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**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 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, Kendal Hadaway, and Mayor Don Nelson. Items that were discussed were:

- a. 4th of July celebration
- b. Testing for the police building
- c. Diesel Fuel tax 1 to 2 cents for the fire department
- d. Annexation Working Group
- e. Fire chief position update
- f. Election probated
- g. Charlie Moye – August 14
- h. Police Radar
- i. Police Chief School Officer McConnico

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. James Brown. Mayor Don Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Christie Bryant, fill-in clerk. Present at the meeting were Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, James Brown, Kendal Hadaway, and Mayor Nelson. Wendy Lynch was absent. City Attorney Danny Mims was present.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the June 26, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes of June 26, 2025. 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 10, 2025, as presented. Mr. Parmer 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 July 10, 2025. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.- The chief states that they have gotten the new car, and he has the quote for the new radar unit. Officer Ken Thomas wants to attend a free 2-day training course in Bay Minette next month for continuing educational hours. The Chief states that Officer Waites' patrol car's back bumper was torn off. The chief will get a quote to repair.

Discussed the ductwork and return air duct that needs to be done at the police department. Councilmember Howell will get in touch with someone about doing the work.

Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase the 2nd vehicle from Fort Payne, spending up to \$32,000. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Fire Dept. – Chief Moye states they have received all they ordered except 1 helmet shield and 1 fire coverall. The pump test and hose and ladder testing were completed and went great. They also completed the training on the new battery-powered extrication tool. Chief Moye would like the fire account to be reviewed to see what has been charged to the fire account because he does not think the balance of \$4724.90 is correct. The mayor said to check with Marcy.

Park Dept. – No report given

SAIL Center Dept – No report given.

Building Inspector – No report given.

Zoning Board – David Moss states the next meeting will be July 15, 2025. They will be discussing some amendments to the current ordinance and would like the council to attend. Tom Wright, 10655 Ski Chaste Ln, and Duane and Tina O'Field, 255 Dead Lake Rd are scheduled to be on the agenda.

Board of Adjustment – No report given.

Public Works Department – The Mayor states that the side cutter for the street department has stopped working. Mr. Parmer states that Frank Enzor works on this type of equipment. Mr. Parmer states that he does not have a license with the city. The mayor states that he will waive the fee so Mr. Enzor can work on the city equipment. Mr. Parmer states that he will call him to do the work. The mayor states they have been patching holes and cutting grass.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **4th of July celebration** – The 4th of July celebration was a huge success. The mayor thanked everyone who helped, the street department, the ladies with the food, the police, the fire department, all did a great job, and Marcy, who puts her whole heart and soul into it. The mayor states that the start time might be moved back to 6:00 pm next year to help with the temperature.
- b. **Testing for police building** - Chief Stringer stated that he has a mold fogger going in the building and has purchased a couple of gallons of chemicals to use, hoping by next week to do an air quality test in the building.
- c. **Diesel Fuel tax is 1 to 2 cents for the fire department** -Mayor asked Attorney Mims to draft an ordinance to amend the current ordinance from 1 cent to 2 cents to be earmarked for the fire department. Attorney Mims states he will research the state laws and city ordinances and see if it can be done or if there is a limit.
- d. **Annexation Working Group** – The Mayor would like to form an annexation working group to explore expanding the city limits next week.
- e. **Fire Chief position update** – Mayor states that Fire Chief Moye, Councilmember Hadaway, Councilmember Parmer, and Councilmember Howell met with Attorney Mims to change some of the ordinances and/or requirements after the meeting.
- f. **Election probated** – Mayor states that the election has been probated, and the new officials will be sworn in in November.
- g. **Charlie Moye- August 14** – Mayor states to put this date on your calendar.
- h. **Police radar** –Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase a radar for the new car for \$2024.00. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.
- i. **Police Chief School Officer McConnico and Chief Stringer** – Chief Stringer asked for Sgt McConnico and himself to attend a 3-day Chief School training in Gulf Shores on August 3-6th, 2025, cost is \$150.00 each. Mr. Parmer made a motion to send the Chief and Sgt McConnico to the August training. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

j. **Ordinance No. 2025-01- Lodging Tax (repeal Ordinance 2007-001)** – Mayor asked the council to introduce the ordinance, look it over, and be ready to consider it at the next meeting.

Mr. Howell made a motion to introduce ordinance No. 2025-001; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to table ordinance No. 2025-001 till the next meeting. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #9 Mayor Comments


Mayor Nelson states that he has been talking to some local grocery stores (Aldi and Greers) to see what their criteria would be to possibly bring one to the area.

Councilmember Howell would like the bathrooms in the park locked at dusk. The chief states they can start doing the locking at dusk.

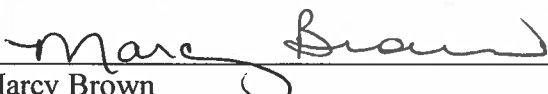
Councilmember Howell states that the Jacksonville police academy with a dormitory with positive feedback. Chief Stringer states that there are 3 different places to use, depending on when they are hired, where they are sent.

Councilmember Parmer would like to have the back door replaced with an insulated door. The mayor asked councilmember Parmer to bring a quote back to the next meeting.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown. seconded it. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk