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**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2022
Creola City Hall
Meeting 6:00 P.M.**

The Council of the City of Creola, Alabama, met in the Creola City Hall at 5:30 p.m. A Public Hearing was held for comments regarding the approval of the amendment of the current zoning ordinance sections 9-16. Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order, and Mr. Howell made a motion to open the meeting for comments. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. No one opposed the amendment. Meeting was closed at 6:00 p.m.

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Nelson at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Mr. Carl Walker. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nelson. Roll call was taken by City Clerk Marcy Brown. Present at the meeting was Mayor Nelson, Mark Howell, Wendy Lynch, Harold Parmer, and Cody Chambless. Council Member Kendal Hadaway was absent. Also present was City Attorney, Daniel Mims.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes - - The minutes of the February 10, 2022, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Parmer to accept the minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lynch. All in favor and the motion was carried.

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Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

Mayor Nelson gave an update on the finances and bank balances. Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Mrs. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the bill list dated 3/24/2022 as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

After reviewing the bill list and discussing the Verizon Wireless bill, Mr. Chambless made a motion to discontinue the Verizon Service except for the building inspector phone. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer made a motion for the approval of the amendment of the current zoning ordinance sections 9-16. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Kendal Hadaway – Absent; Cody Chambless – YES; Mark Howell – YES; Wendy Lynch – YES; Harold Parmer – YES; Mayor Nelson – YES. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept. – A meeting is scheduled to speak with the taser representative and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Ford Taurus needs a light that will cost approximately \$1297. Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase lights for the Taurus at a cost of \$1297. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to sell the old police department computers that are no longer being used. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Sail Center – April 4th from 10 – 12, the Easter Hunt will be at the Sail Center. There will be pictures with the Easter Bunny, pancakes for breakfast, and end with an Easter Egg Hunt.

Park Dept. – The lights are close to being repaired. Soccer is going well with many children signed up.

Fire Dept. – Chief Moyer stated that the fire truck he is looking at is approximately \$200,000. He wants to look at a co-op to purchase. City Clerk, Marcy Brown, is getting the title replaced for the one missing.

Public Works Department – Mr. Wayne is working on getting street signs replaced, cutting the grass, and scraping the roads.

Building Inspection Department – Mr. Moss spoke with Mr. Lister about cleaning up his yard and will follow up with it at a later date. Sunbelt rentals is under construction and going well.

Zoning Board – No report given.

Item #8 - New Business-

- a. **Police Chief Raise** – Mr. Howell made a motion to approve a cost of living raise for Chief Hammond in the amount of \$2,000.00. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- b. **Gazebo, Phase 2** – The gazebo is complete except for the cupola which is being shipped in about 6 weeks. Phase 2 is ready to begin which will be adding sod and electricity. Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase 3 pallets of centipede sod to be placed around the gazebo. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- c. **Fire Truck** – Chief Moye spoke with council about the purchase of a new fire truck and will be gathering more information for the next meeting.
- d. **Street Lighting** - Mayor Nelson stated that the material has been ordered for the LED lighting.
- e. **Park Lights** – The materials have been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives.
- f. **CSpire** – CSpire has been contacted about our server and is going to give us an estimate on replacing our current one.
- g. **Lister Dairy Road Repair** – After discussing the repair needed to a section of Lister Dairy Road, Mr. Howell made a motion to use the ARCA (COVID) money to make the necessary repairs. Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- h. **Coast Guard Resolution** – Mayor Nelson read a resolution from the Coast Guard about boating safety. Mr. Howell made a motion to approve Resolution 002-2022 for the Coast Guard and boating safety. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- I. **Part Time Office Help** – After a brief discussion, Mr. Chambless made a motion to approve city hall office help at a maximum of 15 hours per week at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #9 - Mayors Comments

Mr. Hadaway, who was absent, will be getting camera estimates gathered for presentation at the next council meeting. Mayor wants the council to consider a 2.5% across the board for a cost-of-living raise. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Chambless made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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Mayor

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