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Harold Parmer
Mark Howell

MAGISTRATES
Linda Hoiles
Christie Bryant

Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 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 workshop was held before the Council Meeting at 5:30 pm. Present at the meeting was Harold Parmer, Mark Howell, Wendy Lynch, and Mayor Nelson. Items that were discussed was the Signed Contract with Axon, Generator Grant, 2022 Budget, Ordinance 2022-003, Pay raises City Clerk, Building Inspector and SAIL Center employees, State of City address, Water line to gazebo, Electric work at gazebo, Municipal Dinner hosting February 16, 2023, Playground Equipment Repair, Surplus the Dodge and Ford Red Street Dept Trucks, Firearms Instructor School for Officer Poole, Waste Pro Contract, Council meeting date for November 25th, Christmas parade, and Cookies with Santa. The meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.

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

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes – - The minutes of the October 13, 2022, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the correction of a name change. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

Mayor Nelson gave an update on the finances and bank balances. Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the bank balances as of 10/27/2022 as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the bill list as of 10/27/2022 as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept. – Chief Hammond said that he wanted to send Officer Poole to firearms Instructor school January 23-27, 2023. The cost would be \$705 to attend. Chief Hammond said that the radars needed to be recertified. Car decals were also needed for one of the Crown Vic's. He was taking items from the oldest Crown Vic and moving the equipment to the better ones.

Mr. Howell made a motion to send Officer Poole to firearms Instructor school January 23-27, 2023. The cost would be \$705 to attend. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to send all radars over five (5) years old off to be tested and recertified. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to get decals for the Crown Vic received from the Mobile County Commission. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Sail Center – The Veterans lunch is set for November 12, 2022, at 12 p.m. The Grinch/Santa Christmas party is set for December 2, 2022, from 6 – 8 p.m.

Mrs. Lynch made a motion to approve spending up to \$1,000 for the Grinch/Santa Christmas party. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Park Dept. –Eagle Contractors has given a quote of \$4,000 for the concrete job at the park batting cage and includes all labor, material, and site prep. He also stated that for \$9,000 he would do it all including the completion of the walking path. This will be discussed further later.

Mr. Hill with H & H gave a quote of \$7,200 to do the electrical work at Veterans Park and he would not tear up the parking lot.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to approve H & H doing the work at a cost of \$7,200. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Moye said that he needs an air compressor and a generator for use along with a few other items that are needed and that he would send a detailed list that would not be over \$7,000. This would be purchased with fire funds. The fire class certification is finished and Chief Moye is still checking on prices for a cracked windshield on the ford truck.

Mr. Howell made a motion to get the fire department an air compressor to be purchased with funds from the fire account. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase a generator for the fire department. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Public Works Department – No report given.

Building Inspection Department – Mr. Moss mentioned to the council that security is needed at the city hall to protect the employees. A discussion was held, and Mrs. Lynch was going to contact a security company.

Zoning Board – Mr. Moss stated that a letter had been sent to Mr. Micah Jones regarding the dirt pit project.

Item #8 - New Business-

- a. **2022 Budget** – Mr. Parmer made a motion to pass the 2022-2023 city budget. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- b. **Ordinance 2022-003** – This is an ordinance requiring approval for excavation and burying underground utilities lines within the city of Creola. Mr. Howell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-003. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion.
Rollcall: Mr. Hadaway – Absent; Mr. Chambless – Absent; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Yes; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. Motion passed. 4 Yes votes.
- c. **Playground Equipment Repair** – Mr. Howell made a motion to approve \$2,159.66 payable to Stratus Recreation to replace the broken playground equipment. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- d. **Surplus 2 Street Department Trucks** – Mr. Howell made a motion to surplus the Red Dodge and the Red Ford trucks in the street department. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- e. **Employee Raises** – After a discussion, Mr. Howell made a motion to give a 5% raise to the City Clerk Marcy Brown, SAIL Center employees, Dana Douglas and Freida Whisenhunt, and Public Works Supervisor Wayne Miller along with a \$300 monthly increase to the building inspector David Moss. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- f. **State of the City Address** – Mayor Nelson addressed the citizens and council members for the yearly State of the City Address. Please see attached report.

Item #9 - Citizens to Address Council –

Item #10 - Mayors Comments – Mayor Nelson commented on the Generator grant that we are receiving from Hurricane Sally funds. Mayor Nelson also stated that the contract with Axon for the tasers and body cams had been signed and the check to pay for this equipment had been received from the Mobile County Commissions Office. The City of Creola has committed to hosting the Mobile County Municipal Association dinner on February 16, 2023.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Don Nelson

Don Nelson
Mayor

Marcy Brown

Marcy Brown
City Clerk



City of Creola

State of the City

October 27, 2022

Financials

- **See attached Income and Expense by Month statements**
- **2022 – 2023 Proposed Budget**
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POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **\$87,000 for Tasers/Body Cameras approved by MC**
- **2 new Tahoes ordered**
- **Obtained 2 Crown Vics from Mobile County**
- **Obtained Ford Taurus**
- **7 full time officers**
- **100% CJIS certified dispatchers**
- **New uniforms for officers**
- **New vests for officers**
- **Keypad rekeyed and new fobs**
- **Power washed police and fire buildings**
- **Grant for \$25,000 for new generator at police building**
- **New police uniforms and shirts for dispatchers**

STREET DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Paved Brown Road**
- **Paved James Burkett Lane**
- **Paved Creola Circle**
- **Paved Holmes Road**
- **Paved Magnolia Court**
- **Fixed road bump issue on Lister Dairy**
- **Fixed road issue at trucking company on Old 43**
- **Acquired easements for South Creola Blvd for paving**
- **Dead Lake Road resurfacing scheduled for Dec 2022**
- **Hurst Drive scheduled for paving Feb 2023**
- **Acquired newer truck**
- **LED lighting installed on street lights**
- **Applied for \$1,500,000 signal light on Hy 43**

PARKS AND RECREATION

- **\$400,000 grant for Soccer Field lighting**
- **Gazebo completed**
- **Fountain grant for \$11,000**
- **Playground equipment grant for \$16,000**
- **Fourth of July celebration at park**
- **350+ kids with soccer league**
- **Sprinkler system installed for baseball field**
- **LIP \$5,000 donation for park**
- **Renovated old bathroom**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Increased staffing to 24 personnel**
- **Hosted Emergency Responder course**
- **Participated in Emergency Vehicle Driver course**
- **Participated in Firefighter Certification course**
- **Attended the Active Shooter and Hostile Event Response**
- **Average 40 – 45 incidents per month**
- **Provided support for 4th of July celebration**
- **Provided medical standby for Turkey Trot event**
- **Earmarked \$200,000 for fire vehicle**
- **Turnout gear changeout program**
- **Operating 2 fire trucks, 1 tower ladder truck, 1 pickup truck**

- **Annual service to SCBA, breathing air compressor, annual pump tests, annual service test and inspection on the fire trucks**
- **Replacement of fire hoses**

Building Inspector Department

- **14 new homes constructed or under construction**
- **Race Way service station under construction**
- **New storage facility at old dollar store site**
- **New coin laundromat constructed on Hy 43**
- **Sun Belt Rentals opened at new site on Hy 43**

Community

- Breakfast with Easter Bunny & Egg hunt
- Cookies with Santa
- Veterans luncheon
- Partnered with North Mobile K-9, purchased flags for all classrooms and donated breakfast for teacher workday
- Recognition dinner for Officer Poole
- Community cleanup ^{14 boys}
- New sign for senior center
- Lighting tree & Grinch Christmas celebration
- Love Your Community grant - \$1,500 used to landscape Police Station
- Love Your Community grant - \$1,500 used to landscape city hall