Crossett city council met in special session August 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Crossett Economic Development Building.

Present: Mayor McCormick

Council Members: Foster, Rowe, Knight, Rodgers

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Gulledge, CPA Clark Terrell

Absent: City Attorney James Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer Walthall,

Council Members Marshall and Martin

Mayor McCormick announced that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss financial statements of July, 2017.

Questions pertaining to weather warning system were asked. Mayor McCormick stated there was some extra expense to replace parts and batteries on the system in July. He added that the system is outdated and will need to be replaced soon.

There were additional questions concerning the telephone expense for all departments. The Mayor will request a meeting with a representative from Windstream and department heads to discuss ways to cut down on this expense.

Councilwoman Rodgers noted that police fines are under budget and asked for an explanation. Police Chief Cruce explained that there is a range of fines that can be imposed on all violations. While Judge Hubbell was imposing fines at one end of the spectrum, Judge Harrod often imposes less fine and more other stipulations.

Franchise fees for Media 3 are paid through the 1st quarter 2017. Mayor McCormick requested that a representative be at the July meeting and will ask again for next week.

Crossett Recreation Commission is applying for a grant for upgrade on swimming pool. The grant will require the city to match $250,000. This money can be in city force labor. Cherub Alford stated that she has asked Jeff Harrison, Director of Public Works, to prepare a budget for city contribution. This will be on paper only. The CREST is working on fund raisers to come up with the matching funds. CREST has also been approved for a line of credit for any shortfalls on the fund raising.

Councilwoman Rodgers informed the council that Dr. Hamilton is still working on the feasibility study for the ambulance service.

Councilwoman Rodgers also mentioned that the garbage debris problems are being looked into from several perspectives. More information should be available soon.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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