

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE 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 SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: WAYNE MASK, JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, JACKIE JONES & BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD. COUNCIL MEMBER GARDNER 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: REGULAR MEETING – MAY 21, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2007 Regular Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Juneteenth Celebration was a success, Piney Woods Fine Arts hosting concerts in park, upcoming parade for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – notified of a potential grant for Downtown Revitalization Project, the street department is currently working on the drainage issues around town, the annual Consumer Confidence Water Report will be hand delivered to all residents; city's drinking water is safe and is a good quality

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of June 4 thru June 20, 2007; 16 total manpower, 1 reserve manpower, 1,269 total manpower hours, 20 total reserve manpower hours, 376 total calls, 7 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 May the following: 24 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS

Mayor Mask asked Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb and Council members Hall and Jones to canvass the election returns from Early Voting and the June 16, 2007 Run Off Election. After review, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb to approve the canvass of the votes of the June 16, 2007 Run Off Election as follows:

	<u>EARLY VOTES</u>	<u>ELECTION DAY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>FOR PRECINCT TWO - CITY COUNCIL</b>			
Robert R. Thompson	21	16	37
Darius J. (Skeeter) Kitchen	27	28	55

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

8. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL MEMBER

City Administrator Duncan administered the Oath of Office to Darius Kitchen.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGING SPEED LIMIT TO 15 MPH ON OLD SAN ANTONIO ROAD, BETWEEN W. LOOP 304 AND CEDAR STREET, ON SCHOOL DAYS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve changing the speed limit to 15 mph on Old San Antonio Road, between W. Loop 304 and Cedar Street, on school days between the hours of 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CROCKETT POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Chief Fisher explained to council that the last change to the policy manual was in 1983. Mr. Pemberton, City Attorney, has reviewed this manual. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Crockett Police Department's Policy and Procedure manual. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET ISSUES AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Mr. Duncan stated the first budget workshop is scheduled for July 16, 2007 with council to consider approval of the ad valorem tax rate and setting the public hearings for the budget and tax rates. Changes would be made based on receipt of

actual property tax information, as well as current health & life and workers' comp insurance rates.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Billy Groves – spoke on city affairs

Council member Kitchen – thanked citizens for support on re-election and will serve to best ability

Council member Hall – updates on Bio-Diesel facility

Council member Jones – thanked everyone for support and prayers during loss of mother

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