

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF MAY 2004 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, DARRELL JONES, NATHAN GARDNER, MARGARET BURNETT & CHUCK CUNNINGHAM. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD & POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER. JACK SHIVELEY WAS NOT PRESENT.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session open. Mayor Mask gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Mask recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 19, 2004 – SPECIAL MEETING

Motion was made by Council member Cunningham to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2004 Special Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Crockett Solid Waste Department was the winner of the Texas Environmental Excellence Award, City of Crockett has been notified of a grant to be awarded; Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$19,789.00.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Home Program application deadlines have been extended and income limits have increased, Lovers Lane curbing will begin soon, the sewer project will start as soon as the final proof of contract is complete, the city pool will open this weekend.

5. REPORTS: POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Fisher reported for the time period of May 1 – May 23, 2004; 14 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,711 total manpower hours, 16 total reserve manpower hours, 390 total calls, 89 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve Matthew Poole as a full time police officer. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 4-0. Chief Fisher thanked Council member Cunningham for his support of the police department during his term in office.

6. REPORTS: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of April the following: 16 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS

Mayor Mask asked Council members Cunningham and Jones to canvass the election returns from Early Voting and the May 15, 2004 General Election. After review, a motion was made by Council member Jones to approve the canvass of the votes of the May 15, 2004 General Election as follows:

Council Member Pct 3	Total Votes
Anthony Harris	9
Elouise Wooten	103
Nathan Gardner	98
Council Member Pct 4	
R.B. Jackie Jones Jr.	45
Margaret Burnett	33
Council Member Pct 5	
James B. Lane	61
Bill Holcomb	132

Motion seconded by Council member Cunningham. Motion passes 4-0.

8. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Mask presented outgoing Council members Burnett and Cunningham with plaques of appreciation for their service to the city. Ms. Burnett said that she enjoyed her tenure working for the citizens of her precinct. Mayor Wayne Mask then administered the Oath of Office to Jackie Jones and Bill Holcomb.

9. CONSIDER ORDER CALLING FOR RUNOFF ELECTION

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to approve the order calling for the June 26, 2004 Run Off Election. Motion seconded by Council member D. Jones. Motion passes 4-0.

10. CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE JUNE 26, 2004 RUNOFF ELECTION

Motion was made by Council member D. Jones to approve Paulette Bailey as Election Judge and Carolyn Evans as Alternate Judge and setting the pay at \$12.00 per hour for the judges and \$10.00 per hour for alternate judges and clerks. Morris Easterly, Bernice Easterly and a clerk will serve as the Early Voting Board to count the early votes. Motion seconded by Council member Holcomb. Motion passes 4-0.

11. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PINEY WOODS FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF S. FIFTH BETWEEN ANSON JONES AND ALAMO STREETS FROM 6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM ON JUNE 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 2004

Motion was made by Council member Holcomb to grant the request from Piney Woods Fine Arts Association for the temporary closure of S. Fifth between Anson Jones and Alamo Streets on June 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2004. Motion seconded by Council member J. Jones. Motion passes 4-0.

12. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE FUNDING OF THE DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Chief Fisher recommends that council approve renewing this contract with the task force. A representative from the task force was present to explain to council the changes and improvements in the force. Mr. Duncan explained that the amount of \$13, 900.00 is the amount paid in previous years. Motion was made by Council member J. Jones to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of a grant request to the Governor's office, Criminal Justice Division for the funding of the Deep East Texas Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force. Motion seconded by Council member D. Jones. Motion passes 4-0.

13. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT WHICH URGES THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DETCOG) TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF REFUSE CONTROL OFFICERS UNDER THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM AND TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE LETTER FROM MR. JAMES A. HALL TO THE SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR OF THE DETCOG WHICH CALLS FOR CONTINUING GRANT ASSISTANCE TO CITY AND COUNTY REFUSE CONTROL OFFICERS AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Mr. Duncan explained that this resolution is merely a show of support for the continued funding of refuse control officers. Motion was made by Council member D. Jones to approve the resolution which urges the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) to continue support of refuse control officers

under the regional solid waste grants program and to express support for the letter from Mr. James A. Hall to the solid waste coordinator of the DETCOG which calls for continuing grant assistance to city and county refuse control officers and enforcement programs. Motion seconded by Council member Holcomb. Motion passes 4-0.

14. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Council member Jackie Jones – expressed gratitude for being elected to council.
Council member Bill Holcomb – thanked voters of Pct. 5 for returning him to council

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary