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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 the City of Creola City Council Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2018 6PM
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL
Workshop: 5:30PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.

Councilman Walker gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present with the exception of Councilwoman Moss.

Councilwoman Greene

Councilman Martin

Councilman Walker

Councilwoman Moss- absent

Councilman Hadaway

Mayor Criswell

City Attorney -Mr. Danny Mims

City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the minutes of 02/27/2018 meeting.

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

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor states he has had several complaints on the garbage and trash pickup. Mr. Walter Hamlett with Advanced Disposal was onsite to answer questions and try to help with the issues at hand. Mr. Charles Maples states that the limbs had not been picked up as of yesterday and he has been trying to get them pick up for a month. He spoke with the driver of Advanced Disposal and he stated that he was not familiar with the route and did not think anyone had service on his road. Mr. Maples other issue is communications (he gave several issues) between the client and the company needs to improve. Councilwoman Greene asked if Mr. Doug Wilder was with the company still. Mr. Hamlett stated yes that he is his operations manager. Councilwoman Greene states that she had talked to him about picking the 25 trash cans up after Community day and it took a little while to accomplish. Mr. Maples states that when he would call advance disposal, the lady on the phone sometimes would ask if he had spoke with the city. Councilwoman Greene states that the city is not responsible, that each resident is responsible to pay their own bill. Mr. Hamlett states he will address the complaints with the operation manager and the team. Mr. Maples asked if there was a number to call in Mobile. Mr. Hamlett stated that he would get him a card. Mayor and Councilwoman Greene thanked Mr. Hamlett for coming out to speak with them.

Mayor states that they are in the process of bidding out the repair work on the bridges. Mayor states he has one sealed bid from Safe Span bridge inspections and construction out of Silver hill, Alabama.

Safe Span bridge inspection gave a bid in the amount of \$16,400.00 to repair 2 bridges. Councilwoman Greene put a motion on the floor subject to approval of contract terms being read by Attorney Mims and firm and bonding requirements. Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene states they will meet March 20, 2018 with a couple of people on the agenda and then a public hearing after the meeting for Mr. Buffkin and Mr. Martins lot to be subdivided.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilwoman Greene states that the picnic table's looks good and hopeful soon will be able to add a top to the slab that was poured. Councilwoman Greene states they would like to add more tables in the fall. Soccer fields are full.

A citizen asked if the county could be asked to fix the bbq grills at Crenshaw Park. Councilwoman Greene states that the city will be responsible and will check into seeing what is needed and prices.

Mayor states that a number of the lights are out and need to be replaced.

Mr. Moss, building inspector states that someone tried to take the meter out of the box at the park. He has called the power company to come fix it. Mr. Moss states that the new meters have a camera that will take your picture if you steal them and has a GPS installed to locate them.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Greene states that the center got new shelves and new carpet put in, bought material to make new curtains and replacing some of the old decorations.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor states that the board will meet on March 12, 2018 at 5:30pm. Councilwoman Greene states the Attorney will meet with the board to have an organizational meeting.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (Details of report listed below), making a motion to accept financial report as read, seconded by Councilman Walker. Also copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one. Revenues totaled \$ 13,168.36 for 3/1/2018 thru 3/07/2018.

General Fund	\$ 217,033.95
Money Market	10,332.08
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	33,275.26
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	24,127.55
Special Court Fund	31,431.37
Court Fund	23,182.74
Court Bond Account	4,119.11
S.A.I.L. Center Account	1,295.31
Police Department	11,831.54
Fire Department	<u>1,165.24</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 357,794.15

POLICE AND FIRE

POLICE

Chief Kirkland states that they have 3 new vehicles ordered. Chief states that he, Councilman Walker and a couple of the officers got 3 felonies off the street and 9 dogs. Chief states that he has one man in the academy and one registered to go. Chief Kirkland states he attended the chief's conference in Montgomery last week.

Mrs. Lowe asked about the Saraland Police coming thru the city going to Creax Rd. Mayor states that they are aware of the incident and handling it. Chief Kirkland is addressing the issue of the reckless driving to their chief.

FIRE

Councilman Hadaway states they have been busy with calls. They went on the call to SSAB and with other dept they got the commercial building fire out with in about 20 min. Councilman Hadaway states they spent about \$14,000.00 for turnout gear. (Each set cost about \$3,000.00) Councilman Hadaway states that \$12,000.00 come from the \$1.00 a month donation that people donate through the Lemoyne water bill. They spent another \$2,000.00 from the fire fund to pay for the tow. Councilwoman Greene asked Councilman Hadaway to check with Jeff about the new law passed a few years back about extra territorial jurisdictional giving money for Axis and Commissioner Ludgood had a team that is getting together to see how to disburse this money. Councilman Hadaway states he has not heard any plans for it as of yet. Councilman Hadaway states that the county money varies each year.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor states that Mr. Wayne Miller is running the bush cutter. Citizens and Council state that he is doing a great job. Mayor states that signs are up that state slow and/ or stop. Please watch the signs.

Mayor states that the personal board is sending applicants to interview for the public works position. Mayor states that they are working to get everyone working under the personal board.

Councilman Martin states that a few months back council approved a night light down at Dead Lake Marina Rd and Dead lake rd. The power company installed it yesterday and should make that area safer. Mayor states that the police department is patrolling the area better also.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss, building inspector, states that he would like to present at the next meeting a program called 45 building to be added to the building codes and is being adopted by several cities. It is where you build your house with 45 specs and could save up to 70% on your home owners insurance.

Mr. Moss states he has two new sets of house plans.

Mayor states that 4 out of the 7 trailer parks we have are being remolded with new mobile homes, streets and lightening.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor states that about a year ago we had about \$60,510.96 in IRS bills and our buildings had a material lien on them by the IRS. Mayor states he is holding a release for the federal tax lien in his hand tonight. He also has one from the state releasing it also.

Mayor states that they have received a statement from the IRS from 2016 for 4th quarter for \$25,000.00 owed. A mandatory payment of \$3,200.00 had to be paid for penalties. Mayor states that this is money taking out of the employees check but was not sent in.

Mayor states that since Ms. Cain has been the clerk that the taxes being paid are spotless. Mayor states that we will pay this in 3 payments of \$8,485.00 in April, May and June.

Mayor states that the paving should be finished on Hwy 43 soon.

Mayor states he had a meeting with Lemoyne water and Integra water the beginning of the week and they are negotiating to cure the bad water problem and the issues of us not have fire water.

Mayor states that the school issues still need to be addressed as a city and how to improve it.

Mayor states that we will be getting a co-op student that will be able to help us out.

Mayor states that he would like to get all calls logged into a computer so we can get a print out of what is spent and what it takes for the street dept.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Greene states that Creola Assembly will be having a pancake breakfast March 31, 2018 from 9-12pm.

Mrs. Walker states that Creola Baptist has a pulled pork sandwich lunch plate for \$8.00 on March 9, 2018 from 10:30-4:30. All proceeds go to the church.

A citizen states that he heard that FEMA was having town hall meetings about the flood maps. Mayor states that the flood maps will go into effect in 2020. Mayor states that the city does not make the changes that FEMA will tell us what is changing.

Mr. Fisher states that if you go to one of these meetings and give them your address they can pull up your address and show what zone you are in.

Citizens have a small discussion about the flood insurance and zones.

Councilman Walker states that Chief Kirkland and Officer Turberville are doing a great job and he is proud of the job they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Greene

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hadaway

Meeting adjourned @ 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

c.m. 03.08.2018