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**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2025
Creola City Hall
Meeting 6:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Mark Howell at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Mr. James Brown. Mayor Pro Tempore Mark Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Marcy Brown, City Clerk. Present at the meeting were Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, James Brown, Diana Lambert, and Wendy Lynch. Mayor Don Nelson was absent. City Attorney Danny Mimms was present.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of November 13, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of November 13, 2025. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List -

The bills were discussed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the bill list for December 11, 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. Parmer made a motion to accept the financials as presented for December 11, 2025. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept. – Chief Stringer said that deaths and thefts are increasing this time of year. A stolen golf cart was recovered, and the thieves were arrested on multiple charges. Ring cameras helped identify the suspects. The suspects were from Atmore and Bay Minette.

- Car issues are being addressed.
- The first draft of the police building plans from the architects is expected soon. The architect was given room requirements, including jail space. The architect will use cost per square foot to create the draft.

Fire Department – Kendal sent an email about the approval of cups for the fire department. The attorney's opinion was that they couldn't pay for anything that benefited any small group. Mr. Howell was under the impression that they couldn't purchase stuff for their members out of the general fund. The attorney did not say they couldn't give tumblers to volunteer fire department members. Mr. Hadaway stated that the city bought similar cups in the past.

- Mr. Parmer made a motion to let the fire department spend up to \$604 for the tumblers and their Christmas party from the fire fund and was seconded by Mrs. Lynch. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- Mr. Hadaway stated that the city normally pays for the turkey and ham for the Christmas party and they normally spend \$300 on that.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to spend \$300 and allow them to get a turkey and ham. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- The city is required to do the testing on the breathing air compressor for the fire department every year. The cost is \$2,777.10, which includes testing the air compressor, changing the oil and filters, taking an air sample test, and replacing three short, high-pressure hoses and a screen. A motion was made by Mr. Parmer and seconded by Mr. Brown to have the test performed on the breathing apparatus compressor at a cost of \$2,777.10. All in favor and the motion was carried.

SCBA Grant Update

- The city received a grant for new SCBAs (breathing apparatuses). The city met one of the requirements by getting three different quotes from three different vendors. The next step is to accept a quote and move forward. The total cost is \$230,000, with the grant paying \$215,000 and the city paying \$11,000.

Brush Truck Tank

- An invoice for the brush truck tank will be sent soon. The tank has been built and mounted on the truck, and the water piping and power needs to be finished.
 - Two new members are trying to join the fire department. Both the department and city council have to vote on the new members. The fire department is under its 20-man limit. One current member and one prospect are already covered by the

city on workers' comp with the police department. An EMT from PK Safety and SSAB wants to join. Greg Evans with the Creola Police Department also wants to join.

Park Dept. – Mr. Parmer looked at the shed behind the SAIL Center, and it needs to be cleaned out. They now have keys to the shed. A decision needs to be made whether to repair or replace the shed. The new park plans show where they want it moved. The building belongs to the court system and is full of old folding chairs and tablecloths.

SAIL Center Dept – The third faucet has been installed. The kitchen faucet at city hall is constantly dripping.

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Parmer and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to replace the kitchen faucet in the city hall. All in favor and the motion was carried.

The seniors requested games like cornhole. The seniors had thrown away their cornhole and other games. Dana suggested getting prices and input from the senior citizen director and citizens.

- a. A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Parmer allowing them to spend up to \$500 on games for the senior center. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer reported that it costs about \$1,200 to strip, wax the floors, and clean the carpet. The cleaning could be done during the holidays when the center is closed or right before the municipal dinner. Mr. Parmer is trying to schedule the floor cleaning for the weekend before February 20th.

The doors need to be painted again because black flat paint was used. Suggestion was made to wrap the doors with vinyl instead of repainting them. Mr. Parmer notes that wrapping the doors might be expensive.

Municipal Dinner - Naaman's is tentatively booked for the municipal dinner. Council needs to decide if they want someone different and provide an amount. "Mud Bugs" was suggested as an alternative. Mardi Gras is coming up, so they need to decide on a theme. The city clerk will call and inquire about prices and what Mud Bugs can offer.

Building Inspector – No report given.

Zoning Board – No report given.

Board of Adjustment – No report given.

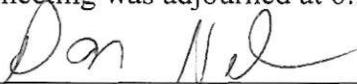
Public Works Dept. – Condolences were extended to Johnny West in the passing of his son, Ryan.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **Ordinance 2025-008 Rules of Procedure for Council Meetings** - Ordinance Number 2025-008 was introduced last meeting and needs a vote. The ordinance concerns council proceeding rules for procedure. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance was approved.
Roll Call: Diana Lambert – Yes; James Brown – Yes; Wendy Lynch – Yes; Mark Howell – Yes; Harold Parmer – Yes; Mayor Don Nelson – Absent. Motion was approved.
- b. **Resolution 2025-004 - Simplified Seller Use Tax Resolution** - Resolution 2025-004 authorizes the City of Creola to protect its interest by intervening as a defendant in the simplified seller use tax (SSUT). A motion was made by Mr. Parmer and seconded by Mr. Brown to enter the Resolution of 2025-004, The resolution ensures the continuation of online sales tax collection.
Roll Call: Diana Lambert – Yes; James Brown – Yes; Wendy Lynch – Yes; Mark Howell – Yes; Harold Parmer – Yes; Mayor Don Nelson – Absent. Motion was approved.
- c. **One Time Pay Increase** - A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to approve the one-time pay increase of \$100 for all employees, including part-time employees. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- d. **Lieutenant Position** - A recommendation was made to table the lieutenant position until the next meeting. A motion to table was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Lynch, All in favor and the motion was carried.
- e. **Board of Adjustment Appointment** - Julius Harvest was named to be appointed to the board of adjustments. A motion was made by Mr. Brown and Mr. Parmer seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Julius Harbison. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- f. **Speed Sign and Street Light** - Four speed signs have been ordered for Hardy Road. A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch to add a streetlight to the corner of Bell and Hall (or at the curve of Bell if the street name is incorrect). A request was previously made for a streetlight near the new subdivision on Bell Road. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #9 Mayor Comments

Mr. Parmer made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded it. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk