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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2024
Creola City Hall
Meeting 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 James Brown. 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, Kendal Hadaway, Harold Parmar, and Mayor Nelson. Council members Cody Chambliss and Wendy Lynch were absent. City Attorney Danny Mims was also present.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the March 14, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Mr. Parmar made a motion to accept the minutes of March 14, 2024; Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

The bills were discussed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the bill list for March 27, 2024, as presented. Mr. Parmar seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

The financials were discussed. If anyone would like to see the reports, they are welcome to stop by the city hall. Bank balances were presented. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the financials as presented for March 27, 2024. Mr. Parmar seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.- Chief Stringer stated that the click it or tick it grant was going well. We had an officer that lost a body camera, and it will cost \$6500 to replace and that we were looking at a grant to replace it.

Fire Dept. – Chief Stanley stated that he has completed 12 safety meetings and new employee’s orientation meetings. The state bid list has a Ford F250 4WD gas truck, but a diesel is desired. The cost is \$48,700 with an additional \$9,300 for a diesel. The cost would be approximately \$70,000 for a Ford diesel. Chie Stanley also stated that two (2) air packs are needed at a cost of \$3625 each plus four (4) cylinders for \$4,000.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase two (2) air packs are needed at a cost of \$3625 each plus four (4) cylinders for \$\$4,000. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Park Dept. – The lights have been installed and a groundbreaking ceremony went well. The park lights will be monitored o see how it will affect the power bill.

SAIL Center Dept – No report given.

Building Inspector – Mr. Moss commented about allowing Avenu to cross reference and find the property owners that are avoiding paying the rental fee.

Mr. Howell made a motion to allow David Moss and Marcy Brown to check on the rental property information with Avenue. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Zoning Board. Waiting for the new Zoning book to be printed by SARPC. The next meeting will be March 16, 2024.

Public Works Department –. Mr. Sellberg stated that he was busy keeping the trash picked up and mowing season had begun. All is going well.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **Sutton Property –** The Sutton property located across the road from the police department is for sale. Mayor Nelson is working on a price to purchase.
- b. **Police Department Roof –** Mr. M.L. Eubanks will repair the roof of the police department for a cost of \$8,000.
Mr. Howell made a motion to have the roof repaired on the police department building with Elastomeric coating for a cost of \$8,000.00 Mr. Chambless seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- c. **4th of July Planning –** The planning is going well, and Coca Cola will be contacted next week to see if the event trailer would be available for our use.
- d. **Delegate Position –** Mr. Hadaway made a motion to appoint Mr. Howell as Delegate #1 and Mr. Parmer Delegate #2 at the Alabama League convention being held in Huntsville in May. Mayor Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- e. **Jack's Family Restaurant** – Mayor Nelson stated that ALDOT has approved the plan for the turning lane and that the closing for the property would be in the next week or so.
- f. **Gazebo Lighting** – Information is being gathered on the cost of lighting the Veterans Park.
- g. **Creola Cemetery** – Mayor Nelson has been talking with University of South Alabama regarding acquiring one acre for the cemetery.

Item #9 Mayor comments

Mayor Nelson stated that the soccer dedication went well, and Fox 10 was there and did a wonderful job in their coverage of the event. The clean-up day was a successful event and about 20 large bags of trash were picked up. Mayor Nelson also stated that the GOMESA grant had been submitted. Alabama Power was studying the lighting at Magnolia Court and Oak Lawn.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk