

**MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2007
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, NATHAN GARDNER, JACKIE JONES & 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 called the formal session open. Mayor Mask 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 – NOVEMBER 6, 2006

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2006 Regular Meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR –

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Home Program meeting on Thursday at 2:00 PM, two bid packets out; one for North Plant improvements and one for fuel.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of December 18, 2006 thru January 15, 2007; 14 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,179 total manpower hours, 40 total reserve manpower hours, 296 total calls, 9 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Reuben Kimball as a part time officer. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Craig Osaw a full time officer. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve James Putnam as a full time officer. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of December 2006 the following: 30 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Jerry Ham, Russell Baker, Bob Maples and Chris Jimenez as new members to the Fire Department. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Mike Marsh, Chris Gunnels, John Pugh, Billy Albright

and Terry Shirley as officers to the Fire Department. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. PRESENTATION BY DAVID COLLIER, TXU ELECTRIC DELIVERY, ON STATEWIDE DIGITAL METER REPLACEMENTS

Mr. David Collier, Area Manager with TXU Electric, explained to council that TXU is in the completion phase of changing out all meters to an automated meter reading system. These new meters will allow for input billing, will monitor outages and there will be fewer mistakes reading meters.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT #725034, PLANNING AND CAPACITY GRANT, TO REVIEW PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND RECEIVE COMMENTS. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mr. Tim Glendening and Mr. Todd Cave of Glendening & Associates, presented council with specific plans for the City over the next few years. This base plan includes population, housing, water plans and wastewater plans as tools to use over the next twenty years. After discussion, Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUE OF ANY OFF-PREMISES OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS (BILLBOARDS) UNTIL CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS OR APPROVES THE OFF-PREMISES OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE OR UNTIL JUNE 2, 2007, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST

Mr. Duncan stated that this would allow for further review into the ordinance. Council member Hall made a motion to approve a moratorium on the issue of any off-premises outdoor advertising signs (billboards) until City Council considers or approves the off-premises outdoor advertising ordinance or until June 2, 2007, whichever comes first. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 10, GARBAGE AND TRASH, OF THE CROCKETT CODE, ADDING SECTION 10-33, IMPOSING CHARGES FOR OPEN TOP ROLL-OFF CONTAINER RENTAL; ADDING SECTION 10-34, IMPOSING CHARGES FOR DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIAL DELIVERED BY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS; ADDING SECTION 10-35, IMPOSING RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DISPOSAL OF USED VEHICLE TIRES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance states the cost of a roll-off container and adds a usage fee after a week of use; it also allows disposal of residential construction debris for a fee. Council member Hall made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Crockett amending Chapter 10, Garbage and Trash, of the Crockett Code, adding Section 10-33, imposing charges for open top roll-off container rental; adding Section 10-34, imposing charges for disposal of residential construction and demolition material delivered by residential customers; adding Section 10-35, imposing rates for residential disposal of used vehicle tires; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Gardner voted against the motion.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV TO CHAPTER 8, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, OF THE CROCKETT CODE; PROVIDING FOR STORM DAMAGE CONTROL; PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR STORM WATER DETENTION; PROVIDING FOR DRAINAGE PLANS; PROVIDING FOR DISCHARGE POINTS; PROVIDING FOR DRAINAGE CHANNELS AND STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE MEANS FOR STORM WATER RUNOFF TO FLOW AROUND HABITABLE STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR INLET AND OUTLET STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR BRIDGES AND BOX CULVERTS; PROVIDING FOR VALLEY GUTTERS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC EASEMENTS; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00 FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION; PROVIDING A

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan explained this ordinance specifically addresses control of drainage. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve an Ordinance adding Article IV to Chapter 8, flood damage prevention, of the Crockett Code; providing for storm damage control; providing construction specifications; providing for storm water detention; providing for drainage plans; providing for discharge points; providing for drainage channels and structures; providing for adequate means for storm water runoff to flow around habitable structures; providing for inlet and outlet structures; providing for bridges and box culverts; providing for valley gutters; providing for public easements; providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000.00 for each day of violation; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary