

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF AUGUST 2009 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 SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: WAYNE MASK, ANSEL BRADSHAW, ROBERT MEADOWS, 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 Bradshaw 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 17, 2009

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: CITY ADMINISTRATOR:
A) DETCOG REFUSE CONTROL GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Duncan reported to council that Deep East Texas Council of Governments approved the grant effective 9/1/09 with an increase from \$19,600 to \$21,500.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; 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 2010

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Ordinance adopting the annual budget of the City of Crockett for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2009 TAX RATE

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. No public comments on tax rate. Close public hearing.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CAR/MILEAGE ALLOWANCE FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND POLICE CHIEF

Mr. Duncan explained to council the difference between car allowance and mileage reimbursement. Council member Bradshaw said he would like to see a study done for the past 3-4 years to actually determine what would be best for the city in the long run. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb stated that this is a policy and can be changed at any time council thinks is necessary. Council member Jones states he would like the policy to stay as it currently is. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve that the City Administrator and Police Chief report mileage allowance by turning in monthly mileage reports to be reimbursed. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Council members Bradshaw, Gardner and Jones voted against the motion. Motion fails. Current vehicle allowance stands as is.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Tim Culp, Director of Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation, presented council with an extensive report of the finances and activities of the corporation. This report outlined the work of the organization and plans for possible projects coming to the Crockett area. He then presented council the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 FY Budget for the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE SALE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LOT 1941, .20 ACRES, 2009/1073; LOCATED AT 108 BURLESON, JOINTLY OWNED BY TAXING ENTITIES FOR A NOMINAL FEE OF \$10.00

Mayor Mask stated that cities and municipalities could not donate land without a monetary fee; the County has approved this sale of land to Habitat for Humanity for \$10.00 and recommends the City do the same. Council member Meadows made a motion to approve the sale of Lot 1941, .20 Acres, 2009/1073; located at 108 Burlison to Habitat for Humanity for the fee of \$10.00. Council member Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Mayor Mask – next Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. J.D. Hale – from Senator Cornyn's office congratulates the City for the Firefighter SAFER grant

City Administrator Duncan – decals will be put in every city vehicle outlining city policy on operating city vehicles and equipment

Council member Gardner – ask if ‘no cell phone signs’ were placed; Mr. Duncan reported the city signs were in place and TXDOT is awaiting delivery

Council member Bradshaw – asked that the study of mileage reports be placed on the next agenda

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary