

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21<sup>ST</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 SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: WAYNE MASK, DARIUS KITCHEN, ELOUISE WOOTEN, JACKIE JONES & BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD AND CORPORAL MICHAEL HARRELL. COUNCIL MEMBER HALL NOT PRESENT.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session open. Council member Wooten 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 – JUNE 6, 2005

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2005 Regular Meeting. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Crockett Downtown Beautification Committee sponsoring July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and celebration

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Juneteenth Celebration was a success, the City will be receiving the Planning Grant for Mapping Infrastructure (\$41,800.00)

5. PRESENTATION/ACTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Mark Davis and Darrell Weir as full time employees and Martha Jackson as a part time employee. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE TWO VEHICLES FROM US FOREST SERVICE

Mr. Duncan explained these were two Expeditions with low mileage and in very good condition and if the opportunity arises, would like the city to purchase at a

cost of \$6000.00 each. One vehicle will be used in the fire department to replace the Jeep now being used, and the other will be used in the police department. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve authorizing Mr. Duncan to purchase two vehicles from the US Forest Service. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

7. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD TO APPLY TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A GRANT FOR THE 'SAFER' PROGRAM (STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE)**

Fire Chief Deckard asked council to authorize him to apply for a grant to staff the fire department with two full time firefighters. He stated that there is a staffing problem during the peak hours of the workday and he feels that council should address this issue. One way to do this is to possibly increase pay during these hours and to increase the pension fund. After discussion, Mayor Mask recommended to council that this item be tabled until further review of all the options available and to work out the budget issues. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to table this item. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

8. **AWARD BID: CONSTRUCTION UPGRADE OF CLARIFIER AT NORTH SIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Stephen Dorman with KSA Engineers presented council with the bids that were opened on June 16, 2005. The following bids were received:

B-5 Construction	\$236,510.00
Gracon Construction	\$298,500.00
McKinney & Moore	\$349,593.00

B-5 Construction has expressed a desire to execute a change order to assist the City with this project and has provided deduct costs associated with this project. The current proposed changes delete a total of -\$42,796.00, which reduces the contract amount from \$236,510.00 to \$193,714.00. KSA Engineers recommended to council to award the bid to B-5 Construction Company of \$236,510.00 contingent upon execution of change orders to reduce the project costs. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to award the bid to B-5 Construction Company of \$236,510.00 contingent upon execution of change orders to reduce the project costs. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN APPLICATION FROM HOUSTON COUNTY TO DESIGNATE A PARKING SPACE IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT AT A COST OF \$15.00 MONTHLY PER ORDINANCE NO. O-11B-96, SECTION 14-189**

Judge Chris Von Doenhoff asked council to approve this parking place for Ms. Eliza Bishop to park in front of the courthouse annex. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve an application from Houston County to designate a parking space for Ms. Eliza Bishop in the downtown business district at a cost of \$15.00 per month. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

10. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Sheryl Duncan – invited council to July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Council member Kitchen – question concerning Curfew Ordinance

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary