



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

Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Creola City Hall
9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL
Meeting 6 P.M. Workshop 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order.
Mayor Criswell gave the Invocation.
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilman Walker made a motion to accept the minutes of 02/28/2019, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

- (1) Joan Stringfellow-yard- abandoned home vacant next to Bonnie's rental houses. She called the Chief and he came three times. Ms. Stringfellow stated that someone is using the home and it is abandoned. It is on Smith Lane, 3rd house on left, and a transient is staying in utility room on back. It is Andrew Lingerfelt's house and he is in a nursing home. Ms.

Stringfellow reported there is no tax sticker on the manufactured home. Mayor Criswell will get with Chief Kirkland and take care of this situation.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Proclamation read by Councilwoman Moss for “Rooster” a four-legged citizen of Creola. This Jack Russell Terrier belongs to Gwen and Billy Lister, Jr. “Rooster” was recognized by Mayor Sandy Stimpson of Mobile for his participation in Mobile’s Mardi Gras celebrations since he was a pup. “Rooster” is always adorned w/ his Alabama glasses and Bear Bryant cap. Mayor Criswell presented this proclamation to “Rooster” on this date, March 14, 2019.
- (2) RDS (AVENU) Contract- Councilwoman Greene reported that RDS collects the monies for taxes due the city and deposits in our general fund. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to approve renewal of the RDS contract, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
- (3) Resolution 2019-022-Support of protection of public streets and public access- Councilwoman Greene read the resolution tabled at last meeting and made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. This resolution will be forwarded to Bradley Byrne, Doug Jones and Richard Shelby.
- (4) List of Bills-Attached to 3rd page of financial reports. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to pay bills, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried by roll call.
- (5) Amendment to minutes of September 28, 2018. Ordinance No. 2018-013 and Ordinance No. 2018-013A numbers were omitted from minutes. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to amend the minutes adding ordinance numbers to minutes, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
- (6) Councilwoman Greene stated that Ordinance 2019-19 was introduced at last meeting to annex six properties as they are continuous to other properties. The respective owners of the six properties are: Christopher Dean Vernon and April K. Vernon, Sheila J. Grimsley and Darrell Grimsley, Michael L. Davis and Sherry Davis, Trustees, Linda G. Jones and Arthur L. Davis, Jr. and Peggy Ann Bluitt. This will be advertised in the *Call News*.
- (7) ALDOT TAP Project – Resolution No. 2018-019. Mayor Criswell explained that this is a grant thru SARPC for sidewalks from Crenshaw Park to Bradley Court. This is a \$390,000.00 grant and our cost will be \$75,000.00 pro-rated over a period.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

A Public Hearing will be held March 19, 2019 6-6:30 at the Creola SAIL Center. The meeting at 6:30 will be to make a final report in favor of adding R4 and R5 zoning and present to the city council at first meeting in April.

We have applications for Cardell and Chestang. Building Inspector Don Moss gave a report on the new store to be located at Hwy. 43 @ Radcliff Rd. It will be a 10,000 sq. ft. store but he is not at liberty to give the name of the business at this time.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

David Boucher had nothing to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mayor Criswell stated that we needed to purchase 2 baby swings for the park. The amount for the swings + freight will be \$325.32. Councilman Walker made a motion to purchase the swings, Councilman Martin seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Mayor Criswell announced the Senior/Veteran Breakfast will be June 1, 2019 9-11am at Creola Senior Center. This event is to recognize all Veterans and Seniors. Everyone is invited. Councilwoman Moss reported that 50-60 have be fed in the past. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to use the Senior Center for this event, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (see details of report listed below), making motion to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one
Revenues totaled: \$ 15,872.16 (includes AlaTax + deposits) – 3/1/2019-3/13/2019
Withdrawals- \$ 11,202.89(includes online payments) 3/4/19-3/11/19
January 2019 O/S checks \$3,857.59 February 2019 O/S checks \$1,244.89
Analysis Charge-\$ 617.29
Total Bills paid 2/1/2019 thru 2/27/2019: \$166,793.62

General Fund	\$ 70,588.75
Court Bond Account	17,459.95

Court Fund	38,789.50
Special Court Fund	28,928.52
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services	100.00
Fire Fund	3,567.79
Police Equipment Fund	4,371.01
S.A.I.L. Center Account	5,394.19
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	18,839.14
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	<u>40,958.73</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 228,997.58

Councilwoman Greene reported that a deposit of \$27,824.61 will be made today. She stated that an Account Summary Report has been prepared and is in the financial reports.

POLICE

Chief Kirkland reported that he needs more information on the mailbox letters. These numbers are very important to help the ones needing help. Houses are difficult to find if there is no house number. The signs are \$25.00 and all monies go to the sign company. The brackets are included.

FIRE

Chief Reeves presented the annual dues invoice of \$150.00 for the VFD. Chief Reeves mentioned that the VFD receives approximately \$15,000.00 in grant money from the association. Motion made by Councilman Martin to pay this bill, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Chief Reeves stated that the house numbers mentioned earlier, are desperately needed.

Chief Reeves is on the 911 Board and gave an information card to everyone present. He stated that when you fill out this information for an app on your phone, please be assured that for your safety, your information will not be sold. You can call 911 from the app on your phone. For questions or concerns, call 251-639-2360 or www.smart911.com.

STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne is busy preparing for Spring. John Deere is servicing the backhoe and other equipment. Mayor Criswell stated that the old truck is running, but not good. It has served its days. Hopefully can get a new truck for Public Works this year. The crew has been cutting grass and hauling brush from Lister Dairy Rd.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don Moss reported that, contrary to all the rumors, trailers have been moved out. Escort fees paid. There is a red "X" on the ones to demo. Two more will be moved, one going to Montgomery and one going to Chickasaw.

Mr. Moss reported he attended the school for the 2018 Bldg. Code. Three from the class made 98 on the test. Mr. Moss being one of the three. A picture of the three will be in their magazine that will be sent to all cities. The City will be ordering the 2018 Building Code Manual, as we are now using 2015 but upgrading to 2018. We are using the 2016 Electrical Code. Under the new 2018 code all fortified roofs will get a 29% insurance savings for residents. Attorney Mims will be writing and Ordinance for the 2018 Code

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss

SECONDED BY: Councilman Walker

Meeting adjourned @ 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

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William R. Criswell
Mayor