Crossett City Council met in regular session, June 16, 2014 at 6:00pm in the conference room of the Crossett Library.

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Present: Mayor Scott McCormick, City Attorney James Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Walthall

Councilmembers: Robert Wright, Candace Jeffress, Robert Freeman, Valerie Martin, CT Foster, and David Harbour

Absent: None

Mayor McCormick called the meeting to order with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilman Foster, seconded by Councilwoman Jeffress to approve the minutes of the regular

meeting of May 19, 2014. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Councilwoman Jeffress, seconded by Councilwoman Martin to approve the financial statements for May 2014. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

First National Bank of Crossett asking approval of a variance in the ordinance to discharge fireworks over Lucas Pond on July 3, 2014. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Warren Gouner, Secretary/Treasurer for the Airport Commission came before the council to ask for $25,000 operating appropriation. He explained that at the moment the airport is being maintained, but there was nothing extra to spend. By the end of the year, there will be major shortfalls if there is no support from the city. Mayor McCormick explained that the city was on an extremely tight budget and asked if the support could wait until closer to the end of the year. Rusty Atchison, Airport Director, said that they could maintain until then. Mayor McCormick asked the council to wait until the end of the year to appropriate money.

Reverend Harril White of Gates Chapel Church, came before the council to request that the city give the church the alley behind 3rd Avenue, for the expansion of their church. He explained that the plans were to extend very close to the alley and wanted to make sure that they would be within the laws regarding property. The alley would still be accessible to the Street and Sanitation Department and church traffic. Jeff Harrison, Director of Public Works, that the alley was on 40 – 50 yards in length and ended in a dead end. He also explained that there were no utilities located in the alley and that the Sanitation Department were the only to use it. City Attorney James Hamilton said that to vacate the alley to the church, a petition would be required. A motion was made by Councilwoman Jeffress, seconded by Councilman Harbour to move forward with giving the alley to the church. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed. Mayor McCormick suggested that Rev. White and City Attorney Hamilton get together to discuss in further detail.

Motion by Councilman Harbour, seconded by Councilwoman Martin to read resolution R – 2014 – 1. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed. The resolution is to express the willingness of the City of Crossett to utilize state aid street monies for different areas in the city that were deemed the worst in disrepair. A motion by Councilman Wright was made, seconded by Councilman Harbour to adopt Resolution R – 2014 -1. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Jeff Harrison, Public Works Director, brought before the council estimates to build four welcome signs for the entrances into Crossett. The cost of the project would be $7,000.00 for the total of the four signs. Solar lighting would be the most cost effective way to keep them lit. This proposal was brought to the council because of past inquiries from the council and the public.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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Jesse Walthall, Clerk/Treasurer Marshall S. McCormick, Mayor