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**AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF CREOLA COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT CREOLA CITY HALL ON**  
**January 26, 2017 @ 6:00pm**

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order  
Pastor John White gave invocation.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present:

Mayor Criswell  
Councilwoman Greene  
Councilman Martin  
Councilman Walker  
Councilwoman Moss  
Councilman Hadaway

City clerk and City attorney were present.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes from the meetings 1/12/17 with changes listed , Councilwoman Greene asked to correct under citizens addressing the council that Mrs. Stringfellow did not have the facts to be added, Councilman Martin states on page 3, second paragraph regarding hiring Mr. Turberville, his pay rate was based on the fact that the city will not have to pay any medical insurance or no retirement deductions, only requirement would be for workers compensation which is for all employees, and Councilman Hadaway states the heading says held at the Sail center needs to be changed to city hall.  
Councilman Martin seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

**Roll Call for minutes**

Councilman Hadaway        yes  
Councilwoman Moss        yes  
Councilman Walker        yes  
Councilman Martin        yes  
Councilwoman Greene       yes  
Mayor Criswell            yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

Mr. Melvin Enzor asked if the city was in debt of \$200,000.00 and would like to know what is in general fund. Mayor Criswell states that his figures are not correct Mayor states that the figures vary week to week. And a lot of revenue is coming in. Mayor states that by January 31, there expecting to have a check in the amount of \$112,000.00. Councilwoman Greene states that there is around \$75,000.00 in the general fund and some has been added so around \$83-85,000.00.

Mayor Criswell states they are paying a number of bills from the past administration. Mayor states that if they owe the money then they will pay the money. Mayor states that there is some good things going on, Chief Reeves just got our new fire truck in to service. Mayor states that we will be in good shape.

### **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilman Hadaway made a motion to upgrade the security system which entails the camera system for the police department. The cameras are about 10 years old, the picture is not as clear as it needs to be and it does not have night vision. It will not cost more than \$3000.00 and the city will do the work them selves. Mayor asked if this includes the Sail center, Councilman Hadaway nodded his head yes. Mayor states that Soccer association concession stand was broken into, so cameras will be on that building as well.

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

### **Roll Call to upgrade security system and cameras**

Councilman Hadaway	yes
Councilwoman Moss	yes
Councilman Walker	yes
Councilman Martin	yes
Councilwoman Greene	yes
Mayor Criswell	yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor Criswell states that Ms. Turner with Alabama Power will install lights for the senior center and in front of city hall. Mayor states the figure that he got back for lighting at the Sail center was \$65.00 a month to install two 350 watt metal halologen fixtures and set a 35 foot pole. They would maintain it and we pay \$65.00 a month for the maintenance and power for them.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to spend \$65.00 a month on lights.

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

Councilman Hadaway made a motion to replace the outdated fire wall and to update the wireless access not to exceed \$700.00.

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

Mayor states that we have no back up for our systems, we are doing a little bit at a time to get it done.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Mayor requests council to appoint Ms. Tracy Reeves to the planning committee.

Mayor wants to formulate a committee to do business outreach with Ms. Tracy Reeves heading this committee up and Mrs. Lorrie Lister working with her and two people from council, Councilwoman Moss and Councilman Martin. Mayor states that we can not have a chamber of commerce because there is a charter for the whole area. Mayor states that we are going to help people out that would like to come to the area. Mayor states that we have picked up 3 retail businesses in the last two months. Councilwoman Greene states that Mr. John Betros (land across from Creola Baptist Church) is putting a granite shop and it will also be a cabinet shop. The other business is a sod business next to Phillips truck stop. A car lot has opened up next to the dollar store.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion that Mayor Criswell appointed Ms. Tracy Reeves to the zoning Board.

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

Councilwoman Greene states that Mr. Danny Quinnely is vice president and Rev. Chamber is chairman.

Councilwoman Greene states that next meeting will be January 21, 2017 at the senior building at 6pm.

Mayor Criswell states that some people are meeting about exit 22 options.

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

No business

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

No business

## **UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZEN**

Councilwoman Moss states that she changed the filters at the senior building and she did have a purchase order.

Councilwoman Moss states that the lights going up there will help out a lot.

Councilwoman Moss and Councilwoman Greene states that SARPC will be hosting an event in Satsuma at the Satsuma Library on 2/8/17 for seniors on balancing, 8 week program on wed from 10-12.

Councilwoman Moss states that a Working Together Summit put on by the Mobile County Commission will be on 1/30/17.

## **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Greene states that Mayor Criswell has asked the council to put all accounts at Regions Bank Councilwoman Greene states that they are changing up the signers on the checks. Councilwoman Greene states that they will get some help with Regions to reduce the amount of monthly charges.

Councilwoman Greene recommends to the council the signers of the general fund checks will be Councilwoman Greene, Councilwoman Moss and Mayor Criswell.

Councilwoman Greene states that police fund signers will be Chief Daves, Councilman Martin, Councilman Hadaway and Mayor Criswell.

Councilwoman Greene states for the fire fund Chief Jeff Reeves, Councilman Hadaway, Councilman Martin and Mayor Criswell.

Councilwoman Greene states that Chief Reeves and Councilman Hadaway had mentioned about debit cards for the fire department, this will be discussed as a need. Councilwoman Greene states that this is what she recommends to get changed at Regions Bank. Councilwoman Greene states that the people named will be signers on the checks.

Mayor states that all checks are approved by council, and two people have to sign per check.

Mayor explains that the city has 7 plus accounts and each time the bank does an analysis on of an account the bank would charge. Mayor states that there is a municipal guide at the bank and they will take all of our accounts and charge one time. Mayor states that the city has accounts at RBC, Regions and Service first. Mayor states that monies that come from the state to the police department or fire department has to be used only for that department. In the past these funds have been intermingle from account to account. Mayor states that any monies that are spent ,we have a purchase order system in place. A purchase order is generated, a bill is created once it is approved by the council, once item purchased, an invoice will be attached to the purchase order and brought before council for approval to pay. Mayor states that they are trying to consolidate things and save the city some money. Mayor states in the past we have spent over \$500.00 on analysis fees and that needs to be changed. Mayor states that all of the funds will be at one bank, with one contact and with one municipal person being responsible. Mayor states that they are tying to save money and be compliant with state requirements for the fire department, police department and the city.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to pay the bills that were presented that totaled about \$35,000. Councilwoman Greene states that if you would like a copy of the bills you can pick up a copy during business hours from the city clerk.

Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene states that once they receive the check from Alabama Power on January 31, would like to make a motion to approve to pay bills totaling \$93,163.00(election system, retirement, AMIC insurance- \$45,000 yearly, Verizon wireless, workman comp-\$24,000 yearly) Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mayor asked Councilwoman Greene what will be the balance after paying, she states she will get will Kim but around \$35,000.00.

## **POLICE AND FIRE**

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Chief Jeff Reeves states they are burning the pile at the park for Bobby, doing training, got new truck in service. Chief Reeve's states that this truck will take two other trucks out of service and will turn one truck back in to forestry.

Councilman Hadaway states that the alternator went out in Engine-2.

Councilman Hadaway made a motion to purchase a fuel pump for the white truck, to put it in for a service truck for the amount \$150.00 max and do the labor them selves.

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

Chief Dave's states that they had one officer resign last Friday and he was replaced Saturday with an 8 year veteran, he has worked Chickasaw and Citronelle and we have part time people like Chief Reeves and three other guys. Chief Daves states they have two cars patrolling at night instead of one car and they have guys coming in riding most

of the time so it is two guys riding. Chief Daves states that they are covered well and things are coming out a lot better, all the cars have been repaired, with one being worked on now. One car will be donated to the city for the meals on wheels program delivery. Mayor states that the city car has a bad transmission and bad front end. Don Moss, building inspector truck is broken as well.

Chief Daves states that there is a lot of old stuff, rusty equipment that has been here a number of years. Chief Daves and Chief Reeves would like to get Bobby to scrap these items. Chief Daves states he would like to get the place cleaned up and looking nice. Councilwoman Greene asked the attorney if they should take picture of the items. Mr. Mims states yes and to itemize it. Mr. Mims suggest that once you get an inventory, present it to the council, council needs to vote and abandon it and then at that point you can scrap it.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion for the police car to change department from the police department to the city vehicle.  
Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

## **STREETS**

Mayor Criswell states that they need to replace the glass in the flat bed truck at \$175.00. Councilman Walker made a motion to fix the back glass in the truck. Councilman Martin seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. Councilman Hadaway states that they do have multiple quotes and will be going with the most fair.

Mayor Criswell states that Bobby is a hard worker and he is working with equipment that is 10 or so years old. Mayor states that they will be shopping later to get some equipment to help Bobby; also will be getting some help from county starting in the spring. Mayor states that Chief Daves and his department is a recipient of \$1000.00 for a washer and dryer thanks to Commissioner Ludgood.

Councilman Walker asked the attorney about the 7cent sales tax. Is used for the surfacing roads with, rocks or repairs and 4 cent sales tax can be used to patch holes, and dig ditches as long as it is on the street right of way. Councilman Walker states he just wants to know the rules before he does anything with them. Mr. Mims states he will find out and let him know.

## **COMMUNITY GROUP**

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Councilwoman Greene – nothing

Councilman Martin states at the last meeting they approved the purchase of some security locks for our buildings and they are ready to be picked up and wants to start installing.

Councilman Martin states that they need to accept resignation of Ms. Alicia Hawks as safety dispatcher.

Councilman Martin made a motion to accept Ms. Hawks' resignation in good standing. Councilman Walker second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilman Martin states that at the last meeting they accepted Mr. Andrew Byrd, Police officer 1 resignation with the stipulation that it was in good standing. Councilman Martin would like to make a motion to change Mr. Byrd good standing to something other than good standing based on lack of commitment. Councilman Hadaway seconded,

Mr. Mims states to give a resignation it requires a councils vote to accept it and the attorney suggest that in regards to anybody standing has to be dealt with going into executive session or just accept the resignation as is.

Councilman Martin states that Chief Daves spoke on the new hire officer Jowers and asked Chief to give background of his qualifications. Chief states he worked with Chickasaw for about 6 years, he got out for about 6 months due to personal reasons, then he worked Mount Vernon for about a year. He has all of the qualifications and he knows what he is doing. Councilman Martin asked Chief if he recommended hiring him. Chief states yes.

Councilman Martin made a motion to hire police officer Mr. Eric Jowers, subject he is thru the personal board.

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

The attorney states subject that he is through the personal board and he should be on the list.

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Councilman Martin states that Chief Daves and the Mayor have discovered that they can get a car in McIntosh. Chief Daves states it is a ~~2005 Corolla~~ with only 105,000 miles on it. It has good tires, and lights, only have to put a radio in it. The cost is \$1000.00.

Councilman Martin made a motion to purchase the vehicle from McIntosh for \$1,000.00 and also an additional not to exceed \$1,000.00 to do paint work and install the radio.

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

Kim asked which account the funds will come out of, the general fund or police equipment. Councilwoman Greene states police fund and they have money to go in there.

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#### **Roll Call to purchase car from McIntosh**

Councilman Hadaway	yes
Councilwoman Moss	yes
Councilman Walker	yes
Councilman Martin	yes
Councilwoman Greene	yes
Mayor Criswell	yes

Motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor and Councilman Martin met with personnel board. All employees must work through the personal board. Mayor states this was per an agreement made with the personal board before his time with the personal board with the city.

Mayor states that since around Mayor Phillips term, nothing has been paid to the personal board for about 55 months. Mayor states that we pay them close to \$700.00 a month for their service. Mayor Criswell and Councilman Martin negotiated with Ms. Barnett, for the personal board to assist us in wiping our slate clean of the \$55,000.00 that is owed from the previous administration so it will go away. The agreement was that we would start paying the personnel board and everyone will be under the personal board. Chief Daves is working with Ms .Barnett as well. Ms. Barnett explained how this will work and she will take the request of wiping the slate clean to the next personnel board meeting. Mayor states that they are working with the personnel board. Mayor states that police chief and certain position can be contract but all other employees will have to fall under the personal board.

Councilman Walker states that they have a mess where the buildings are in and out on Sailor road. The building inspector states that the pipe will need to be extended and cleared. Councilman Hadaway asked is someone's going to fix the road. Mayor asked Mr. Moss, is the company going to fix it, that is who is responsible or they wanting the city to fix it. Mr. Moss states the company said they would help the city fix it. Councilman Walker states that he agrees that the city should help him fix it. Building inspector states that according to Bobby the pipe had already been stopped up but frequent in and out has made it worse.

Mr. Kenny Walker states that city should fix it because they pay taxes.

Mr. Don Moss states he will get with Scott Bridge to see if he could fix it. Mayor states to see what he can do and get back with him.

Councilman Hadaway asked Mr. Mims to look into laws to see if city is liable for the roads if the roads are not rated for what they are doing.

Mr. Mims asked what the name of the business was. Mr. Moss said he thinks Graceland

### **Adjournment**

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to adjourn.

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

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