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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2026
Creola Senior Building
Meeting 6:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Creola, Alabama, met in the Creola Senior Building 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 William Chambers. Mayor Don Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Christie Bryant, fill-in 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.

Mayor Nelson asked everyone to keep Marcy Brown, City clerk, in their prayers.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the May 14, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parmer made a motion to accept the minutes of May 14, 2026. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

The May 28, 2026, meeting was canceled.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List -

The bills were discussed. Mr. Howell moved to accept the bill list for June 4, 2026, as presented. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

The financials will be carried to the next meeting.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.- No report given.

Fire Dept. – No report given

Park Dept. – No report given

SAIL Center Dept – No report given.

Building Inspector – No report given.

Zoning Board – No report given.

Board of Adjustment – No report given.

Public Works Department – The mayor states the street department has been working hard. They are short-handed. He will be interviewing this week.

Item #8-New Business-

a. CREAM RD BRIDGE EMERGENCY REPAIRS- RIVERSIDE MATERIALS
Mr. Howell made a motion to approve payment of \$25,000.00 to Riverside Materials for emergency repairs to the Cream Rd bridge, which sustained damage during the storm on May 22, 2026. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

b. PARK UPGRADE STARTED MONDAY-
Mr. Nelson reported that work has begun on the park upgrades. The pickleball and tennis courts are currently in the initial construction phase.

c. CULVERT INSTALLATION PROCEDURE
Mr. Nelson stated that the city no longer performs culvert installation and emphasized the need for a formal procedure. He recommended forming a committee to develop the appropriate guidelines.

d. STREET DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS
Mr. Nelson states that he has three (3) applications and would like to get other council members involved for the interview.

e. STREET BUMPERS VERSUS STOP SIGNS
Mr. Nelson states that he has multiple complaints of excessive speeding on Hardy Drive and using the road as a bypass to Hwy 43. Mr. Nelson and the council are

looking into different options to help the citizens. Mr. Howell also stated that Rio Hondo had the same complaints.

f. POLICE CAR REPAIRS UPDATE – HAROLD PARMER

Mr. Parmer reported that the two (2) Tahoe vehicles recently purchased from Jackson have received new tires. One vehicle has had brakes and rotors replaced, and another has been cleaned. Vehicle lettering has been ordered. He further stated that the 2018 Tahoe was serviced at UJ Chevrolet, where the fan motor was repaired, and air conditioning work was completed, the driver window was serviced, and the broken motor mount was replaced.

Mr. Parmer reported that the 2008 White Ford has been inoperable for a couple of weeks and would only idle. Mr. Parmer put a throttle body on it, and it is back running.

Mr. Parmer stated that the white Chevy Truck, that was donated to the city, requires transmission work and fuel injector replacement. He got an estimate for \$2479.98 at Reliable Auto Care. The vehicle's air conditioner also has a freon leak. Mr. Howell made a motion to have the Chevy Truck transmission and fuel injectors repaired for \$2479.98 at Reliable Auto Care on Celeste Rd. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

g. JULY 4TH UPDATE

Mr. Nelson reported that the fireworks have been picked up, the ice truck and a couple of food trucks are coming. Kendal Hadaway will provide the music. Mr. Parmer said he will talk to the car club about coming. The street department and police department will be working.

h. STREET DEPARTMENT AIR CONDITION -HAROLD PARMER

The mayor states that they have put window units in the office.

The mayor opened the sealed bids.

1. Mobile Heating and A/C, \$10,200.00, labor plus material- 5-ton unit.
2. Mobile heat and A/C of Satsuma, \$10,500.00, 5-year parts warranty, 5-ton unit.
3. Air Bear, \$9,800.00, 10-year warranty parts plus labor, 5-ton unit (Rheem).
4. Gatlin Air, \$11,287.00, 5-year warranty,

The mayor stated to think it over and bring it back to the next meeting.

i. BRUSH TRUCK LIGHTING- JACOB PURL

Chief Purl states that he has a quote to remove the light bar that is lighting up the entire truck. He would like to put in two (2) half bars, move them to outside the truck, and eliminate the problem for the cost of \$1001.00. Chief states that they can sell the full light bar for around \$400.00 or \$500.00 and get some of the money back. Mr. Nelson states that it can be taken out of the fire department fund.

Mr. Howell made a motion to fix the light on the fire truck. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #9- Old business

a. DEMO ORDINANCE – Ordinance 2026-002

The city attorney, Mr. Mims, states that this ordinance is to declare properties unsafe, the city would have authorization to condemn the property after a hearing, the county could assess a lien and impose the cost of tearing down the property.

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

Roll call Vote: Diana Lambert – Yes, James Brown – Yes, Wendy Lynch - Yes, Harold Parmer – Yes, Mark Howell - Yes, Mayor Nelson - Yes. Motion Passed with majority vote.

b. SCBA- FEMA, Chief Purl

The city attorney, Mr. Mims, states that the fire department has a grant from FEMA for SCBA (Self-contained breathing apparatus) with a cost of around \$200,000.00 to be reimbursed by FEMA. Due to the cost, it falls under the bid law, and we have to have sealed bids turned in. Chief Purl explains the process and dates of the notice and sealed bids. Chief Purl and Mr. Mims state that the city has to match 5% plus an additional \$1,000.00 that the council has already approved.

Mr. Brown made a motion to post a legal notice for bids for the SCBA for the volunteer fire department. Mrs. Lambert seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority vote.

Roll call Vote: Diana Lambert – Yes, James Brown – Yes, Wendy Lynch - Yes, Harold Parmer – Yes, Mark Howell - Yes, Mayor Nelson - Yes. Motion Passed with majority vote.

c. At Scene Investigation School- Greg Evans

Chief Stringer states that he would like to send Officer Evans to this 2-week course and that he still needs to obtain pricing for housing and per diem. He will bring it back to the next meeting.

Mayor's Comments

- a. The call news is asking for Cities to put an ad in the paper for the 250 celebrations.

The mayor opened the floor to public discussion.

The mayor spoke on the history of different areas in Creola flooding in the past. Creola is a low area.

The mayor states that over the past 4 or 5 months, he and the building inspector, David Moss, have been walking ditches for issues and looking at the infrastructure.

Creola has 4 main ditches,

1. Hardy Dr going N to S to Creola Ln.- ditch looks good, going east, it drains into a gum pond (wet spot where nothing grows).

2. Ditch runs by Session's trailer park - land owners state they have no easement. The mayor states that the county has cleaned this one going north.
3. Ditch runs behind the Sessions trailer park to I-65 behind South Bentley and Sheffield.
4. Ditch by city public works, west end of Sheffield Cir, and Lister Dairy, and run into Crenshaw Park.

The mayor states they are looking for easements and are not finding very many from the County. The mayor states he has spoken to Bryan Pipkin with Riverside Material to get an estimate of what it would cost to fix some of these issues.

The mayor is getting information to start a comprehensive plan for the city to move forward.

The mayor states that the street department has been working on the culverts.

The mayor will be calling the county to get the gradall and a dump truck to come in and clean ditches once things dry out.

The mayor states that every March, the Alabama Department of Conservation does a GOMESA (Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act) grant. The council applied for a grant and received three (3) grants within the last few years.

The mayor states there are no standards for installing a new culvert size. We can monitor this through the building department and get approval from the inspector. The mayor states that he would like to get a committee together with the council, citizens, and the city engineer, Wade Burcham, to put some standards in place.

The mayor states that there should not be anyone burning leaves in the ditch.

Ms. Lashaundra Young, from Hardy Dr., is concerned that her property is not draining properly, maybe a ditch issue, and has standing water for weeks, and mosquitoes. The mayor states that once it dries out, he can get the ditch cleaned out.

The mayor gave information on how to contact the Mobile County Health Department for mosquito control, such as spray or tablets.

Leslie Davis /Mike Davis, who lives on Bentley Rd N, states that the wall that Bentley Rd Manufacturer's Home Park put in blocked the natural flow of water by her home.

The mayor states that he has a meeting set up with people from the park. He will look at the ditches in the area.

Kirk Taylor, who lives on Sheffield Cir, said the manufacturing park built up the property and is causing flooding in the area, and the ditches need to be cleaned out. The mayor states that he is bringing the gradall to Sheffield Circle in the next few weeks.

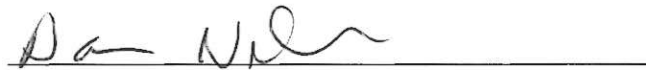
A citizen who lives on Dead Lake Rd and Kenneth Moss states that his yard is still full of water, and he can't get his boat out of the back yard due to the flooding. He says the flooding is getting worse. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Howell state that there are some culverts that are crushed in that area.

Johnny Sexton, who lives behind the park, states that he has 16 ft drainage swells/easements on his property, and it is filled in due to the work at the park.

Megan Duke Ferguson, who lives on Bentley Rd N, invited the mayor over to see pictures and videos of what the water did when the heavy rain came. They do not have ditches in front of their home, and are hoping to have some progress soon to help out with the drainage, especially with all the new homes on Bentley Rd N.

Mr. Sexton asked if the park had a topo, verification that they did what they said they were going to do. Mr. Owen, with the park on Bentley Rd N, states that he has a Topo.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded it. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk