

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF MARCH 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: JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, 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. MAYOR WAYNE MASK AND COUNCIL MEMBER WOOTEN NOT PRESENT. MAYOR PRO TEM HOLCOMB OFFICATED.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb opened the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 6, 2006

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2006 Regular Meeting. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb had no comments at this time

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Collins Ford Tractor has donated a New Holland tractor for the City's use at the civic center, Big Item Pick-up will be held on March 27-31, 2006, Texas Municipal League has sent the city a refund check for a partial rebate of insurance funding.

5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY ATTORNEY, MR. BILL PEMBERTON, REGARDING NEW LEGISLATION IMPOSED UPON LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN CONDUCTING BUSINESS OR DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF CROCKETT

Mr. Pemberton explained to council that all public officials must now file a conflicts disclosure statement if they do, or are considering doing business with the City. This statement must be filed with the City Secretary.

6. PRESENTATION BY MR. TERRY CUTLER, EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER, ON STATUS OF ETMC HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Mr. Terry Cutler made a brief presentation to council regarding changes at the hospital. He told council the hospital was in the process of building a new structure that will house an OR, ICU and day surgery. He also stated that the hospital is in the process of recruiting several new physicians to the area.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of February 13 thru March 5, 2006; 16 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,894 total manpower hours, 50 total reserve manpower hours, 360 total calls, 12 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DESIGNATING A STOP SIGN OR SIGNS ON NORTH SEVENTH STREET

Police Chief Fisher explained to council that after review, he recommends a stop sign at North Seventh and Polk Street. Charlie Bobbitt then presented council with 14 signed petitions objecting to the stop sign. After further discussion on the matter, Council member Kitchen made a motion to table the item until additional data could be reviewed. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Motion tabled. No action.

10. AWARD BID: TRAILER MOUNTED JET SEWER MAINTENANCE MACHINE

Council member Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of a trailer mounted jet sewer machine from Kinloch Equipment & Supply for \$34,500.00 with a \$4,000.00 trade in on the old machine. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM 2006 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE APPLICATION TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO BUILD THE DOWNTOWN CROCKETT PARKING AND HISTORIC WALK

Mr. Duncan explained this grant would demolish the old medical building across from city hall and include improvements to the current downtown parking lot and a walkway along the north and west side of the square and to the Davy Crockett Spring and Visitors Museum. Council member Hall stated that he would like more information and to allow public input on the project before he could support it. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb stated that the city's 20 percent match could be done with services and in-kind donations. The city can withdraw from the project at any time but if the city does not apply before the deadline, the money will go to another city. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the resolution to certify funding and support for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement

Program Nomination Form 2006 with the Texas Department of Transportation for the application to receive funding to build the Downtown Crockett Parking and Historic Walk. Council member Hall stated he wanted to amend the motion to state that if the city was not able to secure 50 percent of the matching funds from other sources then the city would withdraw from the project. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT DESIGNATING THE CITY SECRETARY TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett designating the City Secretary to serve as the Public Information Coordinator; providing for the repeal of any and all resolutions in conflict; providing for severability clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOUSTON COUNTY, WITH THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DETCOG) FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING WAYNE MASK, MAYOR, AND RONALD M. DUNCAN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION; AND PLEDGING THAT IF A GRANT IS RECEIVED THE CITY OF CROCKETT, AS WELL AS HOUSTON COUNTY, WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS

Mr. Duncan stated this is an attempt to renew the grant support for the Refuse Control program. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Crockett authorizing the filing of a grant application, in conjunction with Houston County, with the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) for a Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Grant; authorizing Wayne Mask, Mayor, and Ronald M. Duncan, City Administrator to act on behalf of the City of Crockett in all matters related to the application; and pledging that if a grant is received the City of Crockett, as well as Houston County, will comply with the grant requirements of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the State of Texas. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

14. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Billy Groves – concerns with several officers in police department

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary