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**CITY OF CREOLA**  
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**MAYOR**  
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*Kendal Hadaway*  
*Cody Chambless*  
*Wendy Lynch*  
*Harold Parmer*  
*Mark Howell*

**MAGISTRATES**  
*Linda Hoiles*  
*Christie Bryant*

**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 11, 2024**  
**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 p.m. Present at the meeting were Kendal Hadaway, Wendy Lynch, Harold Parmer, Mark Howell, and Mayor Don Nelson.

Items that were discussed were:

- a. GOMESA
- b. Asphalt Rock
- c. Council Member Replacement
- d. Building Inspector Computer
- e. Sutton Property Clearing
- f. Banners
- g. Veterans Memorial Design
- h. Bridge Inspection
- i. Dispatcher School
- j. North Mobile School Breakfast

The meeting was adjourned 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 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, Harold Parmar, Kendal Hadaway, Wendy Lynch, and Mayor Nelson. City Attorney Danny Mims was also present.

**Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –**

The minutes of the June 27, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2024; Mr. Parmer 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 July 11, 2024, as presented. Mr. Hadaway 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. Parmer made a motion to accept the financials as presented for July 11, 2024. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Item #7 - Departmental Reports –**

**Police Dept.-** Chief Stringer informed the council that there was a shooting incident on Highway 43 but no fatalities. An officer was injured in a car chase but is fine. Chief Stringer also informed the mayor and council that he would like to have all the dispatchers trained.

Mr. Howell made a motion to send Christina McGee to 911 training and have her train the staff when she returns. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Fire Dept. –** Mr. Hadaway stated that the ladder truck is down but all else is going well.

**Park Dept. –** No report given.

**SAIL Center Dept –** No report given.

**Building Inspector –** Mr. Moss stated that the Zoning Board meeting was on Tuesday. Jacks has announced that the grand opening would be October 15, 2024. Two new houses are being built in our community.

**Zoning Board –** Nothing to report.

**Public Works Department –** The street department is working hard keeping the grass cut and ditches cleaned out. The limbs on Sheffield will be trimmed by Alabama Power. The Public Works Department needs asphalt to fill in the potholes.

**Item #8-New Business-**

- a. **Council Member Replacement –** At the June 27, 2024, meeting, Mayor Nelson declared the council seat for Place #2 vacant and asked for names to be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to open the floor to nominate names for the vacant council seat. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to nominate James Brown to fill the vacant position for Place #2. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion.

After no other names were brought forth, Mr. Parmer made a motion to close the floor for nominations. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Roll call vote to place Mr. James Brown as council member for Place #2.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Hadaway – Yes; Mrs. Lynch – Yes; Mr. Parmer – Yes; Mr. Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. Motion was carried 5-0.

After the appointment, a discussion was made on replacing Mr. Brown on the Zoning Board, as he filled a citizen spot. A citizen, Shasta Godwin, expressed interest in joining the board. Discussion will be held at a later date.

- b. **Asphalt Rock** – Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase a pallet of the Rock Asphalt at a cost of \$1302. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried...
- c. **Gazebo Lights** – Mr. Moss and some of the Public Works Department employees got the lights installed at the park saving us lots of money.
- d. **Building Inspector Computer** – Mr. Parmer made a motion to replace the computer in David Moss office with a new desktop. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- e. **Sutton Property Clearing** – Mr. Howell made a motion to approve spending \$5,000 for the clearing of the newly purchased Sutton Property. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- f. **Banners** – Mrs. Lynch made a motion to purchase 10 banners for the street poles (5 red and 5 navy). Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- g. **Breakfast for the North Mobile County School** – Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase breakfast consisting of 2-3 large pans of breakfast gumbo, drinks, plates, utensils, and biscuits for the staff at North Mobile County School. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- h. **County Equipment** – Mobile County Commission is going to bring their equipment and help cut the ditches beginning the weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- i. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Planning** – The event went well, and Mayor Nelson would like to have a meeting to thank all that helped and begin planning for the next year.
- j. **Bridge Inspection** – The bridge (BIN 015369) Hall Branch Road over Hall Branch is due for an inspection in September 2024. Mr. Howell made a motion to spend \$2,800 to Safe Span for the inspection. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

#### Item #9 Mayor comments

Mayor Nelson stated that we did not get the \$10 million GOMESA grant we applied for but instead, they are giving the city \$1 million for recreation use only. Discussion was made on how to spend the money and ideas was for police and fire facilities, water system improvement, splash pad, tennis court, and pickle ball. Mayor Nelson stated that he would contact the grant agency for guidance and let the council know.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



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Don Nelson  
Mayor



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Marcy Brown  
City Clerk