



**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**   **Jeff Reeves**  
**City Clerk**   **Court Clerk**   **Chief of Police**   **Fire Chief**

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**Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 22, 2019**  
**Creola City Hall 6:00 PM**  
**9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL**

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order, asking everyone to please silence & store cellphones and no texting or phone calls during the meeting, etc. Phones must be turned off.

Rev. John White 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 Greene made a motion to accept the minutes of 08/08/2019, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

**CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL**

1. Don Nelson – Request submitted for public records  
Don Nelson stated that he had requested a copy of the application from the Kentucky Boys for the re-zoning of the property on Jackson Rd. Creola Holding Co. from R-1 to R-5. He referred to Code 75 Section 36-12 for his request. City Attorney, Danny Mims, told Mr. Nelson that he had received this request tonight and he would review it. Mr. Nelson wanted a time frame when he could expect the document. Attorney Mims told him he would get to it as quick as he can.
2. Gary Hudson – Phone Protest  
Mr. Hudson stated that he was told he could not bring his phone into the meeting, but phones are needed in case of a medical emergency. Mayor Criswell stated if you bring it in, it must be turned off, no texting and no talking during the meeting.
3. Kenneth Wilson- He signed up to speak, he declined when Mayor Criswell called on him to speak.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Ms. Shenika Brown stated that the information will be mailed March 2020. We will receive by April 1, 2020. To apply as a census worker, must be 18 or older, have a valid e-mail address. Contact: 1-855-JOB-2020. The 2020 Census workers will have badges to be identified as a Census Worker. Everything is confidential. If you wish to be a census worker, there are three ways to respond: (1) phone, (2) paper; (3) internet. Census workers will be paid \$16.00/hourly + .58 for mileage. You must have a valid e-mail.
2. Resolution No. 2019-026 Gas Tax  
The Resolution was read by Councilwoman Green and made motion to adopt the gas tax, seconded by Councilman Walker, Roll Call Vote:  

Councilwoman Greene	Yes
Councilman Martin	No
Councilman Walker	Yes
Councilwoman Moss	Yes
Councilman Hadaway	Yes
Mayor Criswell	Yes

Motion carried and adopted by Roll Call Vote.  
Resolution 2019-026 will be posted in City Hall.
3. Classes to earn CEU’s. Councilwoman Green made a motion for the City Clerk and Administrative Assistant to attend upcoming clerk conferences to obtain CEU’s, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
4. Add 2 new bank accounts for the gas tax  
Councilwoman Greene made a motion to open 2 banks accounts  
  - 1- Diesel tax
  - 2- Gas tax

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

Mayor Criswell reported that we will receive our first payment of approximately \$16,000.00 in October 2019; \$21,000.00 in October 2020; \$27,000.00 in October 2021.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Chair William Chambers encouraged all citizens to attend the workshops as we received In-Kind credit for each one attending.

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Gloria Myers stated no report.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Major Holt is out of town. Mayor Criswell reported that Major Holt is ready for the Fall Soccer season. 334 have registered and registration is cut-off as we are out of coaches. We have participants from Fairhope and Daphne.

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss reported that the agreement for the Van has been signed. She reported that seniors exercise M-W-F, Thursday they play Bingo. They work puzzles and other activities, as well.

**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 Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed. Motion carried. Also copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one.

Total Bills: (as of August 22, 2019) \$ 45,754.61 Motion to accept bill list made by Councilman Walker, seconded by Councilwoman Greene, all favored, none opposed. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$	67,178.18
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5 cent)		38,324.97
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.		18,085.11
Special Court Fund		10,785.64
Court Fund		27,023.29
Court Bond Account		10,594.36
S.A.I.L. Center Account		5,859.62
Police Equipment Fund		3,193.32
Fire Fund		212.22
MIS (Municipal Intercept Services)		100.00
Capital Improvement Fund (Infrastructure)		<u>19,633.23</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$	200,989.94

## **POLICE**

Mayor Criswell reported that Chief Kirkland is out on a call. John White reported that two new police officers, hired thru MCPB, have passed their tests and applied to the Academy.

## **FIRE**

Mayor Criswell reported that Chief Reeves is absent as he had to work late at Alabama Power.

## **STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Criswell reported that 2 tractor tires were purchased today. Grass is slowing down, and Wayne is catching up. Mayor Criswell stated that we are accepting bids for the bridge repair. Job will go to lowest bidder.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Don Moss -absent- at VA in Biloxi have dental work.

## **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

1. Mayor Criswell read a letter that was sent to all Mayors in the area from Dr. Bernard Eichold w/ Mobile County Health Board, stressing the dangers of Golf Carts. The golf carts are not allowed to operate on public highways.
2. Mayor Criswell reported on Cyber Security. Ransom Ware is being used and stated that we are using areas to protect us.
3. Mayor Criswell read the flyer on the Bass Fishing Tournament to be held September 21<sup>st</sup> @ Mobile Delta Marina as a fundraiser for Women 's Resource Center. Prizes - \$1,200.00 1<sup>st</sup> Prize; \$800.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize; \$500.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Mayor Criswell gave an update on the Pay-As-You-Go Project.

Old Hwy. 43 – 75% Complete

Other Streets – 45% (Halls Branch & Wards Lane)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Councilman Walker  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Moss

Meeting adjourned @ 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain  
City Clerk

William R. Criswell  
Mayor

c.m. 08 22 2019