping and Painting on Police Cars from Orange Beach** – After discussing the two Tahoe's from Orange Beach PD, Mr. Parmer stated that he would help remove the glue that remained after the decals were removed if it was possible.  
Mr. Howell made a motion to allow MACCO to repaint them for \$1,200.00 each. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- f. **Wayne Miller Raise** – After discussion was made regarding the street superintendent's pay rate, Mr. Parmer made a motion to raise Mr. Wayne Miller a .40 cent raise. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- g. **Initial Restaurant Phone Conference** – After discussion was made regarding negotiating with a major fast-food restaurant in Creola, the council agreed to allow the mayor to start the negotiations with this company.
- h. **Police Chief Contract Update** – Mayor Nelson stated that we are working with the Personnel Board regarding this issue.
- i. **ABC Board Approval** – Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the ABC Board License transfer for the Chevron. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- j. **Christmas Party Date** – Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the annual Christmas Community Party date for December 1, 2023. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- k. **Pothole Repair Material** – Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the new asphalt material to fill potholes at a cost of \$1,200. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- l. **Police Car Printers** – Mr. Parmer made a motion to approve the purchase of six (6) new printers, at a cost of approximately \$239 each, for the patrol cars. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- m. **Dana Douglas Deductible** – Ms. Douglas damaged her car on the metal rebar protruding out of the concrete and is asking for the city to reimburse her for the deductible. Mr. Howell made a motion to reimburse Ms. Douglas the \$500 she paid her insurance company. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

#### **Item #9 Mayor comments**

Mayor Nelson stated that the County Board of Equalization is requesting that the city nominate someone for that position. Mayor Nelson stated that he would like the council to bring forth names to the next meeting for consideration.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



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Don Nelson  
Mayor



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Marcy Brown  
City Clerk