

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OCTOBER OF 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 REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, NATHAN GARDNER, JACKIE JONES & BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, OFFICER MICHAEL HARRELL AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD. CITY MAYOR WAYNE MASK NOT PRESENT. MAYOR PRO TEM BILL HOLCOMB PRESIDED AT MEETING.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb called the formal session open. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb recognized all visitors present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 Regular Meeting. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – None.

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5. PRESENTATION OF NEW EMPLOYEES BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Duncan presented the following employees to Council; Rachel Cleghorn, James Adams, Frank Cox, Matthew Weeks, Ricky Mitchell, Timothy Nelson, Norman Mead, Michael Buckingham, Michael Chance, Myron Wooten and Cody Blair.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Officer Harrell reported for the time period of September 4 thru 30, 2007; 14 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,163 total manpower hours, 37 total reserve manpower hours, 326 total calls, 16 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets. Officer Harrell stated that one arrest

had been made in the Citizens National Bank robbery and it is still under investigation for a second arrest.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of September the following: 39 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets. Chief Deckard stated that sometime in the future the City might want to consider an Ordinance for fines for False Alarms as the City continues to grow.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD TO APPLY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A GRANT TO REMODEL FIRE STATION

Chief Deckard explained the condition of the fire station roof, the need for remodeling and redesigning the upstairs to accommodate shift work, adding a truck bay and many other maintenance jobs. Council member Hall made a motion to approve authorizing Chief Deckard to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture for a grant to remodel fire station. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE RELATING TO APPROVAL OF TAXATION OF GOODS-IN-TRANSIT THAT ARE OTHERWISE EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION BY PROPERTY TAX CODE SECTION 11.253 IN REFERENCE TO HB 621

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb opened the public hearing. No public comments. After Council discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb closed the public hearing.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT RELATING TO APPROVAL OF TAXATION OF GOODS-IN-TRANSIT THAT ARE OTHERWISE EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION BY PROPERTY TAX CODE SECTION 11.253

Council member Hall suggested a motion to table this item to approve or deny the policy until more information could be found in reference to the wording of the bill. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. No action, item tabled.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, GOODS, & SERVICES FOR THE CITY THROUGH THE BUYBOARD

Mr. Duncan explained that the Buyboard is a State of Texas sponsored purchasing cooperative which allows the City to make a purchase at a discounted price without having to go through the bidding process. Council member Hall made a motion to table this item until the city attorney reviews the resolution in conjunction with charter rules. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. No action, item tabled.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CROCKETT AND DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, HOUSTON, TEXAS FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE ON 4.803 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, A PART OF THE HENRY MASTER SURVEY, A-53, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS FOR PURPOSE OF EXPLORING AND MARKETING OIL AND GAS

Mr. Duncan explained that this is a lease agreement for oil and gas exploration with the lease amount of \$500.00 per acre. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve a lease agreement between the City of Crockett and Devon Energy Production Company for oil and gas lease on 4.803 acres of land, more or less, for exploring and marketing oil and gas. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Council member Hall abstained.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council member Gardner made a motion to approve the Reappointments of Jake Caprielian, Elmer Murray and Terry Cutler for the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Board of Directors to fill terms from October 2007 thru October 2009. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

14. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

First United Methodist Church Intern, James Berry – introduced After School and Summer Program that is partnered with The Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Texas, to help keep the children off the streets.

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary