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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 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, James Brown, Wendy Lynch, Kendall Hadaway, and Mayor Don Nelson. Items that were discussed were:

- a. Certification of Election
- b. Resolutions 2025-003 – 2025 - 008 Certifying election with no opposition
- c. Security Camera for Veterans Memorial
- d. 4th of July
- e. Gazebo Flooring
- f. Police Car Ford Explorer
- g. Review Business License Ordinance
- h. Annexation Working Group
- i. Fire Chief Position
- j. Diesel Fuel Tax – Fire Department
- k. Christmas Tree
- l. Williams Fire Apparatus

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. Bil Chambers. 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 June 12, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parmer made a motion to accept the minutes of June 12, 2025. Mr. Brown 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 June 26, 2025, 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. Brown made a motion to accept the financials as presented for June 26, 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 needs vehicles for his department. Two employees are heading to the Mobile Police Academy on Monday, June 30, 2025. There are plumbing issues at the police department that need corrected before moving back in.

Mr. Howell made a motion to allow Herring Plumbing to install 3 new commodes at a cost of \$565 each and to also replace the 2 grinder pumps at a cost of \$5,000. 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 4th of July.

SAIL Center Dept – No report given.

Building Inspector – No report given.

Zoning Board – No report given.

Board of Adjustment – No report given.

Public Works Department – No report given.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **Certification of Election** – As the City of Creola prepared for the Municipal Election, the candidates had no opposition, therefore, all that needed to be done was to certify the election.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to certify the 2025 Municipal Election with the following candidates:

Mayor – Donald Nelson

Place 1 – Diana Lambert

Place 2 – James Brown

Place 3 – Wendy Lynch

Place 4 – Harold Parmer

Place 5 – Mark Howell

Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- b. **Resolution 2025 – 003 Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition Mayor Donald Nelson** - Mr. Hadaway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025 – 003 - Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition, Mayor - Donald Nelson. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- c. **Resolution 2025 – 004 Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition Council Member Place 1 – Diana Lambert** - Mr. Hadaway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025 – 004 - Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition, Council Member Place 1 Diana Lambert. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- d. **Resolution 2025 – 005 Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition Council Member Place 2 – James Brown** - Mr. Hadaway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025 – 005 - Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition, Council Member Place 2 James Brown. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- e. **Resolution 2025 – 006 Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition Council Member Place 3 – Wendy Lynch** - Mr. Hadaway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025 – 005 - Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition, Council Member Place 3 Wendy Lynch. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- f. **Resolution 2025 – 007 Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition Council Member Place 4 – Harold Parmer** - Mr. Hadaway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025 – 007 - Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition, Council Member Place 4 Harold Parmer. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

g. Resolution 2025 – 008 Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition Council Member Place 5 – Mark Howell - Mr. Hadaway made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025 – 005 - Resolution for Each Officer Elected Without Opposition, Council Member Place 5 Mark Howell. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

h. Security Camera for City Hall and Veterans Memorial – – A total security system would cost about \$16,000. However, we can grow the system as we need. Using just 5 cameras at this time to cover the door entrances and veteran's memorial would cost \$5,980.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase the security system at a cost of \$5,980 with the ability to grow it in the future. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

i. 4th of July –Everyone is lined up for the upcoming 4th of July celebration.

j. Gazebo Flooring – Mr. Parmer will have someone come give a quote for putting down a floor covering on the gazebo.

k. Police Ford Explorer – Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase the 2020 Flord Explorer if there was a warranty, spending up to \$29,900, Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase the 2022 Ford Explorer if the 2020 model was no longer available, as long as the warranty was still available. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

l. Christmas Tree - Mrs. Lynch made a motion to purchase a majestic mount pine tree growth from Christmas Designer to grouw the tree from a 14 ft. to a 16 ft at a cost of \$2,577. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

m. William Fire apparatus – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to set up an account with Williams Fire Apparatus for the fire department. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

n. Fire Chief Position – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to hire a full-time fire chief at a cost of \$66,600. Mayor Nelson seconded the motion.

Rollcall Vote: Mark Howell - No, Harold Parmer - No, James Brown - Yes, Wendy Lynch - No, Kendal Hadaway - Yes, Mayor Nelson - Yes. Motion failed due to no majority vote.

After voting, Mr. Parmer said that more needed to be worked out regarding the pay, so until this is done, everything is on hold.

Item #9 Mayor Comments

Discussion is still being made regarding the Fire Chief position. Mayor Nelson wanted the council to think about readdressing the business license ordinance to see if we need to make any changes.

Service Masters completed their work and now we are waiting for an air quality test.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded it. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Don Nelson

Don Nelson
Mayor

Marcy Brown

Marcy Brown
City Clerk