

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 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 REGULAR 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. Council member 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 – FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2007 Regular Meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Congrats to Crockett High School girls' basketball team

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – City Secretary and I will be in Austin for TMRS training on March 13 & 14; please review street repair list; Texas Avenue to Industrial Park should be operational by end of week

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of February 5 thru March 4, 2007; 16 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,689 total manpower hours, 20 total reserve manpower hours, 575 total calls, 20 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Chief Fisher presented council with the Annual Racial Profiling Report. This data is required by law to be presented to council annually. The report shows what data has to be reported and is mandated by law. There were 1482 tickets written for the

Crockett Police Department for the year. There is no racial profiling in the City of Crockett.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of February the following: 27 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD TO APPLY TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A GRANT FOR THE 'SAFER' PROGRAM (STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE)

Chief Deckard reported to council that the department is understaffed and if this grant is approved it would fund two fulltime employees. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve authoring Chief Deckard to apply to the US Department of Homeland Security for a grant for the 'SAFER' Program. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A \$370,000.00 GRANT AND CALLING FOR A 5% MATCH IF FUNDING IS GRANTED AND AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF DECKARD TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION

Fire Chief Deckard explained to council that this grant would enable the department to purchase a rescue fire truck. This will require the city to provide a 5% match to any funds granted under the program. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb to approve authorizing Fire Chief Deckard to make application to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for a grant of 370,000.00 with a 5% match from the City if funding is granted and to act on behalf of the City of Crockett in all matters related to the application. Motion seconded by Council member Kitchen. Motion passes 5-0.

10. FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT #725217, CONSTRUCTION OF LAUNDRY AND SHOWER FACILITY AT CROCKETT CIVIC CENTER, TO REVIEW PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND RECEIVE COMMENTS. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mr. Duncan stated that this new facility was funded by the State of Texas and is now complete. No public comments. Mayor Mask closed the hearing.

11. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM NEWTON HOPKINS FOR A PROPOSED AR TO R3 ZONE CHANGE WITH A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT

FOR AN RV PARK/MOBILE HOME PARK TO BE LOCATED ON W. NAVARRO ROAD, BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF 119.54 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND A PART OF THE A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY, A-423

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mayor Mask stated this did pass Planning & Zoning. Mr. Hopkins told council this RV park will be on 3.94 acres and there would be no mobile homes allowed. No public comments. Mayor Mask closed the hearing.

12. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM NEWTON HOPKINS FOR A PROPOSED AR TO R3 ZONE CHANGE WITH A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR AN RV PARK/MOBILE HOME PARK TO BE LOCATED ON W. NAVARRO ROAD, BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF 119.54 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND A PART OF THE A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY, A-423

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the request from Newton Hopkins for a proposed AR to R3 Zone Change with a Specific Use Permit for an RV Park/Mobile Home Park to be located on W. Navarro Road. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR A PROPOSED R2 TO R3 ZONE CHANGE WITH A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR AN RV PARK TO BE LOCATED AT 1000 BRAZOS STREET, A PART OF THE HENRY MASTERS LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 53, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing and stated that Planning & Zoning had also approved this request. Mr. McMillen told council that Phase I of this project would consist of 14 spaces and be located in the 1000 block of Brazos Street. No public comments. Mayor Mask closed the hearing.

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Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the request from the American Legion for a proposed R2 to R3 Zone Change with a Specific Use Permit for an RV Park to be located at 1000 Brazos Street. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Council member Hall abstains.

15. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE ALLIANCE OF GAS MUNICIPALITIES (AGM) COMPRISED OF CITIES SERVED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX, AND TEXAS GAS SERVICES TO WORK ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN AFFECTING RATEPAYERS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORMATION OF A STEERING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL EXPERTS RELATED TO SAID EFFORTS; PROVIDING FOR THE SHARING OF COSTS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan explained to council that about 50 cities of various sizes would be added to the coalition and there will not be a great deal of fees to the city. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the participation in a joint coalition of cities known as the Alliance of Gas Municipalities (AGM). Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

16. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CROCKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CROCKETT

Council member Hall made a motion to approve a Joint Election Agreement between the Crockett Independent School District and the City of Crockett. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

17. AWARD BID: INSTALLATION OF NEW BAR SCREENS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO NWWTP SEWER PLANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TCDP GRANT #726149

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to award the bid to Duplichain Contractors of Alto, Texas for \$213,610.00. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

18. AWARD BID: SOLID WASTE TRANSPORT TRAILER

Council member Kitchen made a motion to award the bid to Wilkens Industries of Morris, MN for \$80,019.00. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

19. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Mayor Mask – good trip to Tyler concerning EMS issues

20. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

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Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary