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Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting  
Held at Creola City Hall on  
June 8, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.  
Officer Don Turberville gave the Invocation.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present.  
Councilwoman Greene  
Councilman Martin  
Councilman Walker  
Councilwoman Moss  
Councilman Hadaway - ABSENT  
Mayor Criswell  
City Attorney -Mr. Danny Mims  
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Mayor Criswell asked everyone to please turn off cellphones.

Mayor Criswell introduced our newest employee, a Co-Op student from Citronelle Academy/High School. She is an Honor Student with a 4.37 GPA. She will work 3 days a week this summer, upgrading our ordinance, resolution & minute books. Welcome aboard...Sabrina Presley.

Councilwoman Greene made one correction to the minutes on last page (page 6) under additional notes: \$3,000. Should read \$30,000. Motion made by Councilwoman Moss to accept minutes as corrected. Councilwoman Greene seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

**CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

Mayor Criswell asked for the list of citizens to address the Council.

1. Cynthia Martin spoke about the Summer Fest on June 24, 2017, a fundraiser for the PD. Stated we are grateful for our community. Everyone has come together to support our PD. We appreciate all sponsors, and all donations, etc. for the fundraiser. Everyone come out and enjoy the day and support our PD.

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

Councilwoman Greene introduced application for annexation from Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Evans, 1340D Radcliff Rd. They have signed to come into the City of Creola. We will post for 15 days and bring this back to the council at the next meeting. The others that were posted for 15 days, we will bring back to council at next meeting.

Councilwoman Moss asked for a Resolution to have a Title VI program in place. She read the Non-discriminatory statement. This will apply to all programs, hiring, etc. w/ Dept. of Transportation. Councilwoman Moss made a motion to make a resolution for Title VI, Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene asked for a resolution showing that the City of Creola supports the Back to school Tax free weekend from 12:01 am, Friday, 7/21 to 12 midnight, Sunday 7/23/2017. This resolution encourages citizens to support the tax-free weekend. Councilman Martin seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Criswell mentioned that he has been working with Mobile County Personnel Board since November 2016 to resolve issues with the involving the payroll for the past 3 years. There were 3 payrolls generated which were incorrect. One being a contract payroll for employees not under MCPB. We are working to roll the SA for police officers into their salary. Mayor Criswell asked for a resolution to go to the MCPB on June 20, 2017. Councilman Martin made a motion; Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Greene stated there will be a meeting June 20, 2017 6PM for regular meeting. A public hearing at 6:30 pm for Mr. Tim Foster's property on Old Hwy. 43. We have no other applications at this time.

Councilwoman Greene also stated that Nicole with SARPC asked that we "Save the Date". August 29, 2017 9:30-1:30 \$25. Per person. We will ask the city to provide the funds for employees to attend. Will get a count and bring back to next meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Councilwoman Moss stated that Bobby Smith has swings up and the other 2 swings will be up soon. We will have new swings for the park and they look really nice.

Josh Skidmore was invited to attend tonight’s meeting but he was a “no-show”. He had asked about playing ball at the park for 8 weeks but we needed more information from him.

**UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss stated that the grant for the senior van was mailed on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are waiting to hear from it.

The Senior/Veteran breakfast was really nice. We prepared 85 meals. Next year we will consider asking other cities to join us. Maybe have it on a Friday and include Satsuma and Mt. Vernon.

**FINANCE**

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. Also copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one. All revenues for the month totaled: \$28,826,56 Also, a Find Report for April and May were available.

The current bills totaled: \$5,358.86 This is our standard bills. Councilwoman Greene stated that she approved for the city clerk to order checks for a total of \$384.86. She was down to 7 checks. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to pay our bills. Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Fire Department	\$	317.26
General Fund		127,835.99
Police Department		7,910.77
7-cent Gas Tax Acct.		13,304.56
4-cent Gas Tax Acct.(+ 5 cent)	\$	11,197.67
Total: (in bank)	\$	174,026.50

Councilwoman Greene mentioned that we owe ALDOT \$16,000. From 6-11-2011. They will work with us. We will pay \$300.-\$500. A month and they will apply our payments to the oldest bill. Mayor Criswell stated that the former Mayor had received a letter dated 10/4/2016 from ALDOT but no action was taken on this letter. This is for repairs on the red lights at Hwy. 43. We followed up when we received a letter from ALDOT in March 2017.

**POLICE AND FIRE**

**Police:**

Councilman Martin stated that the Creola PD is sending Officer Don Turberville to school for re-certification for APOST. Chief Kirkland stated that we need to send a \$500. check with him for registration. The training will be June 11-23, 2017. This is a two-week training and is required for re-certification. We will reimburse his expenses. He will bring receipts. The lodging will be \$1,043.40 and there will be a gas & food expense. This training is required for certification.

Officer Turberville recently issued 24 tickets on Hwy. 43. The lowest speeder was going 70; the highest being 84mph. The speed limit is 50mph. Councilman Martin made a motion to provide funding for Officer Turberville's schooling; Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilman Martin gave a recap of the PD Police Account:

Balance:	8290.45	April 29th
Deposits:	450.00	
Fees:	29.79	
Checks:	<u>940.32</u>	
	7770.34	May 31st

Councilman Martin made a motion to accept the PD financial report. Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilman Martin stated that the PD is working great on limited funds. County Commissioner Ludgood has been great helping us with funding. We have made a request to Commissioner Ludgood for officer bullet resistant vests.

Councilman Martin encouraged everyone to come out and support the PD fundraiser on June 24 t h. We have dignitaries coming to Summer Fest so come out enjoy our beautiful park, eat BBQ, drink iced tea, eat ice cream and support Creola PD. We have invited the Sheriff, Commissioner Ludgood, Mayors from neighboring cities, Judge Jay Ross and other dignitaries.

**FIRE:**

Volunteer Fire Chief Jeffery Reeves gave a detailed report on the trucks and equipment for the fire department. They are bringing everything up -to -date with refurbishing, repairs and maintenance. We operate on limited funds. I few get a truck from surplus we can fix it up and after 1 year, we can sell it, if we don't need it. The '83 truck still a good running truck. We are working to get all our trucks and equipment up to speed. We got a truck for \$350. Which would have costs us \$1,000.00. It was a Navy Base truck and will give us 20 years of service. We are working to get everything in shape for the July 5<sup>th</sup> ISO inspection. The ISO rating is very important. Some insurance companies don't recognize but most do. This will save everyone money on their homeowner's insurance. With the annexation in mind, we are working on a 5-year plan. We got to have trucks to cover this area. Our station must be within a 5 mile radius. With anticipated growth, we must expand.

Chief Reeves explained that Saraland pushed their response area back. We get complaints from the Saraland residents. Ours jurisdiction ends at SSAB at Richie Rd and Richie St. It is Turnerville's District but when you pull up the address it recommends Creola. Same with Creax Rd.

Mayor Criswell asked about the Maritime response. Chief Reeves stated the we have 2 boats in place. We will be out making contact with the residents, not writing tickets but encouraging them to be safe.

Chief Reeves stated that the fire dept. will be getting a \$14,000.00 grant, although it is \$1,000.00 less than last year. Chief Reeves asked that the County Association dues be brought up-to-date

so they will be able to get the grant. The annual dues are \$150.00 but he failed to get it last year. Chief Reeves is the President of the County Association for Firefighters. Councilwoman Moss made a motion that we pay the association dues, when we receive the invoice, Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilman Martin commended Chief Reeves on a great job with the fire department. Councilman Martin also thanked Chief Reeves for coming to his rescue when he had his fall on April 4<sup>th</sup>. He didn't remember dialing 911, but Chief Reeves was there to help and informed him that a helicopter was on the way for him. And for that, Councilman Martin is forever grateful. Councilman Martin stated that we really appreciate Chief Reeves and what the department doing for our community.

### **STREETS**

Councilman Walker made a motion to get 2 more loads of rock for Ducey Rd. Councilman Martin seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. Councilman Walker will get with Councilman Martin and get the county grader back on Ducey Rd.

Councilwoman Greene will get with the county and get them out here on a Saturday to help Bobby with the grass cutting.

Mayor Criswell stated that he had spoken with the Engineer that is handling the grant for Ducey Rd. They wrote an ADEM drainage program and turned it over to the Corp of Engineers. Schaffer Engineering to update it. The \$350,000. Grant will probably be released in December 2017.

Mayor Criswell is happy to announce that both trailer parks have sold. Mr. Horton from Nashville will be upgrade them soon. He will have a park manager in both parks. He gladly signed a release for the City of Creola to use his condemned trailers as a training tool for our Volunteer Fire Dept. He has condemned 12 trailers and our fire department will burn them. Mayor Criswell said that we have a health and safety initiative in place. We will clean the main ditch out in from of the trailer parks that Mr. Kirby Horton bought. He will sign a statement giving the City of Creola permission to burn the condemned trailers and to clean out the ditches, as well. In addition to the trailers, we have 2 sub-standard houses with blight. We are cleaning up Creola. Our safety and health are important. We are putting a burn ordinance in place....no burning household garbage. We have a garbage service with trash pickup and there should not be any household garbage burned in the City of Creola.

Two residents of Creola expressed concern about a septic tank leaking next to their homes. One of the residents, stated that the contaminated water is going into his fish pond. There are 3 small kids that live in the trailer and this is a health hazard. The field lines are collapsing. The trailer is owned by Casie Bennett. Mayor Criswell asked Bldg. Inspector, Don Moss, to get with Ms. Bennett to bring these problems up to code. The family that rents this trailer from Ms. Bennett may have to move out until we can get the field lines repaired. Mr. Moss stated that he is in touch with Ms. Bennett almost every day but he will follow up to see that this problem

is resolved and update the Council. This is on old septic tank, no mound. The neighbors said that people are fishing in this pond and the pond is definitely contaminated. We will ask our City Attorney, Mr. Mims, to issue a warning letter and this may be a health department issue. Ms. Bennett does not have a Business License with the City of Creola.

Mayor Criswell stated that Safe Span received a letter from ALDOT taking responsible for the bridges on Hwy. 43. They will replace both bridges and a 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge will be built. This removes that responsibility from us. Looking at other bridgework...one bridge has a crack and needs epoxy. Repairs will be done on the washouts around the bridges.

Mayor Criswell said he is excited about Summer Fest 2017 on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, a fund-raiser for the PD. There will be bone end Boston Butt, pulled pork and lots of other foods, soft drinks and desserts. Thanks to Cindy Martin for all her hard work on this fund-raiser.

**COMMUNITY GROUP**

None

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

None

**MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Greene

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss

Meeting adjourned @ 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carolyn Sue Cain

City Clerk

c.m. 6.8.2017



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Councilman Martin  
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Mayor Criswell  
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Chief Harold Kirkland announced that no cellphones are to be used during meeting.

**CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

Mayor Criswell asked for the list of citizens to address the Council.

NONE

The Mayor thanks everyone for attending the meeting tonight in the bad weather. The special meeting for the zoning change has been postponed due to the bad weather. It will be posted and held next month. We will follow the regular agenda tonight

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the minutes of 6/8/17; Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Greene introduced five properties that have been posted for 15 days and made a motion to accept these properties into Creola. Evans, Smith, Forest(2), and Crueda.

Councilwoman Moss seconded. Roll call for the vote:

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

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chambers stated that the committee is in the process of upgrading an amendment for the RV's. The Public Hearing for the re-zoning was well attended. Since we don't have any new business, that was the only item on the agenda.

Councilwoman Greene also stated that Nicole with SARPC asked that we "Save the Date". August 29, 2017 - 9:30-1:30 \$25. Per person. Lunch will be provided. Each employee will pay the fee, bring back receipt and the City will reimburse you. This will be a very informative workshop and all that can attend are encouraged to do so.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Councilwoman Greene stated that we need cameras or the park due to recent vandalism at the park. Mayor Criswell will investigate and look into this. The grass has been cut at Crenshaw Park and cleaned up.

**UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss stated that the Senior/Veterans Breakfast sponsored by Arkema is scheduled for tomorrow 10am at the S.A.I.L. Center. All Seniors & Veterans are encouraged to attend.

Councilwoman Moss stated that we applied for the Van for Seniors but was turned down due to the fact that we did not have a Title VI grant in place prior to applying for the van. We now have the Title IV in place and can re-apply for the Senior Van in September 2017.