

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF AUGUST 2006 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: WAYNE MASK, JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, NATHAN GARDNER, JACKIE JONES & BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Mask recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 10, 2006

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2006 Special Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Depot dedication ceremony was well attended, there will be a Flag Raising Ceremony at Brewer Park on Wednesday at 10 am, and the City has been approved for the Home Program; effective in 2008.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Encourage organizations to join the Adopt-a-Street program, in process of planning grant with drafts of maps, the grant for Civic Center shelter improvement bid packets out this week.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of July 10 thru August 6, 2006; 14 total manpower, 3-reserve manpower, 1,421 total manpower hours, 67 total reserve manpower hours, 333 total calls, 9 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

Chief Fisher then addressed council with issues concerning the Police Department; Texas Rangers will investigate shooting of animal (dog) and a statement will be forthcoming from the District Attorney's office as soon as it is

available. The animal was buried at the Crockett Volunteer Fire Department's training ground; the animal was given a decent burial. The Crockett Police Department had no interest in this animal.

Officer Calvin – addressed council concerning his support of Chief Fisher and decisions he has made regarding the restructuring.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of July the following: 18 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SUNLIGHT OF SOLOMON LODGE #12 ADOPTING MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD AS PART OF THE ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Sunlight of Solomon Lodge #12 adopting Martin Luther King Boulevard as part of the Adopt-a-Street Program. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF MARY LEE LANE AND ASPEN BEND AS A THREE WAY STOP

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve designating the corner of Mary Lee Lane and Aspen Bend as a three-way stop. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-5 OF THE CROCKETT CODE, PERMITTING AN ESTABLISHMENT TO BE DECLARED AS A SMOKING ESTABLISHMENT, CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Duncan stated the revisions council requested regarding the signs have been revised with this ordinance. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending Section 15-5 of the Crockett Code, permitting an establishment to be declared as a smoking establishment, containing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb and Council member Kitchen voted against the motion.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSED TAX RATE CHANGE AND PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of .47435 per \$100.00 of valuation for the 2007 fiscal year and the public hearings scheduled for August 21 and 25, 2006. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET

Mr. Duncan stated that these amendments cover a number of issues including the rising cost of doing business due to high electric and fuel costs. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution for amendments to the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE FIVE VEHICLES FROM US FOREST SERVICE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve City Administrator Duncan to purchase five vehicles from the US Forest Service at \$24,000.00. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONTRACT WITH GARY R. TRAYLOR AND ASSOCIATES FOR GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S 2006 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve a contract with Gary R. Traylor and Associates for Grant Management services for the City's 2006 Texas Community Development Program Project. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

14. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONTRACT WITH KLOTZ & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S 2006 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb a motion to approve a contract with Klotz & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for the City's 2006 Texas Community Development Program Project. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

15. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING WAYNE MASK, MAYOR AND RONALD DUNCAN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION; AND PLEDGING THAT IF A GRANT IS RECEIVED THE CITY OF CROCKETT WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Crockett authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Deep East Texas Council of Governments for a Regional Solid Waste Grants Program; authorizing Wayne Mask, Mayor and Ronald Duncan, City Administrator to act on behalf of the City of Crockett in all matters related to the application; and pledging that if a grant is received the City of Crockett will comply with the grant requirements of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the State of Texas. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV. CODE 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS.
CONSIDER POSSIBLE SALARY INCREASE OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mask stated that council would convene into Executive Session according to Gov. Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters – Consider possible salary increase of City Administrator. Time was 6:45 PM

17. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION IF ANY ON ITEM NO. 16

Council reconvened into open session at 7:25P.M. No action at this time.

18. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

19. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7: 27 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary