

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 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 D. 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 – MARCH 7, 2005

Council member Wooten noted that there was an error in the dates on the City Administrator's comments. March 21-15 should read as March 21-25. City Secretary M. Thompson commented the change would be recorded. Council member made D. Jones a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2005 Regular Meeting. Council member Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Thanked all who attended the reception for Senator Hutchison.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Trash off was well attended, thanked all who participated this year. Property of Year awards will be presented at the next council meeting.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS APPOINTING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 7, 2005 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

Council member Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution appointing the following election officials for the May 7, 2005 General Election:

PCT #1	Judge:	David Minchew
	Alt Judge:	Cathy Minchew
PCT #2	Judge:	Rosemary McCullough
	Alt Judge:	Ella Barrs
PCT #3	Judge:	Paulette Bailey
	Alt Judge:	Carolyn Evans
PCT #4	Judge:	Della Newman
	Alt Judge:	Carolyn Anderson
PCT #5	Judge:	Joni McCrieght
	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 the returns. The Early Voting Board shall be as follows: Mr. Morris Easterly, Mrs. Bernice Easterly and clerk. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERKS**

Council member D. Jones made a motion to approve Paulette McClelland and Ronald Duncan as Deputy Early Voting Clerks. Mayor Pro Tem Shively seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. Duncan explained that the federal government's 2006 budget would eliminate or reduce the block grants, which the city has been granted for several years. Council member Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution opposing the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT AGREEING TO THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN CROCKETT CITY LIMITS AND OWNED BY TAXING ENTITIES INCLUDING THE CITY OF CROCKETT AS THE RESULT OF A TAX SALE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Council member Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution agreeing to the sale of certain property within the city limits to Freddie Wyatt for \$1000.00. This will put the property back on the tax roll. Mayor Pro Tem Shively seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF CROCKETT AND HOUSTON COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Mr. Duncan explained there would be no change in the dollar amount charged the city but changes to the capability of the system and quantity rate would be increased to guarantee that there would be no water shortages. Council member D. Jones made a motion to approve an amendment and addendum to the contract between the City and Houston County Water Control District. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT ENDORSING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO S.B. 7 SUPPORTED BY CITIES AGGREGATION POWER PROJECT, INC.

Mr. Duncan explained that approval of this resolution would endorse proposed efforts by CAPP to modify the electric deregulation legislation to improve competition and reduce costs to the City and its residents. Mr. Larry McClain, representative of TXU, Inc., stated he felt this legislation would call for drastic changes and TXU does not feel there is any need for these changes. Council member Holcomb stated that citizens should be allowed to choose their own electrical provider and should have a choice. Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley made a motion to approve a resolution of City endorsing certain legislative changes to SB 7 supported by CAPP. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members D. Jones and Holcomb voted against the motion.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Council member Holcomb made a motion to approve the following reappointment of members to the Library Advisory Board: Mike Maiden and Billie Schuh. Council member J. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT/ REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Council member Holcomb made a motion to approve the appointment/reappointment of the following members to the Parks and Recreation Board: Reappointments – Larry Robins, David Gay, Pam Wells, Tim Culp and John Walker. Appointment – Carolyn McKnight. Council member D. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Corporal Ben Gardner – invited council to the Little League Parade on April 2 at 10:30 AM

Mayor Mask – stated that the next scheduled council meeting will be on Tuesday April 5 instead of Monday April 4 so that council members may attend the TXDOT meeting in Lufkin

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary