



CITY OF CREOLA  
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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		JefT Reeves	
City Clerk	Court Clerk	Chief of Police		Fire Chief	

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**Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2019**  
**Creola City Hall 7:15 P.M.**  
**9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL**  
**Public Hearing 6-6:15pm Public Hearing 6:15-7:10pm**

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order after Public Hearing. Council Meeting convened at 7:15pm

John White gave the Invocation.  
Pledge of Allegiance

Upon the call of roll, the following were found to be present except 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 Greene made a motion to accept the minutes of 5/23/2019, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

## **CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

1. Dru Ryals — Questioned why we had a handicap ramp but no signs directing to the side of the building. Mayor Criswell stated that we are in a leased building, but we have adhered to the Fire Marshall's orders. Mayor Criswell stated that he drove to the Naheola Credit Union in Pennington, AL to get approval for the new asphalt parking lot and handicap ramp. We are approved for handicap accessibility according to the Fire Marshall. Ms. Ryals stated that we needed doors that would open automatically for wheelchairs.
2. Santena Howze — Lister Lane- Ms. Howze presented papers to Attorney Mims. She states that Lister Lane is a public road. Mayor Criswell stated that we cannot use public funds on private roads. Ms. Howze stated that we broke the law quoting minutes from 4-26-18 that Creola graded Lister Lane and Ducey Rd. Mayor Criswell explained that this was done with a county grader. She would not release her documents to Attorney Mims, so we made copies for him. He will do further research at Ms. Howze's request.
3. Joan Stringfellow asked if any council member or Mayor has ever asked the city clerk to cut a check without council approval? The mayor, council and city clerk's answer were "NO".
4. Graham Green- Smart Home America – Spanish Fort, Alabama- A Non-Profit Organization spoke on the new building codes and made recommendations to the council. He stated that the fortified would mean lower insurance rates. He gave handouts to the Mayor and council. He stated there are 11,000 fortified homes in the two-county area. He had discount sheets and stated they will help with disaster recovery. Mayor Criswell commented that we leave it up to homeowners to decide for fortified or not.

## **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to vote for the 2018 International Building Codes Resolution. 2019-024, introduced at last meeting, after public hearing it goes to Ordinance 2019-024, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made motion to table rezoning of the property on Jackson Road, until developer can be here to present his plans. We will post for another Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Walker, seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-025 repealing the beer tax since the State handles the tax. Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried. Councilwoman Greene made a motion for immediate consideration to pass repealing beer tax, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored,

none opposed, motion carried. Councilwoman Greens made a motion to repeal beer tax, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2019-023 for Land Clearing, introduced at last meeting. Mayor Criswell stated that ADEM handles 1-acre or larger, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made motion to accept ordinance 2019-022 to repeal gas tax, the original ordinance was Ordinance No. 2017-001, Councilman Walker seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made motion to use Dreamland as caterer for the Mayor's State of the City Address on June 27, 2019, not to exceed \$800.00, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilwoman Greene made motion to pass Resolution #2019-025(?) to the Urban County for 2020-2022, renewable every two years, to qualify City of Creola as an urban county entitlement, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Mayor Criswell spoke with Judge Ross about the Amnesty Program for City of Creola. He asked Court Magistrate, Linda Hoiles, to work with Judge Ross to clear the backlog of tickets for the city. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to spend \$100. For advertising for the Amnesty programs, Councilwoman Moss seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Greene stated that A public hearing for subdivision regulations and meeting will be held on June 18, 2019, 5:30pm -6:00pm. One application is on file for the meeting. Councilwoman Greene reported that we received the \$10,000.00 Check from Five Rivers for the In-Kind Grant. We will in turn send a \$10,000.00 Check to SAPRC.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Major Holt reported there will be a Soccer Camp July 22-25, 2019 under the direction of University of Mobile coaches.

## UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss reported that 51 Seniors /Veterans were fed at the annual breakfast on June 1, 2019.

Councilwoman Moss stated that the floors at the SAIL Center were mopped and waxed yesterday.

Councilwoman Moss spoke w/ Monica w/ SAPPC and stated that we will be receiving a letter next week from SARPC on the Senior Van.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Gloria Myers - Nothing to report.

## 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.

Also copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one.

Total May Bills: \$22,721.01 {Note: Bill for David Wible listed as \$8,000.00; should be listed at \$800.00, making the total balance for bills: \$15,521.01 }

Total June Bills: \$19,122.22

Total May Revenues \$88,720.73 (includes AlaTax + deposits)

Total June Revenues \$10,648.32

Total May Withdrawals- \$ 32,996.56 (includes analysis charge + online payments)

Total June Withdrawals-\$19,122.22 (includes analysis charge + online payments)

Councilwoman Greene reported that Municode is now complete.

General Fund	\$65,700.11
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)	48,834.59
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.	8,202.67
Special Court Fund	19,900.14
Court Fund	47,981.45
Court Bond Account	9,302.36
S.A.I.L. Center Account	5,714.66
Police Equipment Fund	8,048.27
Fire Fund	212.22
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services	100.00
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>191686.42</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$ 233,682.89

## **POLICE**

John White reported that the police department hired a new officer from out of state. He will need a 95-hour refresher course; Three officers are in the Academy and will be graduating July 25, 2019 with one officer waiting to go to the Academy. The PD is looking at hiring 2 Corpals and 2 Sergeants thru MCPB. Will be getting a list soon to hire. That will give us three officers per shift, day and night, one being a supervisor.

John White stated that we need new police cars as the fleet we received from City of Mobile now has more than 120,000 miles. Mayor Criswell sent a letter to Mayor Stimpson requesting more vehicles, but The City of Mobile no longer gives police cars to other municipalities.

## **FIRE**

No report. Chief Jeff Reeves is in Biloxi training, Kendal Hadaway is absent.

## **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Wayne Miller reported that Public Works Department is doing well. One picnic table was rebuilt at Crenshaw Park today and a second one will be rebuilt tomorrow. Public Works added one man- Wyatt Watson thru MCPB as a Utility Worker 1. Mayor Criswell reported that we have had some problems with kids from Saraland and Satsuma with underage drinking, illegal diving from the bridge and vandalism. He stated we have security cameras in place at Crenshaw Park. He reported we are having vandalism in the city, as well. A razor knife blade was found in one of the tires on Dana's Meals-on-Wheels vehicle. We also have had vandalism at the park bathrooms.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Don Moss reported that we have 5 new homes under construction and more plans will be coming in soon. Oaklawn is going to be a go for 19 homes.

## **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

Mayor Criswell reported that all municipalities are to rank yourself for weak points to react to whatever danger comes. John White is working with us on that. An Auburn University Extension representative spoke to us.

Mayor Criswell reported that pursuant to the provisions of Title 11-43-84, of the Code of Alabama 1975, the Mayor's State of the City Address will include the financial status of the city to be held Thursday, June 27, 2019 following the regular council meeting at the Creola SAIL Center.

Mayor Criswell reported now for us to get road graders, we must go to Mobile county Public Works with a Purchase Order on a rotating basis starting in the South end of the country and working to the North.

Councilwoman Greene announced that we have birthday cake for Mark Kent w/ The Call News. Cake and soft drinks will be served following the meeting. Mark Kent celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 29<sup>th</sup> but was absent at the last meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Councilwoman Moss  
Seconded by: Councilman Walker  
Meeting adjourned @7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain  
City Clerk

William R. Criswell  
Mayor

c.m. 06.13.2019