

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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 REGULAR 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 J. Jones 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 18, 2005

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2005 Special Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council member Wooten. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – No report at this time

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - RFP'S for the residential property the city owns will be opened on February 16, 2004, two hour parking signs have been ordered, force main project is near completion, pampas grass will be planted around the railroad underpass.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Fisher reported for the time period of January 19 thru February 6, 2005; 16 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,560 total manpower hours, 30 total reserve manpower hours, 305 total calls, 7 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets. Chief Fisher stated that he has hired a part time officer for the downtown area.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of January the following: 16 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

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. The following citizens spoke against the request: Michael Osborne, representing Calvary Baptist Church, B. McKnight, Emmanuel, B. Harris, W. Spence, R. Gregory, C. Brown; Mr. Brown presented a letter signed by Thomas Hall, owner of Tex-Fin, also objecting to the permit, J. Garner and M. Gardner also spoke against the permit. Mr. Tim Culp then presented council with the specific reasons for P & Z granting this permit. Council member Holcomb then spoke regarding the wet/dry elections in the past and spoke regarding the issues about granting the permit. After several more comments, 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 then asked council for a motion on this request. Council member D. Jones told council that as a former city judge, as well as Ms. Wooten, you have to be fairly consistent, that's what I have always believed. Reflecting on the city charter it talks about the 20% rule, at first, they did not have it but tonight it was presented to council. 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. Motion seconded by Council member Holcomb. Motion fails 2-3. Council members D. Jones, Wooten and J. Jones voted against the motion. Request denied.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDER CALLING THE MAY 7, 2005 GENERAL ELECTION

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve the order calling the May 7, 2005 General Election. Motion seconded by Council member Wooten. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 14-167 TO THE CROCKETT CODE; PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF TRUCKS WITH A RATED CAPACITY OF ONE AND ONE-HALF (1-1/2) TONS OR MORE, TRUCK TRACTORS, SEMI-TRAILERS AND POLE TRAILERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN DISTRICTS ZONED AR, R-1, R-2, R-3 AND C-1 WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) HOURS IN ANY TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOUR PERIOD; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200.00 FOR EACH VIOLATION; ADDING SUBSECTION (A) (12) TO SECTION 14-6 OF THE CROCKETT CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE

City Administrator Duncan explained that this ordinance would prohibit parking by big trucks on City streets in residential areas. This empowers the police department to ticket those trucks that are parked in residential areas. It does not prohibit parking within the commercial district. Mr. Eric Grossman, as an owner/operator driver, spoke in opposition to this ordinance. Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve the ordinance prohibiting the parking of trucks with a rated capacity of one and one-half (1-1/2) tons or more, truck tractors, semi-trailers and pole trailers on private property in districts zoned AR, R-1, R-2, R-3 and C-1 within the city limits for more than two (2) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period. Motion seconded by Council member Wooten. Motion passes 5-0.

11. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL
12. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary