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William R. Criswell **Leanne Greene** **Harold Martin** **Ralph Walker** **Tonya Moss** **Kendal Hadaway**
Mayor **Place 1** **Place 2** **Place 3** **Place 4** **Place 5**

Carolyn Sue Cain **Linda Hoiles** **Doug Kirkland** **Jeff Reeves**
City Clerk **Court Clerk** **Chief of Police** **Fire Chief**

Minutes of City of Creola City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2017
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present.

Councilwoman Greene
Councilman Martin
Councilman Walker
Councilwoman Moss
Councilman Hadaway
Mayor Criswell
City Attorney - Mr. Danny Mims
City Clerk - Carolyn Sue Cain

Rev. John White gave the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Greene made a motion that the minutes of 11/30/17 be held over to the next meeting on 12/28/2017, as she had not had an opportunity to review them.
Councilman Martin seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

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

Rev. John White, Pastor, Creola Assembly of God, made two announcements about Christmas plays.

- 1) Sunday, 12/17/2017 10:45 am "Joyland Christmas Program"
- 2) Sunday, 12/17/2017 6:00 pm "A Time for US" Presented by the Special Needs Citizens in our community & Satsuma.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Greene introduced Attorney Dugan representing Kenny Walker. Councilwoman Greene stated that Attorney Dugan came to the Zoning Board asking that a right of way be given to Mr. Walker to his property. The property is surrounded by properties owned by two Gunter families. Attorney Dugan explained in detail to the council that Mr. Walker is seeking the council's approval for the right of way. Attorney Mims stated that Mr. Walker is entitled to a private right of way, has to go to probate court to get it and he has to pay for it asking Judge Davis to grant this right of way. Attorney Mims stated that this was approved by the previous administration but there was a problem with the legal description. The Gunter's were sent a certified letter for both meetings but they did not respond to either certified mailing. After much discussion between Attorney Mims and Attorney Dugan, Councilwoman Greene made a motion to grant permission to Mr. Walker to proceed with his plans. Councilwoman Moss seconded. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried with Roll Call Vote.

Councilwoman Greene reported that she received information for the official training for Planning & Zoning held by SARPC, January 18 & 29, 2018, held in the Council Chambers in Bay Minette. The cost of the training is \$199.00 per person. Councilwoman Greene stated that she would like for Bldg. Inspector, Don Moss, to attend and anyone on Planning & Zoning. Possibly 3 or 4 can attend.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Greene to amend the minutes of 9/14/2017 by adding Ordinance # 2017-006 to the minutes. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to amend the minutes of 8/24/17 changing the ordinance #2017-002 to read Ordinance # 2017-004 for the annexation. It was incorrectly listed as 2017-002. Councilwoman Moss seconded both motions, all favored, none opposed, motions carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene reported there was no business for December. The next meeting will be held the 3rd Tuesday in January (January 16, 2018). Nicole will possibly bring another grant.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilwoman Moss reported that 4 tables will be here after the first of the year. 2 regular tables and 2 handicap-accessible tables.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss announced that the Christmas Party for the seniors will be held Friday, December 15, 2017 10:00-12Noon at the SAIL Center. Santa and his Elf will be on hand to bring Christmas greetings to the seniors. There will be games. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

No report

FINANCE

Councilwoman Green reported that the City of Creola revenues for December 1st-December 13th totaled \$30,283.49. We have approximately \$90,000.00 in the bank. A detailed finance report will be given on 12/28/2017.

POLICE AND FIRE

POLICE:

Chief Kirkland reported that he has hired 2 new police officers and 1 new dispatcher.

Mayor Criswell reported that Laura Love will go thru the Mobile County Personnel Board for the Office Assistant 1 with our Public Works Dept. All calls will come in to her.

Mayor Criswell reported that we will be making repairs to the old city hall building as we have mold in the building.

Mayor Criswell stated that he has requested a Public Safety Supervisor 1 thru the Mobile County Personnel Board. This request goes before the board at Tuesday's meeting. This job posting will be listed as a G-13. Once approved, it will be advertised.

FIRE:

Councilman Hadaway reported that the volunteer firemen that are living at the station installed the carpet in the bunkrooms and has made other improvements. He also reported that Engine #2 has new tires and new steering sectors and will be back in service this Monday.

Councilman Hadaway stated that we have a Facebook page and as of now, we have 41,000 likes and 283 shares. With the volunteer firemen living on the premises, it has cut our response time down to 4 minutes. He reported that we have had 2 structure fires this month. Last month we had 59 calls, some being medical issues.

STREETS

Councilman Martin reported that several street lights have been repaired. If lights are out, please contact Councilman Martin and he can contact Alabama Power. He reported that all lights facing the road belong to the city.

Councilman Martin reported that Mobile County is sponsoring a Clean Sweep on January 27, 2018 7:00 am – 1:30pm. If you have any junk around the house, it can be taken to the AZKO site.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Walker reported that Bro. John White got the streets paved at no cost to the city. The concrete plant had a contractor do the paving with left over concrete.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss reported that we have 4 commercial properties and 5 residential houses under construction. He will have 5 sets of plans coming in next week.

He will be cleaning up properties and the deadline for cleanup is 1-1-2018. He will issue citations after January 1st. He has 5 or 6 being condemned.

There will be lights added at the Dead Lake Rd. trailer park. The new owner is installing an 8 ft. fence around the park. It will be gated. He is adding 113 new trailers. He will have fire hydrants installed in the park, as well.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Criswell reported that there was a wreck on Salco Rd. The bus had to sit on road until the wreck was cleared. One of our officers stayed with the bus and gave a stocking to all kids on the bus. Councilwoman Greene reported that we had goodies donated by local businesses that made up 96 stockings.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilman Walker
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss
Meeting adjourned @5:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

c.m. 12.14.2017