

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th 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 REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: 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. MAYOR WAYNE MASK NOT PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBER GARDNER NOT PRESENT.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb called the formal session open. Council member Jones gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING'S – JUNE 28, 2007 AND JULY 5, 2007

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2007 and July 5, 2007 Special Meeting's. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR –

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – the street department is addressing drainage issues around the city

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of June 21 thru July 15, 2007; 16 total manpower, 1 reserve manpower, 1,695 total manpower hours, 20 total reserve manpower hours, 560 total calls, 16 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 June the following: 24 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST BY SEVEN STAR HOSPITALITY OF HARRISBURG, ILL FOR PROPOSED HOTEL

Mr. Tim Culp, Crockett Economic Development Director, explained to council that Seven Star Hospitality proposes to construct a two-story hotel that will consist of 60 rooms and suites, and be built on the corner of Edmiston Drive and Loop 304, 11 jobs will be created with the payroll being around \$250,000 a year. Under this agreement, the City will be granting \$26,435.50 of total tax abatement, and receiving \$30,064.00 in taxes over the five-year period. In the sixth and succeeding years, the City will receive the entire amount of tax. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the tax abatement request by Seven Star Hospitality of Harrisburg, Ill for a proposed hotel. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

8. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Council spent time going over the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008. This budget includes water and sewer rate increases of 5% for the instances of more than minimum usage. Garbage collection for residential and commercial customers will also be increased 5%. Residential rates will go from \$14.50 monthly to \$15.25 monthly and commercial rates will go from \$23.50 monthly to \$24.70 monthly as well as changes to roll-off containers, commercial trailer drop off and special pick up charges. This budget includes a 3% across the board increase for employees, also a .70/hr minimum wage adjustment effective the end of July 2007, as well as the projected July 2008 .70/hr increase. Mr. Duncan will present a more refined budget after rates are received from the Houston County Appraisal District.

9. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary