

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF JANUARY 2006 IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 200 NORTH FIFTH IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS AT 6:00 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: WAYNE MASK, JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, ELOUISE WOOTEN, JACKIE JONES AND BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask opened the meeting. Council member Jones gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Mask recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2005

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2005 Regular Meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Crockett School District has invited all to the groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday at 12 noon.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – The water tanks were low, so the well was brought on line this weekend, Depot project is making good progress, Mr. Robinson will retire end at the end of January; will be advertising for position.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of December 19, 2005 thru January 8, 2006; 15 total manpower, 1 reserve manpower, 1,550 total manpower hours, 40 total reserve manpower hours, 296 total calls, 4 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Paul Biscamp as a full time police officer. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Council member Hall made a motion to approve Bradley Neel as a part time police officer. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of December the following: 23 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO CROCKETT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve Justin Brent, Gabriel Arcibar, Adam Melson, Arlon McKenzie, James Angerstein and Trent Hughes as new members to the Fire Department. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

B) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO CROCKETT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council member Hall made a motion to approve Blake Lamb, Mike Marsh, Chris Gunnels, Billy Albright and George Jansky as officers to the Fire Department. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS REGARDING NOTICE TO BE PROVIDED THE CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS OF A GAS UTILITY STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES; PROVIDING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan stated that this ordinance lays out what is required of a gas utility before any rate increase can go into effect. Council member Hall made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Crockett prescribing regulations regarding notice to be provided the City and its residents of a gas utility statement of intent to increase rates; providing certain procedures for publication of notice of a statement of intent to increase rates; providing that this ordinance is cumulative. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CROCKETT AND TIM GLENDENING & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETAINING CONSULTANTS TO RENDER PROFESSIONAL CITY PLANNING SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – PLANNING/CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve an agreement between the City and Tim Glendening & Associates for the purpose of retaining consultants to render professional city planning services to implement the City's Texas Community Development Program – Planning/Capacity Building Project fund administered by the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CROCKETT AND THE HOUSTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Mr. Duncan commented that the Senior Citizens Center needs the support of the community and that with this agreement the City will be able to make the annual payment of \$2500.00 to the Center. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Crockett and the Houston County Senior Citizens Center. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT ACCEPTING THE INSTALLATION OF CLARIFIER MECHANISM AT THE NORTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDER THE CITY'S TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 723189 WITH THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve a Resolution accepting the installation of clarifier mechanism at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant under the City's Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 723189 with ORCA, and authorizing final payment to the contractor. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT ACCEPTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER PLANT UPGRADE INCLUDING PUMP STATION #2 AND FORCE MAIN IN THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST SECTION OF THE CITY UNDER THE CITY'S TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 723189 WITH THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve a Resolution accepting the construction of Wastewater Plant upgrade including Pump Station #2 and Force Main in the East and Southeast section of the City under the City's Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 723189 with ORCA, and authorizing final payment to the contractor. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Billy Groves – petition brought to council regarding police procedures
Chief Fisher – all complaints against police department must be presented to Chief of Police

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary