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William R. Criswell Leanne Greene Harold Martin Ralph Walker Tonya Moss Kendal Hadaway

Mayor

Place 1

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Carolyn Sue Cain City Clerk Linda Hoiles Court Clerk Doug Kirkland Chief of Police Stephen Criswell Fire Chief

# Minutes of the City of Creola City Council Meeting Thursday, MARCH 12, 2020 6:00PM Creola City Hall 9615 Old Hwy. 43, Creola, AL

Mayor Criswell called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Call News reporter, Laurin Byrd. Laurin will be replacing Mark Kent. Mayor Criswell stated that Mark was a fine man, great reporter and he will surely be missed.

Bro. 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 -Ms. Theresa Williamson

City Clerk-Carolyn Sue Cain

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the original minutes by the city clerk, Carolyn Sue Cain of 2/13/2020, and not the minutes listed verbatim by Councilman Hadaway, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored except for Councilman Martin who opposed, motion carried 4-1.

City Attorney Theresa Williamson stated even though there were two sets of minutes, the minutes prepared by the city clerk were the official minutes and should be ones accepted.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to accept the minutes of 2/27/2020, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

## RESIDENTS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

NONE

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

- 1. Senior Van- Mayor Criswell reported that the senior van holds two wheelchairs and by law we must have the appropriate lettering on the back of the van. Councilwoman Moss is having the van lettered for \$120.00 @ Signs by Design. It will be ready for pick-up next week. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the \$120.00 invoice for lettering the van, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.
- 2. Building for Public Works Department Equipment Mayor Criswell got 3 quotes for the building.
  - 1. Chad Hill- Hill Builders
  - 2. Mosley Builders \$13,000.00 steel building
  - 3. Charlie Eubanks \$8,700.00

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to accept the bid of \$8,700.00 from Charlie Eubanks Builders, seconded by Councilwoman Moss, Roll call 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. Request from Dollar General Home Office for Off site liquor license. They Applied with ABC Board for sale of Beer and Wine. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to approve Off site liquor license for Dollar General, seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed except for Councilman Martin, motion carried 4-1. Mayor Criswell reported that the following businesses in Creola already have the off-site liquor license for the sale of beer and wine: Mac's Discount, Chevron, BP, Liquor Store next door to Chalkboard Restaurant. The Creola Grocery is requesting the same but no documentation from the ABC Board.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Greene stated the next meeting will be Tuesday, 3/17/2020 Workshop-5PM; Meeting-6PM; We have no applications to date.

Nicole Taylor w/ SARPC will have the draft to send out by March 31<sup>st</sup>. She will e-mail the city clerk and the city clerk will e-mail to all council members for review. There will be a Public Hearing in April or May, giving the council time to review.

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

No Report

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Mayor Criswell reported that Major Holt is out of town but will be back tomorrow to attend a meeting at Citronelle Academy with Mayor Criswell. Major Holt has 367 registered for Spring Soccer.

Mayor Criswell stated the new machine for the park will be here next week. Under the State Bid Law, the equipment must be ordered from John Deere. We cannot get it off the lot.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Moss reported that the seniors will take their first field trip in the new van to Poarch Creek Indian Museum and lunch at Stagecoach. Seniors will leave the center at 9am on 3/20/2020.

Councilwoman Moss stated that the annual Senior/Veterans Pancake Breakfast will be held in May. Will announce the date at the next meeting.

## **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.

The bill list total as of 3/12/2020: \$ 38,744.77

| General Fund                            | \$<br>72,989.08 |
|---|-----------------|
| 4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (including 5-cent) | 54,521.68       |
| 7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.            | 33,517.16       |
| Special Court Fund                      | 7,025.68        |
| Court Fund                              | 32,976.33       |
| Court Bond Account                      | 8,677.36        |

| S.A.I.L. Center Account               | 8,156.43         |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Police Equipment Fund                 | 2,992.49         |
| Fire Fund                             | 2,972.66         |
| MIS (Municipal Intercept Services)    | 26.06            |
| **Capital Improvement Fund            | 10,098.20        |
| Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax               | 5,519.81         |
| Rebuild Alabama Diesel Tax            | 1632.83          |
| City of Creola-July 4, 2020 donations | 250.00           |
| Total: (in bank)                      | \$<br>241,355.77 |

# **POLICE**

Chaplain John White stated 2 officers will be graduating from the academy on March 31, 2020.

Chaplain John White introduced the newest police officer, Zachary Jordan a 16- year veteran. Mayor Criswell stated that Officer Jordan was with Mobile Police Dept. and was Officer of the year twice /we are happy to have him on board with us and he is doing a great job.

# FIRE

Assistant Chief Charlie Moye reported 19 runs since last meeting. Engine #2 is with EEP being repaired.

Looking forward to getting the slide bed dumpster for the spring cleaning of the VFD, PD and Public Works Department.

# STREETS/PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne Miller is home after rehab from knee surgery. He will be back at work tomorrow. Anthony and Austin have been grading roads filling in potholes on Lister Dairy Rd and Brown Road. J.R. Henley has beavers and needs Wayne to get back and get them.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Don Moss reported he is working 3 days a week @ SSAB's ne3w expansion. We have 5 new houses going up.,

# **MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

Mayor Criswell reported that we have several people out sick, not just in our community but Linda, our court magistrate h as been out all week, Anthony's wife has pneumonia. The Mayor stated he had pneumonia for the past two weeks but is getting better. We are following leads from the Mobile County Health Dept. We will stay updated and let you know. If you have a health issue, please stay home. Please remember these people.

Mayor Criswell encouraged everyone to take care of yourself with this corona virus.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bro. John White, pastor, Creola Assembly announced a church function Friday night for the kids Grades 1-6. There will be laser tag, games and food. FREE to all kids grades 1-6. Saturday morning 9am-noon the church will host a Parenting Seminar Coffee and snacks will be provided. All FREE

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Moss SECONDED BY: Councilman Walker Meeting adjourned @ 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain City Clerk

William R Criswell Mayor

c.m 03.12.2020