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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 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 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 Mark Howell, Harold Parmar, Wendy Lynch, James Brown, Kendal Hadaway, and Mayor Nelson. City Attorney Danny Mims was absent, but Teresa Williams filled in for him.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the August 22, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Mr. Parmer made a motion to accept the minutes of August 22, 2024. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

The bills were discussed. Mr. Parmer made a motion to accept the bill list for September 26, 2024, as presented. Mrs. Lynch 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 August 22, 2024. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.- Mr. Parmer stated that the motor on one of the Tahoe's that had been replaced is bad but still under warranty and will be replaced.

Fire Dept. – Quotes are being gathered for the lights on the brush truck. Gulf Coast R C & D has awarded the fire department a grant of \$15,000. DH Grants is working on a \$39,000 Firehouse Sub Grant. The fire department will be attending a fire prevention safety program for the K-2nd grades on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, to pass out literature and information. This will be at the North Mobile School.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to allow Stanley Walker to clean the air ducts for the FD at a cost of \$400. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Park Dept. – Mr. Howell had a ball team that wanted to use the fields and lights without having to pay for the use of them. After a discussion, it was decided that they would have to pay to use the lights.

SAIL Center Dept – No Report Given.

Building Inspector – Superior Air Parts will be breaking ground next week on their new facility. Jack's will be open by the end of October 2024.

Zoning Board – No Report Given.

Public Works Department – Mr. Parmer stated that one of the public works department mowers had a drive/pulley not working and once it was repaired it would be in use again.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **Empire Trucking Application** –Mr. Parmer made a motion to open a charge account with Empire Trucking for the Fire Department. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- b. **Survey City Hall Property Management** - – After discussing the property lines where the Veterans Park Memorial will be, Mr. Parmer and Mayor Nelson decided to meet with the owner next door and see if they could locate the property markers. If this doesn't work, they will proceed with hiring a survey company.
- c. **McDuffie Sanitation** – McDuffie Sanitation and Waste Pro both attended the meeting. Kenneth Haven stated that he just wanted a chance to bid on the garbage and debris pickup for the city. Waste Pro stated that they would like to extend the current contract for an addition of 69 cents per month. Mr. Parmer made a motion to accept the extension of the Waste Pro contract but there wasn't a second to the motion and the mayor and the rest of the council stated that they would decide at the next meeting.
- d. **Fire School** – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to send Jacob Purl to fire training school in Dadeville and for the city to pay for the hotel room. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- e. **Veterans Memorial Headstone Quote** – We received one quote for the slab that the memorial will be placed on, but Council Member Howell stated that he had a few people that he wanted to reach out to and get a few more quotes.

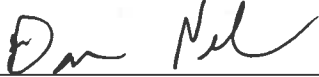
- f. **2024-2024 Budget** – Discussion was made on the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget and a few changes were made for the police and fire. The new budget will be presented to the council at the next meeting.
- g. **Mold Testing at Police Department** – There has been an issue with the air quality at the police department and Mr. Parmer made a motion to get an estimate on having the buildings at the police department and fire department evaluated. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- h. **Police Instructional School** – Mr. Howell made a motion to send Officer Waite to firearms training school. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- i. **Christmas Party** – Mrs. Lynch made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 for the community Christmas party. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #9 Mayor Comments

Mayor Nelson asked Attorney Teresa Williams about House Bill 363 and was informed that it was about charter schools and how they could affect our community.

Mrs. Lynch and Marcy Brown will be judging the Halloween contest at the North Mobile County school on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Mayor Nelson instructed the city clerk to order a few no outlet/dead end street signs.

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 7:01 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk