

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 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 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 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 – MAY 16, 2005

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2005 Regular Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – United Methodist Army is in Crockett this week to help with home repairs for the elderly, handicapped and needy. PWFFA will sponsor free concerts every Tuesday in June in the city park.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – The bids were opened for the 2003 Home Program today, the city did receive a grant for the 2005-block development program, for the renovations to the north wastewater treatment plant, 2006-draft budget will be ready by mid month, Juneteenth Parade will be Saturday, June 18, 2005, Depot project will be starting soon.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of May 16 thru June 6, 2005; 16 total manpower, 3 reserve manpower, 1,140 total manpower hours, 30 total reserve manpower hours, 217 total calls, 8 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

Mayor Mask asked Ianthia Fisher to speak about the Juneteenth Celebration. Mayor Mask then signed a proclamation honoring the Juneteenth Celebration.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

7. MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Judge Amjad not present. No report at this time.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-208 OF THE CROCKETT CODE, PROHIBITING CROSSING ROADWAYS BY PEDESTRIANS WHEN PROHIBITED BY OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES AND OTHER THAN IN MARKED CROSSWALKS; ADDING SECTION 14-212 TO THE CROCKETT CODE, PROHIBITING PEDESTRIANS FROM CROSSING A ROADWAY IN THE DOWNTOWN PARKING DISTRICT EXCEPT IN A MARKED CROSSWALK; ADDING SECTION 14-213 TO THE CROCKETT CODE, PROVIDING A FINE OF NOT MORE THAT \$200.00 FOR EACH VIOLATION; PROVIDING A PENALTY; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan told council the existing ordinance was not clear and needed amending. This ordinance is designed to discourage jaywalking on the square, specifically, and for traffic control. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the ordinance amending section 14-208 of the Crockett code, prohibiting crossing roadways by pedestrians when prohibited by official traffic-control devices and other than in marked crosswalks; adding section 14-212 to the Crockett code, prohibiting pedestrians from crossing a roadway in the downtown parking district except in a marked crosswalk; adding section 14-213 to the Crockett code, providing a fine of not more that \$200.00 for each violation. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb stated that by passing this ordinance it would allow council in future years to possibly ticket every one who jaywalks. Mayor Mask stated the ordinance reads if a crosswalk is present, then it must be used. Motion passes 4-1. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb voted against the motion.

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

Mayor Mask stated that he would like to see Council member Kitchen in this position. Council member Hall stated that he would like to see the Mayor represent the city. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb states that he concurs with Mr. Hall, the city needs our Chief official over at DETCOG meetings. Council member Kitchen stated that he also agrees with the other council members but that it was

an honor to work with DETCOG before and he does have a good working relationship and would like the opportunity to serve again. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Mayor Wayne Mask as a representative to serve on the Board of Directors for DETCOG. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE SEALED BIDS ON SURPLUS ITEMS THAT NO LONGER SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE FOR THE CITY

Mr. Duncan stated that the city has several old items that are no longer useful to the city and he would like permission to take bids and dispose of these items. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the city taking sealed bids on surplus items that no longer serve any useful purpose for the city. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. PRESENTATION FROM MR. GLOVER PENDLAND, CHAIRMAN, HOUSTON COUNTY CHILD CARE CENTER

Council heard a presentation from Mr. Glover Pendland, representing Houston County Child Care Center. Mr. Pendland told council about his concerns for the children of Houston County. He is in charge of a project that will be designed to provide housing for children who have been neglected, abused, abandoned and or handicapped. He stated that he was not asking the city to shoulder the project, but is asking for their blessing. Mayor Mask and Council members said they appreciate Mr. Pendland for his vision and the city certainly gives their blessing to this project.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Brenda Colter – complaints regarding her property and Mr. Tedford

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

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Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary