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**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 2026
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. Mayor Don Nelson 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, Wendy Lynch, and Mayor Don Nelson. City Attorney Danny Mimms was present.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of February 26, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of February 26, 2026. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List -

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 with \$1,135,907 in all accounts and the General fund: \$947,740. Howell made a motion to accept the financial and bank balances as presented for February 26, 2026. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

The bills were discussed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the bill list for February 26, 2026, as presented. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept. – The chief said there was unusual problems with police cars over the last six to eight months. Trouble with the brakes; a solution is being sought. Suggestion to try L&P for labor, but they must be certified technicians.

Fire Department – Engine #2 is back in service, however, Engine #1 is still in the shop and has been for the last 6-7 months. The fire department needs some equipment that will cost around \$600.

A motion made by Mr. Parmer and seconded by Mr. Howell for the purchase of fire equipment with a cap of up to \$600 and payment will be made out of the Fire Fund. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Park Dept. – No Report given.

SAIL Center Dept – L & P was recommended by Mr. Parmer for axles on the SAIL center vehicle.

Building Inspector – Zoning Board training is coming up on March 26th at OWA from 10:00 – 4:00. Council members, the zoning board, and the Board of Adjustment are welcome to attend. A head count is needed to determine the cost.

Zoning Board – The zoning board discussed an RV storage facility proposal.

- The main issue is the lack of sales tax revenue from an RV storage facility compared to a store or gas station.
- The planning board has reclassified these storage facilities as industrial manufacturing (IM) in the last two years.
- To approve the facility, the zoning would need to be changed from B1 to IM, which opens the property to any industrial manufacturing use.
- Research is being done to determine who owns the house next door to the old Sutton house.
- Tax records and the deeds say different things.
- Mobile Title or Charter Land Title can be used to determine ownership.

Board of Adjustment – No report given.

Public Works Dept. – The street department is down to two people; looking to hire. Looking to hire someone with a good resume who can operate the bus for kids and seniors. The bus is not being used enough, so the new hire should address this issue, possibly by using it a couple of times a week. The new hire would also need to keep the bus battery charged.

Item #8-New Business-

- a. **City Maintenance Acceptance – Hurst Drive** – A motion was made by Mr. Parmer to accept the maintenance of Hurst Drive. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. –

Roll Call: Council member Lambert: Yes; Council member Brown: Yes; Council member Lynch: Yes; Council member Palmer: Yes; Council member Howell: Yes; Mayor Nelson: Yes; Motion was passed.

- b. **Resolution 2026-004 Retirement Resolution** – Tabled until further review.
- c. **Zoning Training at OWA March 26** – All interested in attending this event needs to let the city clerk know.
- d. **Title Search Sutton Property** - A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Parmer to allow Mayor Nelson to do a property survey on the Sutton property. All in favor and the motion was carried.
- e. **4th July Celebration** - A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Parmer to spend up to \$5,000 on fireworks, provided that if we get the grant of \$2,500, we apply it towards the purchase of fireworks. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Lynch made a motion to spend \$1500 on snow cones (for the 4th of July) from Kona Ice. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- f. **Rescue Equipment for Vehicle Extrication** -
- g. **Media Com Contract** - A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Parmer to introduce the Ordinance relating to the Media Com contract.

Roll Call: Council member Lambert: Yes; Council member Brown: Yes; Council member Lynch: Yes; Council member Palmer: Yes; Council member Howell: Yes; Mayor Nelson: Yes; Motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 2026 - 001 relating to the Media Com contract.

Roll Call: Council member Lambert: Yes; Council member Brown: Yes; Council member Lynch: Yes; Council member Palmer: Yes; Council member Howell: Yes; Mayor Nelson: Yes; Motion was passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Parmer to approve the nonexclusive Media Com contract.

Roll Call: Council member Lambert: Yes; Council member Brown: Yes; Council member Lynch: Yes; Council member Palmer: Yes; Council member Howell: Yes; Mayor Nelson: Yes; Motion was passed.

- h. **Kingdom of Wonder Circus** – A circus called "Kingdom of Wonder" is proposed to come to town on March 14th and 15th. The circus offers free entertainment, including acrobats, jokes, and clowns, and makes money by selling concessions. The city would only need to provide a venue, with the circus covering all other. Mr. Howell made a motion to allow the circus to be set up in the Creola park with approval, being contingent upon proof of liability insurance. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

- i. **Connection Church Request** - Connection Church on Shelton Beach Road in Saraland wants to use the pavilion. The fee for using the pavilion is \$50, plus a \$100 refundable deposit, totaling \$150. The church wants to offer free hot dogs, drinks, snacks, a bouncy slide, and crafts.

Mr. Howell made a motion to waive the fee for Connection Church to provide a free event for the community. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

- j. **Payment for David's Fuel**– David will do more box blade work on the disc golf course and will donate his time and fuel. Dirt will need to be hauled in to fill low spots. • Mr. McGuire will be there February 27, 2026, between 8 and 9 to lay out the disc golf course on the 12 acres.

A motion was made by Mr. Parmer and seconded by Mr. Brown to cover the cost of David's fuel. All in favor and the motion was carried.

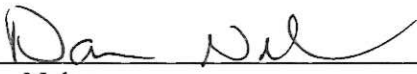
- k. **SARPC Convention** - A motion was made by Mr. Howell to allow David Moss to attend the SARPC Convention in Fairhope at the Grand Hotel. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #9 Mayor Comments


The council is discussing the need for an ordinance to address dilapidated properties, including manufactured homes. Attorney Danny Mims is tasked with researching an ordinance for demolition. Mrs. Lynch is trying to help with a specific house. There's a need to find out who owns these properties, especially those that are currently unoccupied. Citronelle has given us their ordinance that the council is reviewing as a potential model. The goal is to "dot all the I's and cross your T's" to ensure any ordinance can withstand legal challenges. Herman is out of town, so a discussion about flashing lights will be postponed.

The contract awarding for the pickleball courts will take place on March 27th at 2:00 PM at City Hall. This is the bid opening.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Howell seconded it. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk