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*Harold Parmer*  
*Mark Howell*

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

**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 12, 2025**  
**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 Mr. Carl Walker. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Don Nelson. Rollcall was taken by City Clerk Marcy Brown. Present at the meeting were Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, James Brown, Wendy Lynch, and Kendal Hadaway, and Mayor Nelson. City Attorney Danny Mims was present.

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

The minutes of the May 22, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of May 22, 2025. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Oliver Preus, from the Neel Shaffer Group, presented the master plan for the new addition to the park which includes a splash pad, pickle ball courts, and tennis courts. The plan is about % complete and should be completed within a month.

**Item #6- Financials/Bill List-**

The bills were discussed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the bill list for June 12, 2025, as presented. Mr. Howell 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 June 12, 2025. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

## **Item #7 - Departmental Reports –**

**Police Dept.-** Chief Stringer stated that he needed printers for the police cruisers.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the purchase of printers for the police cruisers to replace the old worn-out ones not to exceed \$1,000.00. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Fire Dept. –** Mr. Hadaway stated that they needed to purchase six (6) 5 gallons of foam for the fire department. Mr. Hadaway made the motion to purchase six (6) five-gallon pails of foam at a cost of \$858.00. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to purchase fire badges at a cost of \$1,414.00. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

**Park Dept. –** All is going well with the preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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

**Building Inspector –** FEMA plan is almost complete.

**Zoning Board –** Public hearing will be held Tuesday night.

**Board of Adjustment –** No report given.

**Public Works Department –** No report given.

## **Item #8-New Business-**

- a. **Police Vehicle –** After discussing the purchase of a new vehicle for the police department, Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase a new 2026 Tahoe in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to repair the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe but not to exceed spending \$3,000. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- b. **Star Link -** After being without internet and phone for over a week, the council discussed getting an account with Starlink to provide us with a backup internet connection. Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase the equipment with Starlink and set up an account with them. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- c. **Veterans Bench –** After discussion was made regarding the Veterans Memorial Park and how we could continue improving it, Mr. Hadaway made a motion to purchase a bench

to go with the MIA/POW flagpole at a cost of \$1,675.00. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

- d. **Mold in Police Department** – Service Master fee was going to be around \$14,000 to clean the mold from the police building and get it ready to move back in.
- e. **Speaker System** – The city has been using Mr. Hadaway's speaker system for different functions in the city but needs to purchase one. Mr. Hadaway gave some suggestions on a Bose model that is similar to his. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 on a speaker system. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- f. **Lem Byrd** – While on a stop, Arak jumped in front on ongoing traffic causing an individual to hit him cause some minor damage to Mrs. Byrd's car. Mr. Howell made a motion to have the repairs done in the amount of \$1,444 based on them signing a release form prepared by attorney Mr. Mims. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- g. **Cost of Living Raise (COLA)** – June is the month that Creola makes the decision to give a COLA raise and if so, how much. Mayor Nelson made a motion to give all employees across the board a 2.5% cost of living raise. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.
- h. **Command Boards** – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to purchase command boards for the fire department at a cost of \$700.00 with funds coming from the fire funds. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.
- i. **Camera System for City Hall and Veterans Park** – A total system was around \$16,000 and using just 5 and then growing the system was around \$6,000. This item was tabled until we get the actual cost.
- j. **Comcast** – Requesting a letter of support from the city. Mayor Nelson stated that he would send the letter on behalf of the city.

#### **Item #9 Mayor Comments**

After the mayor and council discussed all the reasons for a paid fire chief and all of the pros and cons were given, no decision was made. The mayor asked everyone to think long and hard about this issue so that we can either move forward with hiring a paid chief or come up with another plan.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded it. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



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Don Nelson  
Mayor



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Marcy Brown  
City Clerk