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Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 2026
Creola City Hall
Meeting 6:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Creola, Alabama, met in Creola City Hall at 5:30 p.m. No 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 regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Nelson at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Don Nelson. 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.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

The minutes of the June 11, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2026. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

June 25, 2026, meeting was canceled.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List -

The bills were discussed. Mr. Howell moved to accept the paid bill list for June 12-July 9, 2026, as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried. Mr. Brown moved to accept the vendor aging list for July 9, 2026, as presented. Mr. Howell 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.- Chief Stringer states that they have vehicle issues and are doing the best they can. They have 3 wrecked cars, and two are fixable. Mr. Nelson states that the white Tahoe is at the shop being repaired.

Chief Stringer was asked about overtime and how it works. Chief states that you receive a certain amount that accrues each payday, based on the schedules the personnel board requires. Then they have overtime when officers have vacation or need off, and there is a state traffic grant that the state will reimburse the city for overtime. There was a discussion about overtime for a couple of employees.

Fire Dept. – No report given

5 new apparatus books/Alabama Fire College-tabled

Park Dept. – Don Nelson states that the fireworks cost \$5,000.00, the snow cone truck was \$1,500.00, Marcy got a grant for \$2500.00 for the fireworks, which was included in the \$5000.00. 2 jumpy houses for \$150.00 each. The mayor states that he has heard only compliments about the fireworks and appreciates the council's attendance.

SAIL Center Dept – Mrs. Lynch states that the center is requesting a new refrigerator for the building and would like the tint replaced on the window that was torn when the doors were painted but will table the request until a bank balance has been presented. Dana Douglas with the center would like to purchase some prizes from Amazon for their weekly bingo game.

Mrs. Lynch made a motion for Dana to purchase \$100.00 worth of prizes from Amazon out of the Sail Center account for their weekly Bingo games. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

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 catching up on the grass cutting. The mayor states he will meet them in the morning to look at some culverts. Councilmember Lynch asked the mayor to ask them to cut Halls Branch.

Item #8-New Business-

a. Mobile Civil Service Assessments- FY 2027 -quarterly increase

Gina Daniels, assistant clerk, states this is the city's quarterly assessment that we pay to the Mobile County Personnel Board every month. It is going up to \$ 3,153.88, which will be a \$239.32 increase every quarter.

Mr. Howell made a motion to pay the quarterly assessment to the Mobile County Personnel Board. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

b. Yard of the month- Tabled

c. Coffee & cola with a cop- Oct 7,2026-tabled

d. Firefighter Safety Week- October 4-10,2026-tabled

e. Christmas tree lighting- November 20, 2026

Mrs. Lynch states that she would like to set a date for the Christmas tree lighting. Mrs. Lambert made a motion to do the Christmas Tree lighting on November 20, 2026. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried. Mrs. Lynch has already scheduled a Santa, three (3) Christmas inflatables, and a few other things.

f. Cleaning fee for Sail Center (\$250.00 deposit/cleaning fee)- tabled

A discussion was held concerning the cleaning fee and who could be paid for cleaning the building.

Attorney Danny Mims states that there should be a written policy in place to cover this, and if there is not one, then he does not recommend it.

g. Computer for court at Sail Center

Mr. Howell made a motion for the court to purchase a computer for \$1,134.00 from the Judicial Administrative account. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

h. Sail Center rugs- 2 large, 2 med

Mrs. Lynch made a motion to purchase 2 large rugs for \$56.96 each and 2 medium rugs for \$38.49 each from Amazon, to be charged to the SAIL Center account. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor, and the motion was carried.

Item #9- Old business- no business

Mayor's Comments

The mayor states that around January or February, he and the building inspector, David Moss, have been walking ditches for issues and looking at the infrastructure.

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 this grant.

The mayor states he has rode around with Mr. Pipkin from Riverside to see what it would cost to dig out the ditches.

The mayor states that at the last zoning board meeting, they discussed culverts and ditches. The street department has been cleaning ditches. The mayor states they will pile up the dirt from cleaning out the ditches and will be back to pick it up within a few days.

The mayor states that the city has an engineer working on some guidelines/ procedures for culverts.

Mr. Nelson states that the drainage committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Mr. Nelson states that he would like this committee to meet once a month. Diana Lambert is the chairperson.

Tony Glasscock Sr states that when Hurricane Frederick came, he did not flood, but since the Bentley Rd Manufactured Park has been put in, his property is flooding. Why did they not put two (2) drains down on the property to the ditch and not on other people's property?

Robby Dingman states that he lives on the service road by Ellison Ave. He states that his ditch still has water, mosquitoes, and yellow flies, and he has grandbabies who can't go out. The mayor stated to call the Mobile County Health Department about the spraying of mosquitoes. He asked the mayor to come look at his ditch.

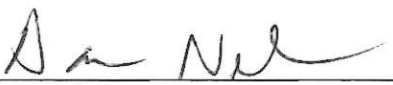
Andy Black states that he has called several times to get the limbs cut on Rio Hondo and Old Hwy 43 that are hanging in the street and hitting the top of his truck and camper. The mayor asked Mr. Howell to contact a Tree Service for a quote.

Kimberly Byrd and Kathy Howell, neighbors who live on Hwy 43, state that she has a deed that has an easement for a ditch on her property that the city is supposed to keep clean. It is messing her driveway up, and she would like it cleaned out. The mayor states he and the engineer will look at it.

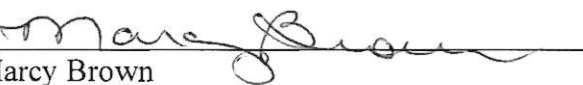
A citizen asked for an update on the paving of Chelginet Lane. Mr. Nelson states that, as of right now, nothing has been done, and the funding is limited. The citizen said that all the residents on the street are willing to sign the 50-foot right-of-way.

Shirley and Lesley Reed live on Dead Lake Road and stated that their property is flooding because the neighbor's property is being raised up to build on, and then the water runs on their property. Mr. Nelson states that they are having to turn it into a floodplain application, and all plans are engineered; the state tells them how high they are allowed to build the property. Ms. Shirley said that she can see that they are trying to address the situation, and she appreciates it.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded it. All in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk