

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF MARCH 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, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER & FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session. 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: - FEBRUARY 2, 2004 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2004 Regular meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – March 27, 2004 is City Wide Trash Off meeting at Davy Crockett Park

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Home Program meeting will be March 23, 2004 at 6:00 pm at city hall, Project in housing area was delayed by rains, Street signs are out on all new name changes, and one-way signs are out on Goliad.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Fisher reported for the time period of February 17, 2004 thru March 14, 2004 the following; 15 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,943 total manpower hours, 30 total reserve manpower hours, 480 total calls, and 8 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 presented and is mandated by law. There were 1,359 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: 14 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets. Fire Chief Deckard also addressed concerns over fire hydrants.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A \$300,000.00 GRANT AND CALLING FOR A 10% 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 heavy rescue fire truck. This will require the city to provide a 10% match to any funds granted under the program. Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve authorizing Fire Chief Deckard to make application to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for a grant with a 10% 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 Gardner. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PRELIMINARY/FINAL REPLAT APPROVAL OF CROCKETT INDUSTRIAL PARK PHASE I ON S. 5TH & LOOP 304. A SUBDIVISION OF 94.408 ACRES OF LAND IN HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING OUT OF THE FRANK JOHNSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 46 FOR CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Economic Development Board Chairman Jake Capreilian stated that this replat would be to make concrete streets and gutters; it will meet all city ordinances. This was approved by Planning & Zoning earlier today. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the preliminary/final replat of Crockett Industrial Park Phase I. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0. Mr. Capreilian introduced the new Economic Development Director as Mr. Tim Culp effective March 15, 2004.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 14-90, DRIVING UPON CITY PARK WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS, TO ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 14, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS; PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ON CITY PARK WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY

CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan explained that this ordinance was necessary to support the charge posted on the signs to prohibit driving on walking trails in the parks. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the Ordinance adding Section 14-90, driving upon city park walking and biking trails, to Article III, Chapter 14, motor vehicles and traffic, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crockett, Texas; prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle on city park walking and biking trails; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Motion seconded by Council member Cunningham. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Gardner & Burnett voted against the motion.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS APPOINTING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 15, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION, SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE ELECTION OFFICIALS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ELECTION CLERKS FOR THE POLLING PLACE AND DESIGNATION OF THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD

Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve the Resolution appointing the following election officials:

PCT #3	Judge:	Paulette Bailey
	Alt Judge:	Carolyn Evans
PCT #4	Judge:	Della Newman
	Alt Judge:	Carolyn Anderson
PCT #5	Judge:	Phyllis Belcher
	Alt Judge:	Cynthia Mitchell

The rate of pay shall be \$12 per hour for judges and \$10 per hour for clerks with an additional \$25 for delivery of returns. The Early Voting Board shall be as follows: Mr. Morris Easterly, Mrs. Bernice Easterly and clerk. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERKS

Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve Paulette Bailey and Ronald Duncan as Deputy Early Voting Clerks. Motion seconded by Council member Cunningham. Motion passes 5-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Council member Gardner to approve the following members to the Library Advisory Board:

Elouise Wooten 2004-2007

Tommy Driskell 2004-2007

Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

14. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the reappointment of the following members to the Parks & recreation Board:

Mike Childs 2004-2006

David Tyer 2004-2006

Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

15. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$36,339.03. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

16. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Richard Tedford – invited all council members to participate in the City Wide Trash Off on March 27, 2004

Mayor Mask – invitation to Houston County Child Welfare Board Memorial Flag Ceremony on April 1, 2004

Fire Chief Deckard – end of this month is end of ninety-day extension to the agreement with the county and will need direction on what to do

Council member Gardner- street work on Martin Luther King

Council member Jones – thanked Police Department for help with Mr. McKnight's funeral

Chief Fisher – Police department will not violate anyone's civil rights

Mr. Cecil – Parkway Street; curbs are deep in mud and would like some help, also need speed limit signs posted

Council member Jones – bulletproof vests for police department

Council member Gardner – Flood Mitigation Plan

17. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary