

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF JULY 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, NATHAN GARDNER, JACKIE JONES & BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON AND POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER.

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. PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING THE CITY OF CROCKETT APPLYING FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

City Administrator Duncan explained to council that this project would cost the city \$15,000.00 in cash and \$30,000.00 of in kind work from city crews in return for a grant from the State of \$180,000.00. The grant would consist of the construction of sidewalks and ADA ramps to include seven streets between First Street and the square and adjacent to Goliad Avenue in Precinct 3. Mayor Mask then opened the meeting with comments from the audience; Tim Culp, David Gay, Jack Shiveley, Virginia Lewis, Juanita Brenner and Pipp Gillette spoke in support of the grant and urged council to approve the resolution. Billy Groves spoke in opposition to the grant.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT ON THE CITY'S BEHALF IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS APPLICATION

Mayor Mask asked council for their comments on the resolution before taking action. Council member Hall asked for support of the project. Council member Kitchen stated he felt the black community was not being represented by this grant. Council member Gardner stated that this grant would not profit Precinct 3. Council member Jones stated it was not a black or white issue and \$15,000 may

seem minimal except to those who do not have it. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb stated that council has invested several million dollars in grant improvements for the west side and this grant would bring economic development to the city. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve adopting a resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture Downtown Revitalization Program and authorizing the Mayor to act on the city's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Council members Kitchen, Gardner and Jones voted against the motion. Motion fails.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOWNTOWN AREA AS BLIGHTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION APPLICATION
6. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL
7. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary