

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 SPECIAL 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 & CORPORAL CHARLES HOLMES.

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: AUGUST 18, 2003 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2003 Regular Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council member Gardner. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – no comments

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Reported that Woodmen of World Chapter will be having a 9/11 ceremony on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at 10:00 am in the park. The work being done in Precinct 4 is on schedule; a special ceremony honoring all veterans of the War on Terrorism that are coming home is in the planning process.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Corporal Holmes reported for the time period of August 18 – September 1, 2003 the following: 15 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,105 total manpower hours, 30 total reserve manpower hours, 250 total calls, and 6 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of August the following: 11 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2003 TAX ROLL

Motion was made by Council member Cunningham to approve the 2003 Tax Roll as certified by the Houston County Appraisal District. Motion seconded by Council member Jones. Motion passes 5-0.

8. AWARD BID: CITY DEPOSITORY

City Administrator Duncan stated that only one bid was received: First State Bank of Grapeland-Crockett Branch and recommends approval. Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve First Sate Bank as the city's new bank depository. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT OF WAY FOR CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

Motion was made by Council member Gardner to approve the resolution and agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of state right of way for Christmas on the Square. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 5-0.

10. AUTHORIZE MAYOR WAYNE MASK TO EXECUTE GRANT CONTRACT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$500,000.00 IN GRANTS FROM THE TEXAS HOME PROGRAM

City Administrator Duncan explained that this grant would build 10 and possibly 11 homes; homes for the disabled and elderly. The city's matching part will be approximately \$42,500.00. Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve authorizing Mayor Mask to execute the grant contract with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for \$500,000.00 in grants. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

11. 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

Municipal Court Judge John Simpson addressed council and stated that these funds are provided for by the State to allow a community to upgrade or get new equipment. Council member Jones asked if these fees would be on every citation;

Mr. Duncan responded that it would have to be a misdemeanor and within the jurisdiction of the court. Motion was made by Council member Jones to approve the ordinance establishing a municipal court technology fund and providing for the assessment of a municipal court technology fee. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 5-0.

12. 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 was made by Council member Jones to approve the ordinance providing for a municipal court building security fund and providing for assessment and collection of a municipal court building security fee. Motion seconded by Council member Cunningham. Motion passes 5-0.

13. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Mayor Mask began by apologizing to the citizens of Crockett for allowing the council chambers to turn into something other than a civilized meeting. (August 18 meeting) Public comments are encouraged but it is a privilege to speak and there will be a time limit of three minutes for every comment.

The following citizens spoke with concerns over comments said at prior meetings:

Rev. Harry Fred Scott, Mr. RC Emanuel, Mr. Billy Groves, Mr. John Jenkins, Mr. Ricky Minton.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary