

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF APRIL 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: WAYNE MASK, DARIUS KITCHEN, ELOUISE WOOTEN & JACKIE JONES. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD. COUNCIL MEMBERS HALL AND HOLCOMB NOT RPRESENT.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session open. Council member Wooten 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 6, 2006

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Suggested to council that if a citizen has a complaint they should first be directed to the proper department to try and resolve the situation.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Municipal court has moved to city hall offices, IT Williams Park improvements are coming along, Little League Parade is April 8.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEE IN THE LIBRARY TO FULL-TIME STATUS

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve James Sutton as a full time employee in the Library. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

6. PRESENTATION TO BUSINESS PROPERTY AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mayor Mask presented the following awards:

Property of the Year:

Precinct 1 Marshal Poteet
Precinct 2 Johnnie Woodard
Precinct 3 Curtis Lockhart
Precinct 4 Henry F. Reece
Precinct 5 Thomas Davis

Business of the Year:

Sonic Drive In
St. Francis of the Tejas Church
Tchoupitoulas Steakhouse
Stowe Lumber Company
Holiday Inn Express

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of March the following: 19 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of March 15 thru April 2, 2006; 15 total manpower, 3 reserve manpower, 1,410 total manpower hours, 120 total reserve manpower hours, 310 total calls, 12 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

Chief Fisher told council that with the elimination of the Narcotics Task Force in the state, cities and counties were now on their own for enforcement. When the Deep East Texas Task Force was disbanded, several items, including two patrol cars were donated to the city. Chief Fisher also informed council that his department is in the process of forming a Street Crimes Division within the department that will serve as a local drug task force.

9. 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 1,633 tickets written for the Crockett Police Department for January – December 2005. There is no racial profiling in the City of Crockett.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the budget amendments for the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation in the amount of \$147,000.00. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

11. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM ENBRIDGE PIPELINE FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR (4) TEMPORARY OFFICE FACILITIES FOR A

PERIOD OF 1 TO 3 YEARS TO BE LOCATED AT 1512 E. LOOP 304, 7.295 ACRES OUT OF AND A PART OF THE FRANK JOHNSON SURVEY, A-46, CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mayor Mask informed council that Planning & Zoning had approved this request. No Comments. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

12. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ENBRIDGE PIPELINE FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR (4) TEMPORARY OFFICE FACILITIES FOR A PERIOD OF 1 TO 3 YEARS TO BE LOCATED AT 1512 E. LOOP 304, 7.295 ACRES OUT OF AND A PART OF THE FRANK JOHNSON SURVEY, A-46, CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the request from Enbridge Pipeline for a Specific Use Permit for (4) temporary office facilities for a period of 1 to 3 years to be located at 1512 E. Loop 304. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

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

Chief Fisher reported that Lt. Gardner had talked to the homeowners in the area and that the majority were in favor of the stop sign. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve a Stop sign at the intersection of North Seventh and Polk Street. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

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

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the reappointment of Mike Childs and David Tyer to the Parks and Recreation Board. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

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

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the appointment of Roberta Mason and Bea Whitfill and the reappointment of Smitty Dean and Glenna Enos to the Library Advisory Board. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

16. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER TWO BETWEEN SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION, GERALD BRATZ AND CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE RESTORATION/REHABILITATION OF THE RAILROAD DEPOT

Council member Jones made a motion to approve contract change order number two between Sherrill Construction, Gerald Bratz and City of Crockett for the

restoration/rehabilitation of the railroad depot in the amount of \$27,401.71. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

17. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER THREE BETWEEN SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION, GERALD BRATZ AND CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE RESTORATION/REHABILITATION OF THE RAILROAD DEPOT

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve contract change order number three between Sherrill Construction, Gerald Bratz and City of Crockett for the restoration/rehabilitation of the railroad depot in the amount of \$6,993.00 as a decrease in the contract. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

18. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM

City Administrator Duncan explained this resolution is the first step for the 2006 Home Program. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the resolution of support of the City Council of the City of Crockett, authorizing submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Home Investment Partnerships Program Funds; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's chief executive officer. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

19. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT CANCELLING THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN PRECINCT #4 AND PRECINCT #5 SCHEDULED FOR MAY 13, 2006

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the ordinance of the City of Crockett cancelling the election of City Council members in Precinct #4 and Precinct #5 scheduled for May 13, 2006. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

20. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS APPOINTING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 13, 2006 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 Kitchen made a motion to approve the resolution appointing the following election officials for the May 13, 2006 General Election:

PCT #3	Judge:	Paulette McClelland
	Alt Judge:	Carolyn Evans

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 3-0.

21. CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERKS

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve Paulette McClelland and Ronald Duncan as Deputy Early Voting Clerks. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

22. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HOUSTON COUNTY TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE CITY OF CROCKETT THE ELECTRONIC ELECTION EQUIPMENT FOR USE DURING THE CITY'S ELECTIONS

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with Houston County in the amount \$50.00 per electronic voting machine for use during the City's elections. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

23. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Council member Wooten – commended the Solid Waste department for work during trash pick up.

Council member Jones – commended workers at Depot Museum.

Billy Groves – concerns with police department employees

24. ADJOURNMENT

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

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary