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**AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF CREOLA COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT CREOLA CITY HALL ON
June 27, 2013 @ 6:00PM**

Mayor pro-tem Ivy called the meeting to order.
Mr. Randy Fleming gave invocation
Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present:

- Councilwoman Greene
- Councilman Heathcoe
- Councilman Ivy
- Councilman Howell

Mayor Nelson and Councilwoman Moss were absent.

Christie filled in for city clerk.

Minutes from the council meeting held on, June 13, 2013 were presented.
Councilman Howell made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting.
Councilman Heathcoe seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Council will allow citizens to address the council after all regular business is taken care of.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Green made a motion to hire an attorney.
Councilman Heathcoe seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: hiring an attorney

Councilman Howell	Yes
Councilman Ivy	Yes
Councilman Heathcoe	Yes
Councilwoman Greene	Yes

Motion Carried

Councilwoman Greene states that GA West came before the Planning and Zoning last Thursday, and the zoning board agreed to zone them M-1 but needed to bring before council.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to annex GA West property (1200 Radcliff Rd) into the city.

Councilman Howell second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: annex GA west property

Councilman Howell Yes

Councilman Ivy Yes

Councilman Heathcoe Yes

Councilwoman Greene Yes

Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMITTEE

No Business

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

No business

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilman Howell states that the post were put in the ground today and should have fence finished tomorrow (6/28/13).

Councilman Howell states that back in the spring council made a motion to donate \$600.00 for the soccer field to be fertilized. Major Holt has brought estimates that it will cost \$715.00 to fertilize it now.

Councilman Howell made a motion to pay for the fertilization of the soccer field.

Councilman Heathcoe second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene states that Lenzing Fiber donated \$300.00 dollars to the park.

Councilman Howell states that he would like to use this money to put benches around the park and playground.

Mrs. Casie Bennet asked if signs could be put up at the park for no driving behind the baseball field and soccer fields because all the kids are playing in this area. Councilman Howell states that you can't put signs up because that is parking spaces in the back. Councilman Howell states that 4wheelers and people driving unsafely is a police department issue and to call them.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZEN

Councilwoman Greene states that she spoke with Councilwoman Moss and she is setting up a meeting with Julie McGee, SARPC for seniors about how to go about getting a van so the seniors can possible do outings.

FINANCE

Next meeting

POLICE AND FIRE

Creola Volunteer Fire Department will be doing the boot drop on June 29, 2013 for MDA.

STREETS

Councilman Heathcoe states that Criswell drive should be paved by next week and Guthrie Lane is paved. Street department has been busy cutting grass. Councilman Heathcoe states that one of the tractors is in the shop.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Mrs. Davis states that the Creola community Development group is hosting a free outside movie night at the park on July 13 at 7:30pm. Everyone invited. Concession stand will be open. Movie showing will be Ice Age.

Mayor pro- tem Ivy states that the council has not discussed annexation and does not know any details.

Mr. Fisher thanked the council for getting Gurthrie Lane paved.

Mrs. Stringfellow states that Building inspector Don Moss is busy doing his job but people are not listening to him. Councilman Ivy states he is doing a good job.

Councilman Howell states that he spoke with RSI and they will set up a meeting to discuss the culvert.

Mr. Loden states he is speaking on behalf of several people that could not be here due to VBS at Creola Baptist church and everyone wants to know where we are with the school issue.

Councilman Howell states that he is speaking for him but he knows there will have to be a vote. He states that he has never had a meeting with anyone else about annexation. He believes that the council needs to go to the cities and listen to proposal to educate their self, and see what can and can't be done. We owe it to ourselves to see what kind of negotiating can be done.

Councilman Heathcoe states that is why they need a city attorney to be guided on these issues.

Mrs. Bryan asked why the council is not speaking to Satsuma to see what they can offer.

Councilman Howell states he would be open to talk to either city.

Mrs. Lois asked how long it would take if we annexed.

Mrs. Heathcoe states it will take a lot longer than people are saying and you can look it up on line for the process of annexation.

Councilman Howell states that the council need to educate their self, and then they will have answers to give out.

Councilman Howell states he is a steward of this city and he is not going to take a bad deal for this city.

Mrs. Becky states to research and investigate what is out there because sometime a pretty picture painted is not what it seems.

Ms. Kaitlin Wright who is a Citronelle high school student who just finished her freshman year states she has not encountered a single problem with students not liking Creola kids. She states she thoroughly enjoyed the school. The bus ride was about 45 minutes and she done homework and read. She did not find anything wrong with the school.

Mrs. Casie Bennet states that at the Saraland meeting the Mayor of Saraland stated that we would be grandfathered in on the water and sewer but then in the paper states that everyone would have the same rules. Councilman Howell states that Creola has a franchise with Integra Water for 30 plus years and can't undo that. Mrs. Bennet asked could Saraland purchase Integra Water contract. Will the citizens know the negotiation and what would be grandfathered be presented to the citizens before a vote takes place? Councilman Howell states yes.

Mr. Crisswell is a 67 year citizen of Creola and he thinks everyone should settle down and look real close at Saraland, Satsuma and Mobile county school systems issue at hand, let the council find out some things and bring back to the people.

Mr. Loden states to get a voters list and if on that list if there is not a 50% plus one to vote for annexing then it should be a dead issue and the city would not have to spend money on attorneys and other fees.

Councilman Howell states that the city needs an attorney.

Mrs. Bryan states that she thinks that the vote would come from the list of people who voted in the last election.

Councilman Howell states that they do not need to vote on anything until they have heard some details.

Mrs. Joan Stringfellow asked if anyone has considered the seniors, they cannot afford to hook up to sewer in the other cities.

Mrs. Becky states to research all options.

Councilman Ivy states to get a lawyer and then they can negotiate what is best.

Mr. Fisher states that you can't annex into other cities and keep your same town. Mr. Fisher states he is not ready to throw this town away because of school issue. If we had as much support from everyone to make this city better than trying to throw it away, what could we accomplish? Mr. Fisher states that that this council was elected to run this city not another city.

Councilwoman Greene states that a petition has not been brought to this council. She is not for annexing personally. Councilwoman Greene states that this council should bring it to the floor.

Mr. Loden states that at the last meeting there was a petition here but because of all the discussion they decided to hold the petition and asked to hear out Mobile county school. So there has been a petition.

Councilman Howell states there is a petition and this petition can supersede whatever council decides to vote. Councilman Howell states that we can sit and do nothing and let the petition move forward or we can investigate and see what each city can present.

Councilman Howell states that they are not moving forward until attorney is hired.

Councilman Ivy wants to see some things that are good for this town.

Adjournment

Councilman Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Heathcoe seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.