

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session open. Council member Meadows 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 24, 2009

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2009 Special Meeting. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR:

A) CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND POLICE CHIEF MILEAGE STUDY

Mayor Mask asked that City Administrator Duncan and Police Chief Fisher keep a mileage log thru the end of the year

5. REPORTS: CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

A) HURRICANE IKE PHASE II FUNDING

Texas Department of Rural Affairs, (new name for Office of Rural Community Affairs), announced that the city is eligible for funding in the same amount as last year, app. \$760,000

B) LOOP 304 EXPANSION MEETING

Updated council on recent meeting with Texas Department of Transportation that outlined alternatives to the project which included construction of a three-lane highway and would eliminate the median

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2009

Officer McKay reported for the month of August 2009; 16 total manpower, 2,403 total manpower hours, 621 total calls, 14 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY AND STATUS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2009

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of August the following: 47 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010; 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 2009-2010 Fiscal Year with the rate of .477750. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Council member Bradshaw voted against the motion. Motion passes 4-1.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2009 TAX ROLL

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the 2009 Tax Roll. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET

Mr. Duncan explained that this resolution covers a number of budget issues not included in the 2009 budget. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Resolution for amendments to FY 2009 Budget. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

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

Council member Jones 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 21, 2009. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb abstained.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER(S) TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Council member Bradshaw made a motion to approve Mr. Ray Bruner as a new member to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER EMS FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A 440 FT. COMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON LOT 5, AND PART OF LOT 4, BLOCK A, BEING OUT OF THE CROCKETT INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mayor Mask stated that Planning & Zoning recommended approval of this request. Mr. Jeff Haislet, Director of communications for ETMC, told council that the process of securing a location for the communication tower was a joint effort between the city and council of governments. The tower will be constructed in the Crockett Industrial Park on property located off Industrial Park Boulevard. No public comments. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

14. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER EMS FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A 440 FT. COMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON LOT 5, AND PART OF LOT 4, BLOCK A, BEING OUT OF THE CROCKETT INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the request from East Texas Medical Center EMS for a Specific Use permit for a 440 ft. communications tower on Lot 5, and part of Lot 4, Block A, being out of the Crockett Industrial Park Subdivision. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

15. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS ADOPTING A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WATER USES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to table the Ordinance adopting a drought contingency plan until further review. Council member Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Item tabled until next council meeting.

16. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

John Jenkins – Housing Authority issues

17. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary