Crossett city council met in special session December 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Crossett Administration Building.

Present: Mayor Scott McCormick, Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Walthall

 Council Members: Freeman, Rowe, Knight, Foster, Rodgers and

Incumbent Valerie Martin

Absent: City Attorney Hamilton, and Councilwoman Jeffress

Mayor McCormick announced that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed budget for 2017.

Noted changes were made to the previous proposal by adding capital expenses for trucks for street and sanitation department and $50,000 to fund the Crossett Airport.

Councilwoman Rodgers asked if the Crossett Economic Development Foundation would be willing to continue to fund the airport. Councilman Freeman suggested that the contract stipulate that $5,000 per month would be held from economic development tax proceeds to be contributed to the airport. Mayor McCormick spoke to Mike Smith and the Crossett Economic Development Foundation has agreed to continue funding the Crossett Airport for 2017.

Fire Chief Bo Higginbotham informed the council that Curtis Finney has asked to purchase an old ambulance for $2,000 for personal use. Council agrees to allow the transaction.

Councilwoman Rodgers mentioned that there is no appropriation for bucket truck in this budget proposal and asked council to consider leasing a bucket truck as needed. All agree.

Motion by Councilwoman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Knight to have City Attorney Hamilton prepare an ordinance to approve the 2017 budget as presented. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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