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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 28, 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:
Councilwoman Greene
Councilman Martin
Councilman Walker
Councilwoman Moss
Councilman Hadaway
Mayor Criswell
City Attorney –Mr. Danny Mims
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 06/14/2018 meeting.
Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Mrs. Dru Ryals asked is there a list or a report for all city property? Mayor states that it is being worked on right now, it is called property books. Mayor states that they are working with Betancourt and King and once it is completed it will be put on a thumb drive and put in the safe. Mrs. Ryals asked if the public would have access to it. Attorney Mims states that if it is in the regular course of business and is not exempt it would have public access. A public request form would have to be completed. Mrs. Ryals states that she is aware that the city wants to charge .25 cents to get copies of minutes and reports but it would be better if the city placed the reports and minutes on the computer or thumb drive and email it to the citizens. It would save paper for the city and money for the citizens. Councilwoman Greene states that once the city's website is up, all minutes will be put on the website. Mrs. Ryals asked if the financial report would be on the website.

Councilwoman Greene states that what is reported in the meeting would be in the minutes. Mrs. Ryals asked if the financial report could be emailed. Councilwoman Greene states that the financial report has account numbers that cannot be given out. The financial report is broken down and put in the minutes. Mrs. Ryals states that the financial report lists what is spent and on what. Mrs. Ryals states she wants all the financials, where are they being spent including payroll. Councilwoman Greene states that she has a list of all the finances that Mrs. Ryals can get. Mrs. Ryals asked if the vendors name was listed on the bills, this should be part of a finance report. Mayor states that emailing the statements would be something that could be considered. Mrs. Ryals asked when could she expect an answer. Mayor states by the next council meeting.

Mr. George Zoghby, is in the run-off election for District Court Judge. Mr. Zoghby stated he had 48% in the primary election and that he had won Creola's vote. Mr. Zoghby encouraged everyone to come out and vote on July 17, 2018 in the run-off election.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Greene read Resolution 2018-17 authorizing the Mayor to purchase certain police vehicles and authorize the financing of the vehicles. Councilwoman Greene states that in the resolution it states the loan amount is \$85,000.00 with an interest rate of 5.10% annual fixed term. The payments will be \$5,884.03 for 48 months for (1) 2018 Ford 150-XL and (2) 2018 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles.

Mrs. Ryals asked questions about the vehicles. Attorney Mims and Mayor both stated that the citizens had already had their time to speak. Mrs. Ryals states that she feels the fire department could use the truck more than the police department. Mayor states that they have already voted on the vehicles and who gets them and it stays. Mayor explained that it had been recommended for the fire department to get a vehicle. It was not voted on at that time. In the minutes at that time the council voted to purchase 3 vehicles for the police department and that is what they did. They also got 5 automobiles from the City of Mobile.

Councilwoman Greene introduced Resolution 2018-17 authorizing the Mayor to purchase certain police vehicles and authorize the financing of the vehicles.

Councilwoman Moss second, 5 favored, 1 opposed, motion carried.

Roll call for -Resolution No. 2018-017

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	no one has explained why they need a \$41,000 truck, they could take that money and buy 2 Explorers.
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Councilwoman Greene motion to adopt Resolution 2018-016, Social Media Policy for the City of Creola.

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

Roll call for -Resolution No. 2018-016- Social Media Policy

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES

Councilwoman Moss YES
Councilman Hadaway YES
Mayor Criswell YES
Motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor states that DATA-BYTE is doing a website revision. The attorney, Mr. Mims has reviewed the bid proposal. Councilwoman Greene states \$700.00 initially for website design and build, \$240.00 a year, \$85.00 for security certificate, if Data -Byte has to work on it -\$105.00 an hour, which totals \$1025.00. Councilwoman Greene states that Ms. Carolyn or herself will be trained to put the minutes on the website once they are approved.

Councilwoman Greene motion for Jason with Data-Byte to design the website, not to spend more than \$1025.00.

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

Roll call for -Data-Byte

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor states that he has spoken to Mr. Wayne Miller about the bids for the street department equipment. Sun South was the low bidder under the state contract. Mayor recommends to the council to purchase the 3 items in the bid. Councilwoman Greene states the total is \$25,399.00.

Councilwoman Greene motion to spend \$25,399.00 for the purchase of 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.

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

Councilman Martin asked if the Mayor was still looking to hire someone from the Personnel Board to help on the street dept. Mayor states yes. Councilman Martin states that he is concerned about the prisoners not being trained properly to use the equipment. Mayor states that he agrees and that they have request out for 2 unskilled labor and 1 utilities worker under the Personnel Board.

Roll call for -to purchase equipment from Sun South

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

Councilwoman Greene states that the equipment will be paid for out of the 7-cent gas tax fund.

Mayor states that the Municipal League has training classes on August the 11th for Councilmembers and Mayor in Montgomery, Al. Councilwoman Greene states that it cost \$ 125.00, includes lunch from 8am-3pm

Councilman Greene motion if any councilmember or Mayor would like to go to the class, to bring receipt and would be reimbursed the \$125.00.

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

Mayor asked for a MUNI code update.

Councilwoman Greene states that they have mailed the first check for \$3480.00 and all the ordinance and resolutions have been mailed.

Mayor states that Mr. Tim Tew has a contract for a purchase order that was approved for repair of a bridge on Dead Lake Marina Rd. Mayor states they still have repairs to the bridges on Radcliff Rd to do. Mayor states that some industries in the area have made \$10,000.00 donations for bridge repair.

Mayor states that Mr. Wayne Miller needs tools to work with on the street dept. Mayor states that Mr. Miller went to 4 different places to get cost of what was needed. Harbor Freight was the best deal with a total of \$1,500.00.

Councilman Walker motion to purchase tools from Harbor freight for \$1,500.00 for the street department.

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

Mayor states the senior building, sidewalks and awnings need to be cleaned, that it has been over a year. The price to clean the complete building is \$300.00, this includes power washing the tables and chairs.

Councilwoman Moss motion to have the Senior building power washed and cleaned for \$300.00.

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

Mayor states they need equipment for the cadets that are going through the academy. Mayor states that it is required to have shot guns in the car and they are short 6 of them. Mayor states it will cost \$450.00 per gun and will come out of the police fund.

Councilwoman Greene motion to purchase 6 shotguns for \$450.00 each to be paid out of the police fund.

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

Roll call for -to purchase 6 shotguns

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

Motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor states that they have 2 batwing mowers coming from the County this Friday, June 29 and Sat, June 30. We pay only the operator in the amount of \$20.00 per hour.

Councilman Walker motion to pay the county workers \$20.00 per hour to cut grass.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene stated that the 3 applications that was submitted (1) minor subdivision, (2) Dan churchman Rd- hunting camp (3) hardship case were all approved. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 17 at 6pm and possibly has 2 applicants.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Councilman Martin states they had a good meeting on June 18th.All members present. Mr. Terry Prichard was approved to have a home business dealing with Honey, butter, eggs, and jelly off Hall branch Rd.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Major is not here. Mayor states that Major will be on board with the city next Monday. Major is working with Mr. Flynn Christian with the Triathlon that will be taking place next year. Councilwoman Greene asked the council to be thinking about how to spend the \$5,000.00 that they get from the Lemoyne Industrial Park Group.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss states that the floors were cleaned, waxed and buffed and looks nice. Mayor states that the cameras are going to be installed down at Crenshaw Park. Councilwoman Moss states that they did a Senior/Veteran breakfast and served 64 people including the to go orders.

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	\$ 159,253.13
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	41,539.95
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	34,030.73
Special Court Fund	28,783.61
Court Fund	33,631.11
Court Bond Account	10,129.61
S.A.I.L. Center Account	1,943.72
Police Department	11,568.63
Fire Department	<u>118.24</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 320,998.73

Revenues totaled \$ 92,147.73 for 6/1/2018 -6/27/2018. The bills that have been paid from 6/1/18 - 6/29/18 total \$51,400.70, 3 payrolls (6/1,15, 29/18) and additional bills is \$96,372.00. outstanding June checks are \$30,693.15. Councilwoman Greene asked Councilman Hadaway about the county check. He stated he was not sure to ask Chief Reeves.

POLICE AND FIRE

POLICE

Chief Kirkland states that the 2 cadets are doing great in the academy. He is waiting on these 2 to graduate and he is sending 2 more cadets, possible 4 to the academy.

FIRE

Councilman Hadaway states they are running a lot of calls. They are still waiting on the truck that is being painted. Councilman Hadaway states that if you see any smoke or fire tonight they are burning a vacant house on Dead lake Rd for training exercise.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor states that Mr. Wayne and the guys are working hard. They have been cutting ditches and a few streets need rocks added.

Mayor states that he is amazed at how far they have come with the streets in the past year.

Mr. Wayne states that some of the ditches that they could not get into because of snakes and water, that he sprayed and now he is getting complaints.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Moss states that he has several home owners to commit to burning the abandoned homes and waiting on them to send in their paper work.

2 mobile homes have been condemned on Lemoyne Circle.

Mr. Moss states that the owners of the trailer park will be in town to have a meeting tomorrow.

New plans are coming in for new houses.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor states that the Municipal League and the State of Alabama asked the Mayor and council to report to the citizens each year. Mayor states the State of the City will be July 26,2018 and they will cut the ribbon for the new vehicles and equipment that they have got. Public is invited and will be serving BBQ from Stoney's. Will start at 5pm at the Senior building.

Mayor states that the price on the Police truck was \$31,539.00 and the 2 SUVs were \$26,399.50 each.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss

SECONDED BY: Councilman Walker

Meeting adjourned @ 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain

City Clerk

c.m. 06.28.18