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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2023
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 Kendal Hadaway, Harold Parmer, Mark Howell, Wendy Lynch, and Mayor Nelson. Items that were discussed were the 2022 city audit presented by Mr. Don Wallace and Mr. Charles Wesley approached the council about bringing investors to build a movie studio, theater, hotels, etc. at exit 19. The meeting adjourned at 6:00p.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. Bill Chambers. 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. and Kendal Hadaway. Cody Chambless was absent. City Attorney Danny Mims was also present.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes – - The minutes of the January 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Parmer made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Hadaway 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 1/26/2023 as presented. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the bill list as of 1/26/2023 as presented. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept. – Chief Hammond said that he would be attending the winter Chief Conference February 12-16 in Montgomery.

Discussion was made regarding several of the Crown Vics being placed into surplus status as they are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to place the Crown Vics (5967) and (7232) into surplus status. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to place the scrapped Crown Vic (3351) into surplus status as it no longer serves a public or municipal purpose. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. These vehicles will be placed on GovDeals to auction off.

After discussion was made on the purchase of additional police vehicles, Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase the two (2) Tahoe's from River oaks Automotive in Houston, Texas. A 2018 Tahoe, (59,000 miles) for \$26,000, and a 2017 Tahoe (55,000 miles) for \$27,000.00. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Sail Center – We will be hosting the February Municipal Association Dinner with Rep. Matt Simpson as the speaker on February 16, 2023.

Park Dept. – There will be a meeting February 7th with the engineers at the soccer field for the lights.

Fire Dept. – Chief Moyer stated that he is resigning as chief but will remain as a volunteer. He thanked the mayor and council for making sure that he had the necessary equipment. He wanted to let the council and mayor know that his crew did an outstanding job in saving a house from a fire located on highway 43. Chief Moyer stated that there were grants for hiring firemen that helped pay the salaries.

Mr. Howell and Mr. Hadaway were going to make a trip to Orange Beach and check out the jaws of life they were willing to give Creola.

Public Works Department – Mr. Wayne cleaned up Crenshaw Park and the park dugout has had benches installed.

Building Inspection Department – The building inspector, David Moss, would like to attend the 2023 Alabama Training Building Instructors Class

Zoning Board – Zoning and Planning is working on the ordinance to fine tune it so that it can be presented to the council for approval.

Item #8 - New Business-


- a. **2022 City Audit** – Mr. Don Wallace presented the annual 2022 audit to the city. Mr. Wallace stated that the city was very sound financially and that everyone was doing a great job in managing the money.
- b. **APCO Utilities** – Alabama Power is scheduled to add power to the veteran’s memorial park on February 21, 2023.
- c. **Fire Chief Moyer Resignation** – Chief Moyer is resigning from the fire chief position but will continue to volunteer in the fire department. He stated that he wanted to devote more time to his family. He will help the incoming chief for a smooth transition.
- d. **Full Time Fire Chief Position** – Mayor Nelson wanted the council to consider adding a full-time position for a fire chief. He will add this to the next agenda for consideration.
- e. **Paving Project** – Mayor Nelson stated that we had approximately \$40,000 of paving money in the street accounts. Mr. Howell made a motion to approve repairing a section of Lister Dairy Road, Lister Lane, and pave Nelson Woods. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Mr. Hadaway - Yes; Mr. Chambless – Absent; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Yes; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Abstain. Motion passed.
- f. **Building Inspector School** – Mr. Howell made a motion to send David Moss, building inspector, to building inspectors school April 27, 2023. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- g. **Municipal Dinner February 16, 2023** – The City of Creola will be hosting the Municipal Association Dinner on February 16, 2023 at the SAIL Center. Naman’s will be catering the event.
- h. **Lights for 2 New 2023 Police Tahoe’s** – Two quotes were received for this lighting. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to accept the CES Team One quote for outfitting the Tahoe’s at a cost of \$18,848.92, provided they were on the state bid list. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

After discussing this with Attorney Mims, this project will be put out for bid out if Team One is not on the state bid list.


Item #9 - Citizens to Address Council –

Item #10 - Mayors Comments – Mayor Nelson stated that Ms. Brown was talking to her CPA about selling the property that we lease from her located at the street department. She will get with us at a later date. Foosackleys will be meeting with Creola in the near future for a possible restaurant.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



 Don Nelson
 Mayor



 Marcy Brown
 City Clerk