Crossett City Council met in regular session August 18, 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 July 21, 2014. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Harbour to approve the financial statements for July 2014. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

In old business, Councilwoman Martin asked the status of Media 3 franchise. Mayor McCormick stated that they have caught up payment of the franchise tax through 2013 and now owe for 2104. Mayor also informed the council that the franchise agreement between the City of Crossett and Media 3 expired in June 2014. Citizens are complaining about the service, but there are no other cable companies interested in taking over the franchise. Councilman Freeman added that without the franchise agreement, there would be no accountability at all and he feels that the contract should be renewed. Councilwoman Martin asked if they had shown interest in renewing the contract. Mayor McCormick asked the council to consider having City Attorney James Hamilton contact the cable company and find out their intentions. Motion by Councilwoman Jeffress, seconded by Councilman Harbour to have Hamilton make contact with Media 3. Voice vote was taken. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor McCormick presented two resolutions to continue the levy of real and property taxes within the city of Crossett. Motion by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin to have City Attorney James Hamilton read proposed Resolution R-2014-2, a resolution to levy 5 mills general property taxes on real and personal property within the City of Crossett to be collected in 2015. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Hamilton read proposed resolution.

Motion by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin to adopt Resolution R-2014-2. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and R-2014-2 was adopted.

Motion by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilwoman Jeffress to have City Attorney Hamilton read proposed Resolution R-2014-3, a resolution to levy 2.4 mills on all personal and real property within the City of Crossett for funding on-going maintenance and operation of the Crossett Library. Roll call vote. All vote yes, and Hamilton read the proposed resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Jeffress, seconded by Councilman Wright to adopt Resolution R-2014-3. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Resolution R-2014-3 was adopted.

Councilman Wright addressed the council with concerns over grass trimmings being blown into the city streets. Mr. Wright stated that although the city has a street sweeper, it is unable to keep up with the amount of cuttings in the street. Mayor asked the media to remind citizens to try to keep the trimmings out of the city streets.

City Attorney Hamilton informed council that the notice of special election concerning changing of council terms would be in the newspaper in September in order to have the issue on the ballot in November.

Councilwoman Jeffress asked the council to consider purchasing banners or flags that can be displayed on poles along Main Street. She added that with city budget concerns this is not possible now, but would like to consider it in the near future.

Mayor McCormick opened the floor to the audience.

Mr. John Mount stated that the Beautification Committee did well for a little while, but he would like to see the island in Lucas Pond be cleaned again. Mayor McCormick said that city crews are planning to keep the island cleaned.

Ms. Sandra Bedford, a new resident to the City of Crossett, asked if there was anything the city could do about low-hanging limbs over city streets. She mentioned that there are some on Adams Street. Mayor McCormick stated that he would have street and sanitation crew check it out.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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