

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY 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 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 16, 2007
SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 15, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007 Regular Meeting and the May 15, 2007 Special Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – none

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Edmiston Drive will be expanded from the Loop to entrance to Crockett Manor, TXU electric has changed name to OnCor, and City received equity return check from Texas Municipal League

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of April 23 thru May 20, 2007; 15 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,678 total manpower hours, 30 total reserve manpower hours, 459 total calls, 9 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER TO FULL-TIME STATUS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Reuben Kimball as a full time Police Officer. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

B) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Johnny Romo, Jr. as animal control officer. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of April the following: 22 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 AUDIT

Mr. Jesse Stephens presented the audit for Fiscal Year 2006 and after a presentation and discussion by council, Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve and accept the audit for FY 2006. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING TAX TRUST PROPERTIES: SUIT #00-0035T, LOTS 1,2,3,&4 – BLK 6 – CAPONY ADDITION; SUIT #01-0057, 0.114 ACRES-FRANCIS JOHNSON LEAGUE ABSTRACT 46; SUIT #02-0123, 1.553 ACRES-A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY ABSTRACT 423; SUIT #02-0226, 0.140 ACRES-H ARLEDGE SURVEY ABSTRACT 423; SUIT #02-0271, 0.11 ACRE-F. JOHNSON LEAGUE ABSTRACT 46; SUIT #05-0027, .35 ACRE F. JOHNSON SURVEY ABSTRACT 46; SUIT #05-0113, LOT 7-SWEET GUM VALLEY ADDITION

Council member Hall made a motion to approve the following bids: Suit #00-0035T, Lots 1,2,3,& 4 – BLK 6 – Capony Addition; Suit #01-0057, 0.114 Acres-Francis Johnson League Abstract 46; Suit #02-0123, 1.553 Acres-A.E. Gossett Survey Abstract 423; Suit #02-0226, 0.140 Acres-H Arledge Survey Abstract 423; Suit #02-0271, 0.11 Acre-F. Johnson League Abstract 46; Suit #05-0027, .35 Acre F. Johnson Survey Abstract 46; Suit #05-0113, Lot 7-Sweet Gum Valley Addition. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 13, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS; ADDING ARTICLE IX, TO IMPOSE REGULATION OF OFF PREMISES SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS; IMPOSING FEES AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Mask stated this ordinance is a positive move for the City of Crockett. Council member Kitchen asked if a citizen interested in the ordinance could speak before the vote; Mayor Mask stated the agenda provided for a specific time for comments from the audience and then asked for a vote from council. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Crockett, Texas, by the amendment of Chapter 13, Licenses and Business Regulations; adding Article IX, to impose regulation of off premises signs and billboards; imposing fees and license requirements; containing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Kitchen and Gardner voted against the motion.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PROCEEDING, TRANSFERRING THE OWNERSHIP OF TXU/ONCOR, DOCKET NO. 34077; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES, PUBLIC ENTITIES AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS KNOWN AS THE ALLIANCE OF TXU/ONCOR CUSTOMERS (“ATOC”); PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF LEGAL EXPERTS; PROVIDING FOR NOMINAL FUNDING; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan explained that the intent of this group is to get pricing concessions from TXU. Council member Hall made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing intervention in the public utility commission proceeding, transferring the ownership of TXU/ONCOR, Docket No. 34077; authorizing participation in a coalition of municipalities, public entities and commercial customers known as the alliance of TXU/ONCOR customers (“ATOC”); providing for the retention of legal experts; providing for nominal funding; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; such other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Ansel Bradshaw – disappointment with billboard ordinance
Kelly Nicol - against billboard ordinance
Council member Gardner – asked if city is doing something to hurt businesses by passing this ordinance and apologized to Bradshaw & Nicol
Council member Kitchen – told Bradshaw & Nicol that he hopes things work for their business and enjoyed their expressions

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary