

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST 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, OFFICER MICHAEL CALVIN AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Mask recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 7, 2006

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2006 Regular Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Commended Fire Department for containing fire at St. Paul's Church on Second Street.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – the DETCOG and ORCA grant projects are going well, crews will be starting creek clean up soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb stated he would like to check into the possibility of upgrading the tele-communication system at the Civic Center.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM ANNA DUTTON-TAYLOR FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 1541 SYCAMORE STREET, ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, A PART OF THE F. JOHNSON LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 46 AND BEING LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 8 OF CAPONY ADDITION

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Planning and Zoning has met and approved this request. Jo Etta Owen spoke with concerns over parking in the area. Ms. Taylor stated she would be building a driveway so it should not be a problem. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

6. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ANNA DUTTON-TAYLOR FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 1541 SYCAMORE STREET, ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, A PART OF THE F. JOHNSON LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 46 AND BEING LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 8 OF CAPONY ADDITION

Council member Gardner asked Ms. Taylor how she felt if Oak and Sycamore Street were extended in the future. Ms. Taylor acknowledged it would be alright with her. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the request from Anna Dutton-Taylor for a specific use permit for a mobile home to be located at 1541 Sycamore Street. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Council member Gardner asked Mr. Duncan if there was an increase included in the street budget. Mr. Duncan explained that there is ample money budgeted in the street department's budget; streets will be done based on condition of streets and number of people on the street. Close public hearing.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007; 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 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting the annual budget of the City of Crockett for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2006 TAX RATE

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mr. Duncan stated the 2006 tax rate is 1.5% increase over previous year. It will be .47435 per \$100 valuation. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

10. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Mayor Mask – next council meeting will be August 25, 2006 at Noon with lunch being served; also encouraged citizens to conserve water when possible

Fire Chief Deckard – Latexo and Grapeland responded with mutual aid to the church fire

Council member Jones – will be addressing the issues concerning gangs in his and Council member Gardner’s precinct

Council member Gardner – Moses Foundation had a reception in Prince Hall led by Mr. Charles Jones; educates young people on gangs. These youth need a place to go.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary