

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF APRIL 2007 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, JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, NATHAN GARDNER, 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 Kitchen 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 19, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2007 Regular Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Texas Forest Country Swing Festival at Civic Center was a successful event, Relay for Life – Saturday at Bulldog Stadium

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Street department has completed work on getting Martin Luther King put together, Old Arbor Road is now paved all the way from Hwy 7 to City limits, drainage work will start on Goliad and 10th Street, this week starts big item pick up

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of March 20 thru April 15, 2007; 15 total manpower, 2-reserve manpower, 1,468 total manpower hours, 20 total reserve manpower hours, 338 total calls, 7 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the rehire of Clayton Smith as a full time police officer. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of March the following: 20 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

Mayor Mask then moved to item 14 on the agenda.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-100 OF THE CROCKETT CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT ITS PENALTIES DO NOT APPLY TO VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 10-200 OF THE CROCKETT CODE; ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 10-200 TO THE CROCKETT CODE REQUIRING TIRE DEALERS TO MARK SCRAP TIRES; ADDING SECTION 10-201 TO THE CROCKETT CODE, PROVIDING A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$ 500.00 FOR EACH VIOLATION; PROVIDING A PENALTY; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan stated this ordinance would require tire dealers to mark disposable tires in such a manner that when an investigation of dumping occurs and finds tires with markings, the Refuse Control Officer would go to the particular tire dealer in an effort to find out who disposed of the tires. Most of the dealers in the city have already implemented this ordinance. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending Section 10-100 of the Crockett code, to provide that its penalties do not apply to violations of Section 10-200 of the Crockett code; adding Article VI, Section 10-200 to the Crockett code requiring tire dealers to mark scrap tires; adding Section 10-201 to the Crockett code, providing a fine of not more than \$ 500.00 for each violation; providing a penalty. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE ETMC HOSPITAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 201 N. 5TH STREET FROM EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER TO THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLEARING THE PROPERTY FOR THE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOWNTOWN PARK, INFORMATION CENTER AND PARKING FACILITY

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to accept the donation of the ETMC hospital building located at 201 N. 5th Street from East Texas Medical Center to the City of Crockett for the purpose of clearing the property for the future construction of a downtown park, information center and parking facility. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGING THE NAME OF COMMERCE STREET BETWEEN WEST GOLIAD AVENUE AND PAINTER, THE PREVIOUS SECTION BETWEEN PAINTER AND HALL, AS WELL AS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BETWEEN HALL STREET AND THE CITY LIMIT, BE CHANGED TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD

Council member Gardner made a motion to approve changing the name of Commerce Street between West Goliad Avenue and Painter, the previous section between Painter and Hall, as well as Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, between Hall Street and the city limit, be changed to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Council member Hall's reappointment to serve on the board of directors for Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Council member Hall abstained.

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

Council member Hall made a motion to approve the appointment of Frances Hail and the reappointment of Roberta Mason as members to the Library Advisory Board. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM PINEY WOODS FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION TO CLOSE FIFTH STREET BETWEEN ANSON JONES STREET AND ALAMO DRIVE ON JUNE 5, 12, 19 AND 26, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.; AND TO CLOSE THE SAME SECTION OF FIFTH STREET, AS WELL AS MEMORIAL DRIVE IN DAVY CROCKETT MEMORIAL PARK, FOR THE JULY 3, 2007 PRESENTATION, OF THE PINEY WOODS SUMMER SERIES PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the request from Piney Woods Fine Arts Association to close Fifth Street between Anson Jones Street and Alamo Drive on June 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and to close the same section of Fifth Street, as well as Memorial Drive in Davy Crockett Memorial Park, for the July 3, 2007 presentation, of the Piney Woods Summer Series Program. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGNATING APRIL AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve designating April as "Fair Housing Month". Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

14. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION BY NICOL OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ON BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

Mr. Tom Nicol, Nicol Outdoor Advertising, presented council with a brief presentation on his thoughts of the economic impact on impending decisions regarding billboards and the existing moratorium

Council member Kitchen – not in favor of moratorium and believes in billboard system

Council member Gardner – asked Mr. Nicol to explain the meaning of the word moratorium

Mr. Ansel Bradshaw – asked that council work with Nicol Advertising by the end of April; he then read a letter from Mr. Howard Edmiston, President of Coca Cola Bottling Company, in support of lifting the moratorium for Nicol Outdoor Advertising

15. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb – thanked Mr. Bradshaw for work in getting Baskins Store to open in Crockett

Council member Hall – thanked Mr. Shiveley for interest in City business

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary