

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1st DAY OF MAY 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, JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, 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 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 - APRIL 3, 2006

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2006 Regular Meeting. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Invited all to Houston County Habitat for Humanity first Open House Dedication – Sunday May 7, 2006 at 3:00 PM; Carrie Garms – Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity then addressed council. The house is located at 200 Sunset and after three years the house is refurbished; with the help of 70 different volunteers. Thanked council for supporting them and their goals. Mayor Mask told council that he, Mr. Duncan and Tim Culp attended an interesting conference in Austin sponsored by TML and would like to make it a goal for Crockett to be the ‘friendliest and cleanliest city in the state’.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Depot Museum is near completion, after March closing and at mid-year review; fuel costs remain a problem.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of April 19 thru May 1, 2006; 15 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1020 total manpower hours, 40 total reserve manpower hours, 224 total calls, 2 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of April the following: 11 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2005 AUDIT

Mr. Jesse Stephens presented the audit for Fiscal Year 2005 and after a presentation and discussion by council, Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve and accept the audit for FY 2005. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Mr. James Hall as a representative to serve on the Board of Directors for Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING TAX TRUST PROPERTIES: SUIT #00-0035, LOT 2 BLK 13- DEPOT ADDITION, CITY OF CROCKETT; SUIT #02-0280, 1.00 ACRE – AE GOSSETT SURVEY AB 423, CITY OF CROCKETT; SUIT #99A-252T, 1.13 AC – AB 77, CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the following bids: Suit #00-0035 to Theresa Jason; Suit #02-0280 to Darrell Jay Jones; Suit #99A-252T to Darrell Jay Jones. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE UPGRADE OF PRESENT AS/400 OPERATING SYSTEM TO LATEST IBM OPERATING SYSTEM OF O/S V5R3

Mr. Duncan explained that the present system was purchased in 1999 and at present cannot be upgraded; this new system will allow the city to move ahead with programming issues as they come up. Council member Hall made a motion to approve authorizing Mr. Duncan to purchase IBM Operating System for the City of Crockett. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS (“CITY”) TO ADOPT A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX (“CENTERPOINT”) WITH REGARD TO CENTERPOINT’S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE

RATES WHICH WAS FILED ON JUNE 30, 2005 AND
UPDATED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2005; AUTHORIZING THE
REPEAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS TO THE
EXTENT THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE
SETTLEMENT; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE
WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT;
AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan explained that this ordinance will settle the issue with Centerpoint Energy and the ACM Cities. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Ordinance to adopt a settlement between the City and Centerpoint Energy Entex (“Centerpoint”) with regard to Centerpoint’s statement of intent to increase rates which was filed on June 30, 2005 and updated on September 21, 2005; authorizing the repeal of ordinances and resolutions to the extent they are inconsistent with the settlement. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Mr. Benford Frizzell – Usage fees charged at civic center for schools

Council member Hall – Bio-Diesel update

Council member Kitchen – Would like to address the issue of Pitt Bulls in the future

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary