

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004 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 REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: WAYNE MASK, JACK SHIVELEY, DARRELL JONES, NATHAN GARDNER, MARGARET BURNETT & CHUCK CUNNINGHAM. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, CORPORAL MICHAEL HARRELL & FIRE CHIEF DARREL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session. 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: - JANUARY 5, 2004 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2004 Regular meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council member Jones. Motion passes 3-0. Council members Gardner and Burnett were not present at this time.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Dr. Simpson, Superintendent of Crockett School District, was present before the meeting for a presentation of a proclamation for Counselors Week. Texas Department of Transportation is in the process of getting ready to re-pave the downtown square in Crockett. The City's goal is to maintain a safe pedestrian area in that area and to make it look as nice as possible. The plan will be available for viewing at City Hall. East Texas Medical Center ambulance services have used an apartment above the fire department but have recently moved to the hospital facility. Roy Langford of ETMC thanked the City and council for allowing them to lease the apartment and all the support. Council members Gardner and Burnett arrived during the Mayor's comments. CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Additional money for paving for Site 2 at Lovers Lane and Rose Street will be the full amount of \$10,323.51 added to project, which brings the project total to \$607,997.76 from HUD with no match for the project. The ac unit at the library was installed and the work is complete. One block of Sixth Street between E. Houston and Goliad will be a one way street effective one week from today. This will add parking spaces to the downtown area and relieve traffic congestion near the post office.

5. PRESENTATION/ACTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Duncan presented Mr. Junior Robertson as a new employee with the water department. Motion was made by Council member Gardner to approve Junior Robertson. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Corporal Michael Harrell reported for the time period of January 12, 2004 thru February 1, 2004 the following; 16 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,180 total manpower hours, 20 total reserve manpower hours, 210 total calls, and 3 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of January the following: 17 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets. Chief Deckard told council that years ago a countywide fundraiser allowed the department to purchase equipment and that with the recent grant new equipment was purchased. The department would now like to donate the old equipment to the Lovelady Volunteer Fire Department and other county departments who could benefit from its use.

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

Motion was made by Council member Burnett to approve Justin Kellum and Gene Kellum as new members to the fire department. Motion seconded by Council member Jones. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDER CALLING THE MAY 15th, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

Motion was made by Council member Cunningham to approve the order calling the May 15, 2004 General Election. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGES: CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mr. Duncan told council that these street name changes would comply with the 911 addressing system and that the new signs should be in place by March 1, 2004. No comments. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE STREET NAME CHANGES FOR CITY OF CROCKETT

Motion was made by Council member Burnett to approve the following street name changes:

<u>Old Name</u>	<u>New Name</u>
W. Grant Street	Ash Street
Pecan Circle	Plum Street
N. Park Street	Northpark Street
N. Ninth Street	Wooley Drive
Unnamed off N. Tenth Street	Monroe Terrace

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS SHORT TERM ASSET RESERVE PROGRAM (TEXSTAR)

Mr. Duncan explained that TEXSTAR is a pool, which the city is authorized under Texas Law to participate in. It is a very safe plan for the city's money and will earn a little more interest on the funds deposited. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the application for participation in TEXSTAR. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion was made by Council member Burnett to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$26,461.57. Motion seconded by Council member Gardner. Motion passes 5-0.

13. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Ms. Maxine Paxton – addressed council with her concerns over drug users and drug dealers in the city and county. She asked council to listen to two inmates from the county jail, Alva Jenkins and Candice Kellum. Council member Burnett invited them to classes held at Prince Hall that deals with this same problem. Ms. Burnett also commended the police department for helping children get home. Council member Jones commented that he appreciated their comments. Mayor Mask thanked them for their courage in coming forward. Council member Gardner commended John Harrell for the work he did on Goliad Avenue and at the Depot.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary

