

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2005 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, JACK SHIVELEY, DARRELL JONES, ELOUISE WOOTEN, 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. Council member D. 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 6, 2004

Motion was made by Council member D. Jones to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2004 Regular Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council member Wooten. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – No report at this time

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – There is an ordinance in place for parking downtown, two-hour parking signs have been ordered, the Home Program is in the final process of accepting applications and the Depot Museum project will be bid out again in a couple of weeks.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Corporal Ben Gardner reported for the time period of December 17, 2004 thru January 17, 2005; 16 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,450 total manpower hours, 40 total reserve manpower hours, 248 total calls, 6 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of December the following: 17 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

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

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve Chad Riemenschneider as a new member to the Crockett Fire Department. Motion seconded by Council member Wooten. Motion passes 5-0.

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

Motion was made by Council member D. Jones to approve the following officers: Deputy Chief – Blake Lamb, Assistant Chief – Mike Marsh, Rescue Captain – Terry Shirley, Training Captain – Billy Albright and Lieutenant – George Jansky. Motion seconded by Council member Holcomb. Motion passes 5-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM DAVID MCKENDREE FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A PRIVATE CLUB TO BE LOCATED AT 700 E. LOOP 304, A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY, A-423, CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS: CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Michael Osborne with Calvary Baptist Church spoke against the request. Brenda McKnight spoke against the request as well as Reggie Gregory and John Garner. Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley then asked Mr. McKendree several questions; will alcoholic beverages be allowed to be taken from the property? Mr. McKendree answered no. Will beer be served in cans? The answer was that it would be put into a glass. Do you have any reason to believe that the fatality rate around the loop would increase by your restaurant serving alcoholic beverages? Mr. McKendree answered he did not think so; he felt the speed limit needed to drop down. By law, only so many drinks can be served to an individual. Will alcoholic beverages be served only with a meal? Mr. McKendree stated that a customer would have to order a meal to be served an alcoholic beverage. He is not going to open a bar. Council member Holcomb asked Mr. McKendree if he owned the property, his answer was that he was buying the property and he had a lot invested. It is a contractor deed. Mr. Holcomb asked if it was held by the lender or filed in the courthouse. Mr. McKendree answered that it is not filed in the courthouse but with the lender and with Citizens Bank. Mr. Shiveley then asked Corporal Gardner if in his opinion the fatality rate would increase around the loop if this permit were granted; Corporal Gardner responded yes. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

8. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DAVID MCKENDREE FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A PRIVATE CLUB TO BE LOCATED AT 700 E. LOOP 304, A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY, A-423, CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Mask stated that Planning and Zoning had approved this request at an earlier meeting. Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to table this request until further review from Mr. Pemberton on the legality of the property rights and ownership. No second. Motion fails. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the request from David McKendree for a specific use permit for a private club to be located at 700 E. Loop 304. No second. Motion fails. Council member D. Jones asked if the application was complete, Mayor

Mask stated that he understood the application to be in order. We will seek Mr. Pemberton's opinion on this matter. No action on this item at this time.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING TAX TRUST PROPERTIES: SUIT #01-0055, LOTS 269, 271, 273 AND 275, BLOCK 13, CITY OF CROCKETT – ACCT: 5190-00790 AND SUIT #02-0188, LOT 9, PT OF LOT 8, BLK 5, CANNON ADDITION – CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS – 1009 SYCAMORE STREET

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve the bids on the tax trust properties: Suit #01-0055, lots 269, 271, 273 and 275, block 13, City of Crockett – Acct: 5190-00790 and Suit #02-0188, lot 9, pt of lot 8, Blk 5, Cannon Addition – City of Crockett. Motion seconded by Council member Wooten. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT TO CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve the reappointment of James Gentry and the appointment of Patsy Barney to the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 3-2. Council members D. Jones and J. Jones voted against the motion. Council member D. Jones asked if there had been any problems with Mr. Murray on the board, Mayor Mask stated that there were not any problems at all; Mr. Murray has always served his community well and has done an outstanding job. Ms. Barney has real estate experience that will be an asset to the board. Council member J. Jones asked if Mr. Murray could be appointed back on the board in the future; the Mayor answered yes.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve the appointment of Charles Jones as a member to the Board of Adjustments. Motion seconded by Council member J. Jones. Motion passes 5-0.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley – commended the people that came and stayed for the rest of the meeting.

Council member D. Jones – wants a follow-up on Mr. Mckendree's application for a specific use permit

Mayor Mask – presented a plaque of appreciation to Bill Holcomb for his service to the Crockett Economic Development Board of Directors

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST: