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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2025
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 Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, Kendal Hadaway, James Brown, and Mayor Don Nelson. Items that were discussed were:

- a.** Tree removal
- b.** Avenu Services Agreement
- c.** Safe Span – bridge inspections (\$10,000)
- d.** Jack's sales tax (\$6,000 - \$7,000) a month
- e.** Duct work complete.
- f.** Sheet rock finishing this week.
- g.** Paved South Creola Blvd and Threadgill
- h.** Bid on Hurst to be opened March 5
- i.** Street Department Truck
- j.** Municipal Dinner February 20, 2025

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 Mr. Bill Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nelson.

Rollcall was taken by City Clerk Marcy Brown. Present at the meeting were Mark Howell, Harold Parmar, James Brown, Kendal Hadaway, and Mayor Nelson. Council member Wendy Lynch was absent. City Attorney Danny Mims was present.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the January 23, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of January 23, 2025. Mr. Parmar seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

The coach from Satsuma, Wesley Vickers, requested that Creola allow him to rent the fields for practice from February 13 through March 7. There will be different teams each day and he will call on Friday to reserve the next week.

Mr. Howell made a motion to allow Coach Vickers to reserve the ball fields from February 13 – March 7 with him calling on Friday of each week to reserve the following week. Mr. Parmar seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

The bills were discussed. Mr. Parmar made a motion to accept the bill list for February 13, 2025, as presented. Mr. Brown 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. Brown made a motion to accept the financials as presented for February 13, 2025. Mr. Parmar seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.- Mr. Parmar stated that the 2018 Explorer is not working. He found a local shop that can repair it for approximately \$2500. Mr. Parmar made a motion to have the heater repaired in the 2018 Explorer. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Fire Dept. – Chief Moye stated that the Tower Truck will be going into the shop February 28 to get a cable issue corrected. ISO is scheduled to be here March 28. CPR Classes will be March 19 and March 25 with 20 people per class. They will be working with Citronelle on starting a firefighter one class in April.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the repairs on Engine 1 for \$3,380.50. Mr. Parmar seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Hadaway asked for \$1,000 to build a frame for the brush truck.

Mr. Howell made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to build a frame for the brush truck and the funds will come out of the fire funds. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Hadaway expressed the need to spend \$500 at Gulf Coast Marine for pipe fittings for the fire truck.

Mr. Brown made a motion to allow Mr. Hadaway to use the city credit card and spend up to \$500 on the purchase of fittings for fire trucks. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Hadaway to get another council member to meet with him and the Fire Chief to discuss the position of paid fire chief,

Park Dept. – The Veterans Memorial is in Georgia being engraved, along with the benches.

SAIL Center Dept – Home Depot will be doing the remodeling of the kitchen at the SAIL Center and the stove will be dropped off Tuesday.

Building Inspector – Mr. Moss presented a letter for approval regarding not closing ditches, as per the zoning regulations. The ditches are on the right of way, and they need to be opened for the water to flow.

Zoning Board – Mr. Chambers stated that there would be a lengthy meeting this coming Tuesday. He had a request from the owners of the land where the manufactured homes would be placed to appear and possibly get approval. The plans would be submitted to the fire chief.

Mr. Chambers also stated that we have a 25-year plan for our city as it grows, and we need to stick to that plan. People need to realize that we do not have spot zoning. Other items that will be discussed are:

1. Hasan Almezal -10295 Hwy 43 Suite A- New business, Country Café & BBQ
2. Hasan Almezal 10295 Hwy 43 Suite B- New business, Up N Smoke Vape shop.
3. Howard Hill Jr, wants to clear property for a future business.
4. Ronald Davis- corner of Sheffield and N. Bentley Rd- Barndominium
5. Latasha Sledge- Hardy Dr- Manufactured home
6. Randy Herring- S & M Transportation- 9800 I-65 Service Rd (Filters Now building)- corporate office and warehouse.

Board of Adjustment – No report given.

Public Works Department –. South Creola Blvd and Threadgill were paved, County will be paving Hurst Road.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **Tree Removal** –Three bids were received for the Tree Removal. Caseys Tree Service quoted \$3040 for the removal and stump grinding. Hanco quoted \$2800 plus stump removal for \$200. Blue Water gave a quote of \$2300 and use our equipment and employees.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to hire Hamco to remove the tree and grind the stump at a cost of \$2,800. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- b. **Avenu Agreement** - It is time to renew our three-year agreement with Avenu. Mr. Howell made a motion to renew with Avenu. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- c. **Safe Span Bill** – It is time to have our bridges inspected and Safe Span has agreed to complete this requirement for the cost of \$10,300.00.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the spending of \$10,300 for the bridge inspections. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell stated that the light on Dead Lake Road needed to be looked at and that the oven will be at the SAIL Center on Tuesday.

Mr. Parmer suggested we have the police roof inspected yearly for leaks.

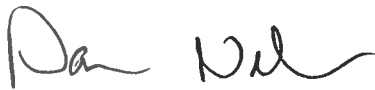
Cal Air can replace the duct work for \$19,000. Mr. Howell made a motion to pay the \$19,000 for the replacement of the duct work at the police station. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

The council and mayor agreed that we use the same company that evaluated the air quality before the repairs were made.

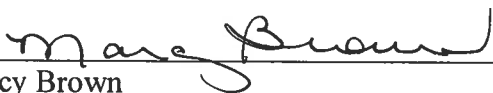
d. Item #9 Mayor Comments

Mayor Nelson gave an update on Jack's Restaurant and stated that their sales were exceeding what they had planned for. The duct work at the PD has been completed and the sheet rock will be finished this week. South Creola Blvd and Threadgill have been paved. The bids on Hurst will be opened March 5. The municipal dinner will be February 20, 2025.

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 7:30 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk