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William R. Criswell Mayor	Leanne Greene Place 1	Harold Martin Place 2	Ralph Walker Place 3	Tonya Moss Place 4	Kendal Hadaway Place 5
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Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 27, 2018
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL
6 P.M.

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order, asking everyone to please silence their cellphones and put away for about 30 minutes.

Brother Steven Bell gave the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present with the exception of Councilman Hadaway.
Councilwoman Greene
Councilman Martin
Councilman Walker
Councilwoman Moss
Councilman Hadaway - ABSENT
Mayor Criswell
City Attorney -Mr. Danny Mims
City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/13/2018, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Mayor Criswell extended a personal welcome to the family of Rev. Lester W. Bell, Sr. We lost Rev. Bell a couple of months ago. Rev. Bell will be missed in our community. Mayor Criswell asked Councilwoman Moss to read a Proclamation honoring Rev. Lester Wayne. Bell, Sr. then presenting it to Rev. Bell's widow. Mayor Criswell stated that Councilwoman Moss had copies available for other family members.

(2) Ordinance No. 2018-017 – Kentucky Boys LLC

We have parcels of property that the owners have asked to be annexed into City of Creola. This is part of the D.R. Horton project on Jackson Rd. to build 300 new homes. Paul Uter, Creola Holdings LLC; Ron Wood (3) & Sam Willis (5), with Kentucky Boys.

Motion made by Councilwoman Greene to suspend the rules and ask for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2018-017 to bring these properties into the city. Seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call for vote:

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

Approved by Roll Call Vote.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to suspend the rules and ask for immediate consideration of Ordinance No 2018-018. These properties are continuous and do touch. Property will default to R1. Seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call for vote:

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

Approved by Roll Call Vote

Councilwoman Greene stated that it will be advertised in the Call News for 15 days. We will return originals to Attorney Mims for recording with Probate. Motion made by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call for vote.

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

Approved by Roll Call Vote.

(3) Mayor Criswell stated that we need to review Cara Stallman-the grant writer's contract and modify it. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to terminate her contract and re-write the grant writer's contract. "We will be paying out a large amount of money over the next year for the grants we already have Seconded by Councilwoman Moss.

Roll call for vote.

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

Approved by Roll Call Vote.

Mayor Criswell stated that we have 3 grants in house now

(1) Sidewalk (in-kind grant) \$300,000.

(2) Senior Citizen Van \$60,000. We should be getting the van in April 2019

(3) Alabama Power - \$1,000. Grant for Landscaping

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene stated that the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2019 workshop at 5PM; Meeting at 6PM. Councilwoman Greene explained that the committee held a workshop on December 18, 2018. We met for 1 hour and had 15-20 attending. After the workshop, we had a short meeting to approve the December minutes. We have an in-kind grant and we have invited all citizens to attend. We get \$24.00 in-kind for each person attending. We have 18 months to complete this grant but would like to complete in 12 months. We also discussed items to add or take away.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Major Holt, our director, stated that he needs several pieces of machinery to level the fields. We can use leveler, but it won't do the job alone. We will be able to use the leveler on the softball fields. Major Holt will be working with people that use the field to help with maintenance of the field. Councilwoman Greene made a motion for Major Holt to purchase a Field Maintenance Drag from Amazon for \$698.42 (tax exempt) with soccer field money. The city will reimburse the soccer account. Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. Councilwoman Greene will get with Major Holt after the next meeting to open a Soccer account with Regions Bank.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss stated that everything is fine with the SAIL Center. We've just been busy with everything over the holidays.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. David Boucher, chair, stated "There has been no activity since the last meeting."

FINANCE

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (see details of report listed below), making motion accept, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed. Motion carried. Also copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one. Total Salaries (January – December 2018) \$727,685.27

Total Bills: January – December 2018 \$1,718,391.38

Revenues totaled \$102,141.14 (12/3/2018 -12/26/2018 (includes Ala Tax + deposits)
Withdrawals-\$38,812.45 12/3/2018 – 12/24/2018 includes analysis charge + online payments

Bills totaled: \$74,174.85(including payroll) 12/3/2018 – 12/20/2018

1 Outstanding check – November 2018: \$150.12; O/S checks December 2018 - \$14,944.27

Councilwoman Greene stated that we paid off the backhoe out of the 7 -cent account- approximately \$16,700.00. Our city clerk, Ms. Carolyn, carried the check to Regions in Saraland on December 18, 2018.

General Fund	\$ 91,109.96
Court Bond Account	13,059.95
Court Fund	25,589.06
Special Court Fund	25,539.79
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services	100.00
Fire Fund	6,488.76
Police Equipment Fund	1,305.13
S.A.I.L. Center Account	4,628.91

7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	12,206.73
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	<u>54,946.33</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 234,974.62

Councilwoman Greene will get with Major Holt after the first meeting In January to open a soccer account with Regions bank. We will ask the council to vote on the new account.

POLICE

No report

FIRE

Mayor Criswell reported that Engine # 2 is at Empire Trucks being repaired. It needed new steering units (hydraulic) Since there are additional necessary repairs, we may need to bring it back to council when we get the final bill. The council had approved \$3,000.00 but it may be some additional charges.

Mayor Criswell reported that we have installed a new sewer grinder pump for police and fire. If we lose power, we lose sewer. We will look into purchasing a 20-25 KW generator unit next year before the storm season starts. Will cost approximately \$7-8,000. For a new generator

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Criswell reported that Wayne Miller and the guys have been busy trimming trees, cleaning out ditches, and equipment maintenance during these bad days. They are taking a breather on the grass cutting. Residents are saying water is moving out of the city. With all this work that the guys are doing, we are reaping the benefits of all this work.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss reported that 5 trailers on Ellison Dr. have been demolished. They will be moving in 5 new trailers in their place as they meet all codes. The other trailer park will start after January 1st to clean up their park. We have some new houses being built, as well. This is the busy time of the year when business licenses are due.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Criswell expressed condolences on behalf of the City to the Bell Family. Rev. Bell will be greatly missed in our community. Mayor Criswell also extended condolences to the Buddy Lowe family in the loss of his wife, Rhonda Lowe, on December 22nd. We are praying for both families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Greene stated that Explosive Signs has withdrawn their quote for the Welcome Sign. We will put it on the agenda for our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilman Walker
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss
Meeting adjourned @ 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

c.m. 12.27.2018