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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024
Creola City Hall
Meeting 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 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 Cody Chambless, Wendy Lynch, Mark Howell, and Mayor Nelson. Council member Kendal Hadaway and Harold Parmar were absent. City Attorney Danny Mims was also present.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes --

The minutes of the February 22, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes of February 22, 2024; Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

The bills were discussed. Mr. Chambless made a motion to accept the bill list for March 14, 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. Howell made a motion to accept the financials as presented for March 14, 2024. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports --

Police Dept.- Chief Stringer introduced our newest officer, Jonathan Pitts. The Chief also stated that he would be asking for radars to equip all the vehicles in the near future. The Chief has requested three (3) more computers from the 911 system.

320 Calls

Traffic Accidents – 13

Traffic Stops – 106

Traffic Citations – 53

Arrests – 31

Warrants – 64

Officer Wickell helped an older gentleman who was disoriented from the Birmingham area. Officer Wickell got him help and got in touch with his family. We need to present Officer Wickell with a plaque recognizing his efforts in what he did.

Officer Jeffery Boddie starts March 25, 2024.0

Fire Dept. – Chief Stanley stated that he would like to add Branden Lynch as the newest member of the fire department.

Mr. Howell made a motion to add Randall Lynch as the newest fire member. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase a forestry hose (600 ft) at the cost of \$1038.00. 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 was busy keeping the trash picked up and mowing season had begun. David Hollowell, with ALDOT, stated that Highway 43 was cut by the state 2-3 times per year. This usually occurs in June and September. Mr. Parmer has repaired one of the zero turn mowers.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **Ordinance 2024-001 Pay Rate for the 2025-2029 Officials**– Mr. Hadaway and Mr. Parmer introduced Ordinance 2024-001 at the February 22, 2024, meeting, which would raise the wages for the next administration beginning November 2025.

Roll Call: Mr. Hadaway – Absent; Mr. Chambless – Yes; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Absent; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. Motion was carried 4-0.

- b. Soccer Lighting** – The official lighting of the new soccer will be at 7:00 p.m. March 26, 2024. We also have a presentation for Major Holt for all he has done for the park.
- c. Sutton Property** – The Sutton property located across the road from the police department is for sale. Mayor Nelson would like to purchase the property for future development.
Mr. Howell made a motion to allow Mayor Nelson to negotiate the purchase deal in the amount of \$35,000 on the Sutton property. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- d. Demo Sutton House** – Mayor Nelson has found someone to demo the Sutton house for around \$5,000. Due to an illness, the gentleman will be contacted later.
- e. Police Department Roof** – Mr. M.L. Eubanks will repair the roof of the police department for a cost of \$8,000.
Mr. Howell made a motion to have the roof repaired on the police department building with Elastomeric coating for a cost of \$8,000.00 Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- f. 4th of July Planning** – Mr. Chambless made a motion to increase the 4th of July budget to \$5,000 for the fireworks. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- g. Mower for Street Dept** – Mr. Chambless made a motion to purchase a 2024 John Deere Z960M in the amount of \$14805.98. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- h. Dump Trailer** – Mr. Howell will contact Klein about purchasing a dump trailer.
- i. Creola 1st Baptist Fishers of Men** – Mr. Howell made a motion to allow Creola 1st Baptist Fishers of Men group to use the SAIL Center. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.


Item #9 Mayor comments

Mayor Nelson reminded the council and department heads to fill out the Statement of Economic Interests (SEI). Mayor Nelson stated that the Creola Clean Up Day will be March 23, 2024, from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chambless the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk