

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 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 SPECIAL 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, CORPORAL MICHAEL HARRELL AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session open. Council member Holcomb 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 21, 2005

Council member made D. Jones a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2005 Regular Meeting. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Library Week starts April 11, 2005, UM Army will be in Crockett this summer to help with home improvement projects, this is sponsored by the United Methodist Church, attended Texas Department of Transportation meeting in Lufkin and look forward to projects in the coming years.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Street signs are still being taken, Community Development Block Grant is nearing completion, downtown parking laws are in effect and there have been improvements in parking, Home Program inspections are going well.

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

Mayor Mask presented the following awards:

Property of the Year:

Precinct 1 - M/M Dennis Sexton

- Precinct 2 - Ms. Charlotte McBride
- Precinct 3 - M/M Ernest Evans
- Precinct 4 - Mr. Gene Turner
- Precinct 5 - M/M A.R. James

Business Property of the Year:

- Precinct 1 - East Texas Medical Center
- Precinct 2 - State Farm Insurance Agency – Wilson Norris
- Precinct 3 - Texas Real Estate, Inc. – Charles Arnold
- Precinct 4 - Houston County Electric Co-op
- Precinct 5 - Dean Insurance Agency – Smitty Dean

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Corporal Harrell reported for the time period of March 7 thru April 3, 2005; 15 total manpower, 3 reserve manpower, 1,863 total manpower hours, 40 total reserve manpower hours, 330 total calls, 5 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of March the following: 13 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

8. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2004 AUDIT

Audit not ready, no action.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A \$150,000.00 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

Chief Deckard explained this grant would help purchase the needed equipment for the department to be prepared for any kind of emergency. Council member Holcomb made a motion to approve authorizing the filing of a grant application with FEMA for a grant of \$150,000.00 and calling for a 5% match if funding is granted and authorizing Chief Deckard to act on behalf of the City of Crockett in all matters related to the application. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF WILSON STREET AND LINCOLN STREET AS A THREE WAY STOP

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve designating the corner of Wilson Street and Lincoln Street as a three way stop. Council member D. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Mask stated that Tommy Driskell has asked to resign from the board. Council member D. Jones made a motion to approve Mark Giles as a new member to the Library Advisory Board. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT 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 ON THE PROGRAM

Mr. Duncan explained this is the submission for the 2005 Program, which may be the last for some time due to budget restrictions at the federal level. The City's match would be increased to 15.94%, which means \$77,550.00 for a \$500,000.00 grant. Council member Holcomb made a motion to approve a resolution of support 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 on the program. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CROCKETT'S HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DESIGN FOR 2005

Mr. Duncan stated this program is basically the same as the previous except that it targets the elderly and disabled. Council member D. Jones made a motion to approve Crockett's Home Investment Partnerships Program Owner Occupied Rehabilitation/Reconstruction assistance program design for 2005. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

14. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Council member Wooten – thanked Mr. Duncan for his help and support in the Trash Off

Council member J. Jones – Police may need to enforce the stealing of stop/street signs

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary