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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2026
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 Diana Lambert, James Brown, Wendy Lynch, Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, and Mayor Don Nelson.

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 Mayor Don Nelson. Mayor Don Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Marcy Brown, City clerk. Present at the meeting were Diana Lambert, James Brown, Wendy Lynch, Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, and Mayor Don Nelson. City Attorney Danny Mims was present.

The mayor asked if anyone wanted to address the council. A citizen who lives on Hardy Dr. is concerned about how fast people are driving and asked if some speed bumps could be installed. The mayor asked attorney Mims if there was any liability with speed bumps. Mims directed the council and the mayor back to the city engineer to design something that would work. The mayor asked Councilman Parmer to contact Frank and see what he can do or provide direction. The mayor states that they hope to have an answer by the next meeting.

A citizen asked about streetlights and putting them in the needed areas. Councilman Howell and Councilman Parmer check out areas at night and add where needed, especially in curves and intersections.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the April 23, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of April 23, 2026. Mrs. Lynch 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 May 14, 2026, as presented. Mr. Howell 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. Howell made a motion to accept the financials as presented for May 14, 2026. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.- No report given

Fire Dept. –

Chief Purl states that the department is a county-wide mutual aid group, which is why they travel all over to help.

Chief Purl states that all AED pads that were out of date have been replaced in the city.

Chief Purl requests approval for the annual pump test on three engines and a ladder truck for \$1,340.00 from the general fund on May 28, 2026.

Mr. Howell made a motion to have the yearly pump test completed on 3 engines and the ladder truck for a total of \$1,340.00. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Purl states that the electric ladder rack on engine one (1) has been out for six months and can be repaired for \$314.95.

Mr. Brown made a motion to repair the latch on the ladder truck for \$314.95. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Purl states the department needs to order class B uniforms. The money cannot come out of Lemoyne Water Funds.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to purchase 10 sets of class B uniforms for \$1,838.00 out of the fire funds. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Park Dept. – Chief Purl states that Major Holt recommended the purchase of pediatric AED pads and a Life-Vac travel kit (which is intended to help dislodge objects from children's throats in emergencies) for the park and soccer fields.

Mr. Howell made a motion to purchase pediatric AED pads and a Life-Vac travel kit for the park and soccer fields for \$411.00. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Chief Purl said he has Chief training in Anniston, AL, from June 14th to July 28th for a total cost of \$5,910.80 plus meals and taxes. The mayor asked for more research, possible cheaper place to stay, and to get back with the council.

SAIL Center Dept – No report given

Building Inspector – No report given.

Zoning Board – Zoning Board meeting cancelled due to no business on the agenda and an election taking place in the SAIL Center building.

Board of Adjustment – No report given.

Public Works Department – The mayor states that the street department has been cutting grass and has fixed a leak at the SAIL Center.

Item #8-New Business-

a. Demo ordinance – Ordinance 2026-002

The mayor recommends putting this ordinance on the table and voting on it at the next meeting. It will give the building inspector another tool to use.

Mr. Brown made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-002 concerning the unsafe structures and dangerous buildings. Mrs. Lambert seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer made a motion to table Ordinance 2026-002. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

b. GOMESA grants -

Marcy has been working on grants, one (1) is for the courtroom for a million dollars, and one (1) is for the stormwater for 1.5 million dollars.

c. SCBA- FEMA, Chief Purl

Chief Jacob Purl asked where the city stood with the FEMA SCBA grant in the amount of for \$218,000.00

There was a discussion about the potential liability if the city does not pay Sunbelt for delivered products without FEMA funds. The mayor asked if the city could get an agreement with FEMA.

Chief Purl will talk to Sunbelt and bring additional information back to the next meeting.

d. Police Car

Councilman Parmer made a motion to purchase two (2) 2020 Tahoe SUVs from Jackson for \$8,000.00 each. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The mayor states he will tell the Chief to contact Mr. Howell and/or Mr. Parmer when there is an issue with any of the police vehicles before they go to the shop.

The mayor states that the truck needs to be fixed or sold.

e. **4th July celebration-**

Marcy states that the fireworks have been ordered

f. **State of Alabama \$2,500.00 fireworks grant**

Marcy stated that the city received the \$2,500.00 firework grant for America's 250th birthday.

g. **Gulf Coast RC&D grant-**

Marcy has submitted the Gulf Coast RC&D grant requesting \$15,000 for picnic tables, bleachers, light repair, etc.

h. **At Scene Investigation School- Greg Evans**

Mr. Parmer made a motion to send Officer Evans to the training school for investigation from August 31 to September 10th for the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Parmer retracted the motion and tabled it for the next meeting.

Item #9- Old business

a. **Farmers' Market-**

Mr. Howel states there is no new information

b. **Disabled Vets-** Memorial Day lunch for veterans will be at the Sail Center at 12 pm on May 23, 2026. The veterans would like to set up a table around 11 pm to help other veterans who have a need and connect them to resources available.

c. **Gateway Grant-**

Marcy states they need to decide what the sign will look like.

Mayor's Comments

a. **CVFD Mobile County donation \$12,500-**

The mayor states he will check into it and see if it is on the agenda.

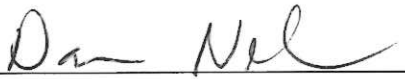
b. **Mayor states next Saturday is the Veterans Memorial event at the SAIL Center**

c. **The mayor states that the pickleball court is being worked on, and if there is excessive funds, he would like to run lighting out there.**

d. **The mayor states that the appraisal has been completed for Gunnison Creek at \$5,100.00, the environmental impact will be around \$1,500.00, and the survey is complete.**

Mr. Brown states that the Alabama Power service organization can help assemble the playground equipment when it comes in for service hours. Mr. Brown states he will set it up when the equipment comes in.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded it. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk