

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF JULY 2004 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 BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: WAYNE MASK, JACK SHIVELEY, DARRELL JONES, ELOUISE WOOTEN, JACKIE JONES AND BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask opened the meeting. Council member J. Jones gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Mask recognized all visitors present.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Council spent time going over the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005. Mr. Duncan presented a refined draft copy of the budget with noted changes. These changes were due to the tax computations, a higher than expected increase in the Texas Municipal Retirement Systems contributions and adding another \$6,000 to garbage fees in anticipation of a significant rate hike. This budget was built based on the council adopting a three percent increase in ad valorm taxes to .49574. Last year's rate was .48745. The budget draft includes a 3% salary increase across the board for employees. There will be a public hearing on the budget on August 16, 2004.

4. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary