

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007 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, JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, JACKIE JONES & BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD. COUNCIL MEMBER GARDNER NOT PRESENT WHEN MEETING STARTED

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: SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 27, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2007 Special Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Mayor Mask dispensed with reports due to length of agenda  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A breakdown of calls is included in the packets.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING

EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2007 TAX ROLL

Council member Hall made a motion to approve the 2007 Tax Roll. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution for amendments to FY 2007 Budget. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE TO HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA GOVERNMENTS FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF AN ASPHALT ZIPPER

City Administrator Duncan explained to council that this Asphalt Zipper would replace the 25-year old Bomag in the street department. The first payment would not be due until October 2008. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve authorizing Mr. Duncan to submit a letter of acceptance to Houston-Galveston Area Governments for lease/purchase of an Asphalt Zipper. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. 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

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution and agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the closure of State right of way for Christmas on the Square on November 17, 2007. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

12. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM ANNIE WARNER FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 111 W. AUSTIN STREET, BEING A PART OF THE F. JOHNSON LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 46, IN HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mayor Mask stated this request did pass Planning & Zoning. Ms. Warner told council this will help her be near her sick husband. No public comments. Mayor Mask closed the hearing.

13. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ANNIE WARNER FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 111 W. AUSTIN STREET, BEING A PART OF THE F. JOHNSON LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 46, IN HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the request from Annie Warner for a specific use permit for a mobile home to be located at 111 W. Austin Street. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

14. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, GARBAGE AND TRASH, OF THE CROCKETT CODE, AMENDING SECTION 10-29, INCREASING THE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION; AMENDING SECTION 10-30, INCREASING THE CHARGES FOR PICKUP SERVICES OF COMMERCIAL GARBAGE CONTAINERS AND RENTAL CHARGES FOR ROLL OFF CONTAINER SERVICE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, garbage and trash, of the Crockett code, amending Section 10-29, increasing the rates for residential and commercial garbage collection; amending Section 10-30, increasing the charges for pickup services of commercial garbage containers and rental charges for roll off container service. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

15. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, UTILITIES, OF THE CROCKETT CODE; AMENDING SECTION 19-37, INCREASING THE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER SERVICE, FOR WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND FOR BULK WATER SALES; AMENDING SECTION 19-38, INCREASING THE CHARGE FOR TAPPING CITY MAINS; AMENDING SECTION 19-58, INCREASING THE RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 19-59, INCREASING THE CHARGE FOR TAPPING CITY MAINS, CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 19, Utilities, of the Crockett code; amending Section 19-37, increasing the rates for residential and commercial water service, for water service outside the city limits and for bulk water sales; amending Section 19-38, increasing the charge for tapping city mains; amending Section 19-58, increasing the rates for

sewer service; amending Section 19-59, increasing the charge for tapping city mains. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

16. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE VIII, JUNKED VEHICLES, OF THE CROCKETT CODE, AMENDING 14-266 OF THE CROCKETT CODE TO REDEFINE “JUNKED VEHICLE”; AMENDING SECTION 14-268 OF THE CROCKETT CODE TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Gardner arrived at this time. Mayor Mask stated this ordinance needs to be updated due to a change in state law. City Administrator Duncan told council the new law increases the burden on the City to identify junk vehicles and the owner of the vehicle has more rights. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Crockett, amending Chapter 14, Article VIII, junked vehicles, of the Crockett code, amending 14-266 of the Crockett code to redefine “junked vehicle”; amending Section 14-268 of the Crockett code to require a public hearing on request. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

17. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Captain Calvin answered council questions regarding police report

18. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

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Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary