

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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 REGULAR 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 Kitchen gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Mask recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2006

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006 Special Meeting. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – DETCOG meeting -Thursday February 16, 12:00 Noon - Crockett Inn

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Depot museum is about a month from completion, City will be shredding old documents in the future, shredding will be done on a Saturday, and an inventory record of all records destroyed will be kept, bid packets will go out for a sewer machine.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of January 15 thru February 5, 2006; 16 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,680 total manpower hours, 60 total reserve manpower hours, 305 total calls, 6 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

Chief Fisher then addressed council concerning traffic enforcement on East Loop 304; due to the number of increased accidents and speeding; Chief Fisher told council that the petition that was brought before council at the last meeting has been resolved as far as the legality of the petition was concerned.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of January the following: 20 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

Chief Deckard then addressed council regarding a replacement schedule/forecast of equipment for the fire department. Chief Deckard told council that he has serious concerns about fire suppression in the county.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDER CALLING THE MAY 13, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

Mayor Mask explained early voting has been cut back to seven days and two of those days will be twelve-hour days. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Order calling the May 13, 2006 General Election. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT ADOPTING THE USE OF ACCESSIBLE VOTING EQUIPMENT/SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE

Council member Hall made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the use of accessible voting equipment/system in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE BETWEEN SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION, GERALD BRATZ AND CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE RESTORATION/REHABILITATION OF THE RAILROAD DEPOT

Mr. Duncan explained this change is for minor changes that will allow for the addition of fire alarms and security systems. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the contract change order Number One between Sherrill Construction, Gerald Bratz and the City for the Restoration/Rehabilitation of the Railroad Depot for \$6,780.00. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR DUNCAN TO ADD ROOF REPLACEMENT TO EXISTING CONTRACT WITH SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RESTORATION/REHABILITATION OF THE RAILROAD DEPOT IN ANTICIPATION OF PROJECTED RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL TXDOT FUNDING

Council member Hall made a motion to approve authorizing Mr. Duncan to add roof replacement to existing contract with Sherrill Construction for the Restoration/Rehabilitation of the Railroad Depot in anticipation of projected release of additional TXDOT funding. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. **AWARD BID: PURCHASE OF SEVEN IN CAR MOUNTED VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR THE CROCKETT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Duncan explained that while this expenditure was not forecasted in the budget; the present system, which is a vhs system, are out of date and need to be replaced with a digital system. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the purchase of seven in car mounted video surveillance systems from Watch Guard for \$36,400.00; along with two additional years of extended warranty service for \$4,865.00 for a total purchase price of \$41,265.00. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 134 ADOPTING EDMISTON DRIVE NORTH FROM LOOP 304 AS PART OF THE ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM**

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 134 adopting Edmiston Drive North from Loop 304 as part of the Adopt-a-Street program. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF NORTH SEVENTH STREET AND POLK STREET AS A THREE WAY STOP**

Council member Kitchen told council he had calls with concerns about speeding down this street. Chief Fisher remarked that a study be done before a stop sign is designated in that area. Mayor Mask suggested that this item be tabled until further review. Mr. Charlie Bobbitt addressed council with his concerns as a citizen of the precinct and thinks that a four way stop would be better than a three way stop sign. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to table the item until further review and then be placed on the next council meeting. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Motion tabled; no action.

14. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-5 OF THE CROCKETT CODE, PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CITY BUILDINGS AND IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES AND PUBLIC TRANSIT; PROHIBITING THE USE OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN CITY BUILDINGS AND IN MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED, LEASED OR RENTED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.00 FOR EACH VIOLATION; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR CITY AND PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; PROHIBITING RETALIATION; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending Section 15-5 of the Crockett Code, prohibiting smoking in city buildings and in enclosed public places and public transit; prohibiting the use of smokeless tobacco products in city buildings and in motor vehicles owned, leased or rented by the city; providing a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation; providing a penalty; providing for city and private enforcement of the ordinance; prohibiting retaliation; containing a severability clause. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV. CODE 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSIDER THE POSITION OF SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV. CODE 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS.
CONSIDER THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mayor Mask stated that council would convene into Executive Session according to Gov. Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters – Consider the position of Solid Waste Director. No consideration of Public Works Director. Time was 7:27 PM

17. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION IF ANY ON ITEM NO. 15 AND ITEM NO. 16

Council reconvened into open session at 7:38 P.M. Council member Wooten made a motion to approve Mike Cleghorn as Solid Waste Director. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

18. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Judge Mo Amjad – reported on the success of the Amnesty Program for 2005. Thanked Chief Fisher for his help with this program, and with his help, the program would be up again this year.

19. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary