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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2024
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 p.m. Present at the meeting were Kendal Hadaway, Harold Parmer, Wendy Lynch, Mark Howell, and Mayor Nelson.

Items that were discussed were the 2023/2024 FY audit, which was presented by Don Wallace. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 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 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 Kendal Hadaway, Harold Parmer, Wendy Lynch, Mark Howell, and Mayor Nelson. Council member Cody Chambless was absent. City Attorney Danny Mims was also present.

Mayor Nelson began the meeting by allowing David Melton, who was running for Mobile County Licensing Commissioner, to address the citizens and ask for their support.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the January 25, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to accept the minutes of January 25, 2024; Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

Don Wallace presented the yearly audit for the city during the council workshop and stated that the city was in good financial shape with no material weaknesses or deficiencies to report.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 city audit as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the meeting. All in favor and the motion was carried.

The bills were discussed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the bill list for February 22, 2024, as presented. Mrs. Lynch 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. Parmer made a motion to accept the financials as presented for February 22, 2024. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports --

Police Dept.- Chief Stringer stated that NCIC came and audited their records and procedures. Recommendations were given and corrections are being made to be in compliance.

Fire Dept. – Chief Stanley stated that he needed a radio installed in the new fire truck. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve spending \$535 on the installation of the radio through EEP. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve spending up to \$600 for the purchase of brackets, tarps, and a forced entry bar to equip the new fire truck. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Park Dept. – The lights have been installed and a groundbreaking ceremony has been planned for March 26, 2024, at 6 p.m.

SAIL Center Dept – No report given.

Building Inspector – No report presented.

Zoning Board. Waiting for the new Zoning book to be printed by SARPC. There is also an individual wanting to develop a subdivision.

Public Works Department – Mr. Sellberg stated that he had a new employee, Craig Hutton. 42 bags of garbage had been picked up in two (2) weeks. Mr. Sellberg stated that he would like to have a cleanup day and get the citizens involved in keeping the city clean. There are some tree limbs hanging down from Ms. Browns yard that is blocking the fire truck. He also stated that he needs light bars for the two tractors. Mr. Parmer has been working on one of the zero turns and Mr. Sellberg stated that he needed another zero-turn mower. Quotes were presented from John Deere. Quotes are being gathered for a sign to help the street department monitor the traffic speed while working on major highway projects.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **Ordinance 2024-001 Pay Rate for the 2025-2029 Officials-** Mr. Hadaway and Mr. Parmer introduced Ordinance 2024-001 which would raise the wages for the next administration beginning November 2025.
- b. **Fire Truck Striping** – Chief Stanley stated that the new fire truck needed to be stripped with the Creola information. Mr. Parmer made a motion to approve the stripping of the new fire truck in the amount of \$1125with the funds coming from the fire fund account. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- c. **Conservation Meeting** – Mayor Nelson asked the council to approve him traveling to Auburn to meet with Chris Blankenship regarding the GOMESA grant. Mr. Howell made a motion to allow Mayor Nelson to attend the conservation meeting for the GOMESA grant in Auburn. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- d. **Dump Trailer** – Quotes are being gathered for a dump trailer needed for the Public Works department.
- e. **Website** – Mrs. Lynch made a motion to allow Chris Cooley to update our website. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #9 Mayor comments

Mayor Nelson stated that Jack's Family Restaurant would be breaking ground soon and so would Superior. Mayor Nelson reminded the council and department heads to fill out the Statement of Economic Interests (SEI). Mayor Nelson also stated that he had been in contact with the property owners of the Sutton place across from the police states and talked about possible purchasing the land for future city developments.

Mrs. Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parmer the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk