

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2003 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, JACK SHIVELEY, DARRELL JONES, NATHAN GARDNER, MARGARET BURNETT & CHUCK CUNNINGHAM. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD & 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 21, 2003 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Council member Cunningham to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2003 Regular Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Recognition shown in the Houston Chronicle article on Crockett's Recycling Center; also another lawsuit was served on the City and employees by Council member Gardner

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Work on Rose Street and Lovers Lane is going well and according to schedule; bids on the City's depository were opened and no bids were received – we have advertised again and will open on the 29th of August. Home Program update and Cole Creek Apartments did receive tax credits and will be building in the near future.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Fisher reported for the time period of July 28 – August 17, 2003 the following: 14 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,240 total manpower hours, 30 total reserve manpower hours, 264 total calls, and 14 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve Lonnie Lum as a new full time police officer. Motion seconded by Council member Gardner. Motion passes 5-0.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of July the following: 21 total calls. A breakdown of included in the packets.

7. PRESENTATION BY MR. JOE GARMS TO FAMILIARIZE CITY COUNCIL ON LOCAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECTS AND PLANS

Mr. Joe Garms presented council

8. PRESENTATION BY MR. TIMOTHY SALLEY TO CONSIDER WHETHER COUNCIL ERRED IN APPLYING THE 20% RULE TO DAVID MCKENDREE'S SPECIFIC USE PERMIT REQUEST DURING THE JULY 7, 2003 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Salley

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. ARTICLE IV. ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. BY ADDING SEC. 15-24A; PROVIDING THAT THE HOLDER OF A MIXED BEVERAGE LATE HOURS PERMIT MAY SELL AND OFFER FOR SALE MIXED BEVERAGES BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 2:00 A.M. ON ANY DAY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by JS to approve motion seconded by MB motion passes 5-0

10. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. No comments. Close public hearing

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Motion was made by CCto approve seconded JS jones,gardner and burnett voted against . motion fails

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR
motion made by JS second CC 3-2 motion passes jones and burnett against
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID
13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2003 TAX ROLL
tax roll not ready will be in future meeting
14. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Mr. Gentry presented the ceid 2003-2004 fisal year budget.motion made byJS to approve seconded by MB motion passes 5-0
15. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF A MUNICIPAL COURT TECHNOLOGY FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR EXPIRATION DATE
Motion was made by CCto approve motion seconded byJS motion fails 2-3
Jones,gardner & burnett against
16. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR A "MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING SECURITY FUND" PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING SECURITY FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ORDAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF
motion made byJS to approve secondedCC motion fails 2-3 jones,gardner & burnett against
17. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT DELEGATING MAYOR WAYNE MASK, CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN AND CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS PURCHASE VOUCHER AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FORMS IN ORDER TO DRAW FUNDS FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 723189

motion made by JS to approve motion seconded byCC 4-1 burnett voted against and demanded to be put on signature card

18. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

motion was made byJS to approve 216211.79 motion seconded byDJmotion passes 5-0

19. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Larry McBroom asked why three members were against the budget. Asked gardner if he would resign his position. Burnett left council chamber at this time

Mr. Knox spoke(Gardner then left council chambers at this time) about his feelings on what is happening in crockett and the publicity

John Simpson spoke to council that 2 officials left and refused to be heard by the people who elected them. Then spoke on the ordidnances that failed and asked that they be addressed again at a future meeting.

Mr. Roosevelt Carter spoke to council about a problem he has with Richard Tedford taking his cars off. Mayor Mask said he would certainly check inot the situation.

Mr. Billy Groves spoke to council about racial problems in the community and the

Mr. Ricky Minton spoke to council about the problems he is having with jones calling to his job and harassing his employer. He then asked what would be done concerning the arrest of gardner

20. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 715