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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, June 14, 2018 6PM
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL
Workshop: 5:30PM

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.
Sergeant 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
Mayor Criswell
City Attorney –Mr. Danny Mims
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Mayor states that Mr. Kenneth Walker, a former councilman, passed away last night. He was a longtime resident and supporter of the city. The flags are half-staff and a wreath on the door in his honor.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 05/24/2018 meeting.
Councilwoman Greene seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Mrs. Annette Walker states that she loves every one of the council and Mayor and that each of you have did a fantastic job. When they got in office everyone worked together and now it seems to have changed. Mrs. Walker states that she thought Axis was going to be annexed, more business was coming in, the trailer parks were going to be fixed, the water is brown and it seems that nothing has been done and the council just stopped. She wants something done in the city to get it back to like it was about 6 months ago.

Ms. Gloria Myers asked about the Summerfest again. She said that it was asked how much was made in a meeting before. She would to see how much was raised and what it was spent on. She said they worked hard on the event. Mayor states that the event was handled under the friends of Creola. Ms. Myers asked who is over the Friends of Creola. Mayor states Councilman Martin and his wife. Councilman Martin states that he thought Ms. Myers was present at the meeting when the check was presented to Mayor Criswell and council for a little over \$4,700.00. Ms. Myers asked if they have a record of what it was spent on and how much was raised. Chief Kirkland states he has no record of the money or where it went either, he turned it over to Councilman Martin and his wife and that was the last time he saw it. Councilman Martin states that the night the money was presented to the council a statement was giving. Mayor, councilwoman Green and Councilwoman Moss state there was no statement given. Mayor states only 2 cashier checks were presented and he turned them over to the city clerk to be deposit in the bank in the police fund. Ms. Myers suggest next time a fund raiser is done a record should be kept.

Councilman Martin states that since they are having shots at Councilman Martin and his wife who is not here. Councilman Martin states that his wife worked her butt off to make the fundraiser happen with no compensation whatsoever only criticism and it continues. Councilman Martin states that if you think something was criminally wrong to please ask for an investigation. Ms. Myers states that she did not say anything was done wrong all she is asking for is a record of it.

Councilman Hadaway asked if anything was bought with the funds? Chief states it has been put in the police account and spent on uniforms or police stuff. Sergeant Turberville states that there was \$6,000.00 raised and what is being asked is what was the expense that the police department only got \$4,700.00. They are just wanting a record of what was raised and what it was spent on. Councilman Hadaway states he did not know if it was supposed to be spent on something specific.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Hadaway made a motion to send Linda Hoiles and Christie Bland to the Municipal Intercept Program conference in Montgomery, Al on July 26, 2018 from 10-12pm. The conference is free, lunch is not provided.

Councilwoman Greene second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene motion to accept Resolution 2018-018 for the back to school sale tax holiday from 12:01am Friday, July 20th thru midnight Sunday July 22,2018.

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

Councilwoman Moss states that she has a quote from B & C Air conditioning for \$150.00 for a lock box to cover the a/c unit.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to purchase a lock box for \$150.00 from B & C A/C for the senior building.

Councilwoman Greene second, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mayor states that he has a quote from Don Pearman with CTS, Inc for cameras at Crenshaw Park in the amount of \$2863.25. (this quote is good until 7/3/18)

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to purchase the cameras for Crenshaw park in the amount of \$2863.25.

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

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-014 annexing Mr. Kenney G Kennedy property into the city.

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

Ms. Cara Stallman, grant writer, states that she was asked to find some funds for a Port Portico addition to the SAIL center. There is a rough cost estimate of \$48,855.00 from the engineer. Ms. Stallman states that the Poarch Creek Indians has an Endowment committee and they consider possible funding for nonprofit organization. Ms. Stallman asked the council to give authorization to the Mayor to sign the request form for the Endowment donation form. Attorney Mims suggest opening a separate account to hold grant funds in.

Councilwoman Moss motion for the Mayor to sign the Endowment donation request form requesting funds from Poarch Creek Indians.

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

Ms. Stallman states these are funds available for the senior building to purchase a vehicle. This application is due August 11, 2018. They will have to have a public hearing, run an advertisement ad for 7 days before the public hearing. Ms. Stallman asked if they had a day that would be good to hold a public hearing. Councilwoman Moss states July 26, 2018 at 6pm. Ms. Stallman states this is a 80/20 grant. Councilwoman Moss states that Ms. Nayyer Mahdi with County said they would pay the 20% out of the CDGB monies if we got it. Ms. Stallman states she will check with Ms. Mahdi on this.

Ms. Stallman states that she has summitted a grant for trees to be put Crenshaw Park through Alabama Power for \$1000.00.

Ms. Stallman states that they need to update SAM.gov, the system for award management, need a notarized letter.

Mayor states that Data Byte is updating the City website. Mayor states that Mediacom system was hit by lightning and phones and internet has been down.

Mayor states they are in the process of working on new welcome signs at Gunnison Creek area and new flag poles.

Mayor states they have bids from Beard Equipment and Sun South for Zero- turn mower, bush hog and gator. Mr. Jackson with Beard Equipment and Mr. Thompson with Sun South were present with the opening of the bids.

- (1) Beard Equipment bid list states 6-foot rotary cutter Front cutter brand (bush Hog cutter) for \$1,700.00, 2 zero-turn mower John Deere Z920N for \$7,500.00 each, Everything on the state bid list.
- (2) Sun South bid list states 2 zero-turn mowers Z920N for \$7,500.00 each, gator is \$ 7,649.00, rotary Cutter John Deere MX6 for medium duty is \$2750.00 and John Deere HX6 heavy duty cutter is \$4250.00

Councilwoman Greene states that the council has the social media policy and would like them to review and be ready to vote next meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene has 3 applications submitted. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 19 at 6pm. (1) minor subdivision, (2) Dan churchman Rd- hunting camp (3) hardship case

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Councilman Martin states the next meeting will be Monday, June 18 at 5:30pm. A public hearing that has been advertised for Mr. Terry Pritchett for a home business on Halls branch Rd. Councilwoman Greene asked if Mr. Whigham with the Limo service could be at the public hearing. Atty Mims states that if he was listed on the public hearing advertisement he could.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Major is not here.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss states that the senior/ veteran breakfast will be this Saturday, June 16 from 9-11. If your 60 or over and /or a veteran you can attend.

Councilwoman Moss motion to use the SAIL center to host the breakfast event.

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

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

General Fund	\$ 143,887.75
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	38,919.56
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	31,005.94
Special Court Fund	31,658.93
Court Fund	21,277.11
Court Bond Account	8,129.61
S.A.I.L. Center Account	1,614.67
Police Department	11,210.62
Fire Department	<u>118.24</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 287,822.43

Revenues totaled \$ 25,249.22 for 6/1/2018 -6/13/2018. The bills that have been paid from 6/1/18 - 6/5/18 total \$1,293.00 and 6/5/18-6/14/18 total \$18,357.31, payroll (6/1/18) is \$23,058.08 and (6/15/18) \$20,646.70.

POLICE AND FIRE

POLICE

Chief Kirkland states that the two cadets have qualified with firearms. Chief states they only have a few weeks left of training. Chief states that they have two (2 cadets possible four (4) more to send to the academy in August. Mr. Martin Tyree and Mr. Josh McLendon are riding with officers now. Chief states the cars are being striped with the new colors. Chief states the new vehicles should be in July 5. Mayor states that should give the department 14 vehicles. Chief states they are in the process of getting some of the older ones sold.

FIRE

Chief Reeves states they are still working on getting the truck painted. Chief states he received a letter from a citizen, Ms. Christy Long from Ski Chaste thanking the department for providing

support during the international ski tournament and looking forward to working with them in the future. Chief thanked Jacob Turner, Jacob Bush and Mr. Flynn for their professionalism and a job well done.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor states the rain has Mr. Wayne working harder. Mayor states that they are doing an excellent job.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Don Moss states that he has sent out some letters to home owners of property that is condemned. Mr. Moss states he has been calls about the trailer parks and when is all the upgrades going to start. Mr. Moss has tried to get in touch with the manager but has not been able as of this time. Mr. Moss has got in touch with the home office and requested a meeting with the owners.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor states that some information is missing! They did not back out on Axis they are on hold until they rectify some situations. One of the key things is the school issue. There are some meetings coming up, there is some legal issue that they are over coming. Mayor states there is a closed-door meeting on July 9th with the school board to talk about some negotiations. We need to know how much they want paid for each student. The residents of Satsuma pay an ad valorem fee for the students, it is not free. We would need a committee to help figure a way to get the funds here. Mayor states that these issues are being worked on almost daily.

Mayor states there is a company looking to build 300 new homes. There is a meeting scheduled Monday, June 18. Mayor has been talking to Mr. Metcalf with the Hatter estate about going through Planning and Zoning to address some issues with the property zoning. Mayor states Exit 22 the flood plain level is 25 feet, the land is 22 feet. So, the property would have to be built up before building anything. Mayor states there is still a lot of brown water issues floating around. Mayor states they have as much pull with Lemoyne Water as anyone else does because they own meters. Lemoyne Water is a separate entity and it has its own board. Mayor states that Lemoyne water sent out a letter several days ago and Integra Water will be sending out a letter correcting some things. Integra Water will be in the area marketing there system shortly. Mayor states he does not have a date yet. The Public Service Commission has already approved it.

Mayor states the Pay as you go list has been submitted to Commissioner Ludgood. Mayor and Councilwoman Moss states that if your road is on the list to call the commissioner. Ms. Stallman states she responds to email also.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss

SECONDED BY: Councilman Walker

Meeting adjourned @ 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

c.m. 06.14.18