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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, July 24, 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, James Brown, Kendall Hadaway, Wendy Lynch, and Mayor Don Nelson. Items that were discussed were:

- a. Application for Permit to Develop a Flood Plain
- b. Limbs to be Trimmed
- c. Sidewalk Repair
- d. Gazebo Floor
- e. Council Shirts
- f. Ordinance 2025-001 Lodging Tax
- g. Introduce Ordinance 2025-002 Annex Jenkins Property
- h. Whittington Quote to repair concrete sidewalks and pad for bench

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

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the July 10, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of July 10, 2025. Mr. Howell 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 24, 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 July 24, 2025. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.

- Waiting on Tim's results of the building.
- The new police vehicle is outfitted and working well.
- Still waiting for radars to come in.
- Officer Pits is driving the new vehicle.
- Ty is in the academy and passed the legal part.
- Looking for candidates to replace Tony.
- Considering a police package pickup truck as a potential vehicle.

Fire Dept. –

- The church will allow the use of their parking lot for the Fire Department.
- Planning a retirement party, August 14, for Chief Moye, Jacob and Marcy will handle the event.
- A plaque will be presented.
- Need to finalize details for the event, including food.
- An estimate of around 20 - 25 people from the fire department will attend.
- Need to know who plans on attending from the fire department.
- A message will be sent out to get a head count.

Park Dept. – No report given

SAIL Center Dept – Mrs. Lynch stated that the faucet needs to be installed at the SAIL Center and that the PAKS program is getting underway for providing backpacks for underprivileged children. The cameras in the park were fried, apparently by lightning, affecting the whole system. Cameras at the senior center and the concession stand at the park are not working. An estimate will be gotten for the repairs or replacement of the system.

Building Inspector – No report given.

Zoning Board –

- Meeting on July 31st at 9:30 to discuss recordings.
- Workshop to discuss proposed changes.
- Biscuits from Jack's will be provided for those who attend.

Board of Adjustment –

- One person short on the Board of Adjustments.
- Need two supernumeraries; the council has to appoint them.
- One person is backing off the zoning board and will be appointed to the Tony board.

Public Works Department – Tony Sellberg took a career opportunity and next week will be his last week (August 31).

Item #8-New Business-

- a. Application for Permit to Develop a Flood Plain –** After a discussion with the building inspector, David Moss, He presented an application for Permitting to Develop a Flood Plain that needed to be approved. The zoning board has already approved it. It's an application for permits in a floodplain area, giving a description of work and new structure.

Mr. Howell made a motion to accept the Application for Permit to Develop a Flood Plain. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- b. Limbs to be Trimmed –** An email received about limbs protruding over the street in different areas. Vehicles are hitting limbs in places like Sheffield Circle and Dead Lake Road. Mayor Nelson recommended getting someone with a bucket truck to trim the limbs. Clancy and Gene Graham have done tree work in the past for the city so they will be contacted and asked to give us a quote. We need a day rate for tree trimming services. Call our city clerk, Marcy, to report locations needing trimming. Focus areas include Sheffield Circle (Ms. Brown's corner) and Exit 22 toward the marina. We need to compile a list of locations to maximize efficiency.

- c. Sidewalk Repair -** Mike Whittington provided an estimate to fix the cracked and broken concrete at the Veterans Memorial Park, as well as adding a pad for the new bench. Adding one pad for the bench is \$800 due to the amount of concrete. Two pads can be made, with one for a bench and another on the opposite side for future use, for \$1,000.

Mr. Howell made a motion to let Mike Whittington make repairs at Veteran's Park for \$3,000, including two pads (\$1,000) and five sidewall crack repairs (\$2,000). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- d. Gazebo Floor –** Mr. Parmer had an estimate for \$2,700. Deese Elite had an estimate of \$2,500, which included a lifetime warranty to put a concrete coating on the gazebo floor and repair the crack. Deese Elite also had a more durable poly material compared to hardware store concrete paint.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the estimate of \$2,500 from Deese Elite. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- e. **Council Shirts** – Mrs. Lynch made a motion to all the city clerk to purchase new council/mayor shirts and use red for the color. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- f. **Ordinance 2025-001 Lodging Tax** – Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve the passing of Ordinance 2025-001 Lodging Tax. The lodging tax will increase to 8%. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Kendal Hadaway – Yes; James Brown – Yes; Wendy Lynch – Yes; Harold Parmer – Absent; Mark Howell – Yes; Mayor Nelson – Yes. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- g. **Jenkins Annexation** – Ordinance 2025-002 was introduced to annex the property of Joanne Jenkins into the city limits of Creola. Parcel numbers: 1207-3600-0007-4001 and 1207-3600-0007-4002 consisting of 36 acres. Mr. Hadaway made the motion to introduce the annexation of the Jenkins property. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried and the vote will be carried over to the next council meeting.
- h. **Battlefield Cross** – the City Clerk, Marcy, found a "battlefield cross" statue for the park. It's cast aluminum and would need a base. Richard Bradley recommended a 24 by 18 by 12 base.

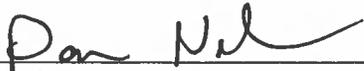
Mr. Howell made a motion to buy the battlefield cross for \$750, not to exceed \$1,200 including the base. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- i. **Breakfast for Teachers at North Mobile Middle School** – Mrs. Lynch made a motion to purchase 2 large pans of breakfast gumbo for the staff at North Mobile Middle School on Salco Road to be served on August 4th. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #9 Mayor Comments

Mayor Nelson states that he is waiting on the estimate for the backhoe repairs and it should be around \$550. Mr. Frank will be picking the backhoe up to give the estimate. Mayor Nelson is also proposing a 2% increase in diesel tax for the fire department. The LCAP meeting will be on Tuesday and Alabama Power will be the host. Mayor Nelson received two bids for air conditioning work on the unit outside of the city hall. Gatlin's and Mobile Air provided bids. The unit is 25 years old. Getting another bid and doing two units could lower the price.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch. seconded it. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk