

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005 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, ELOUISE WOOTEN, JACKIE JONES AND BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD. COUNCIL MEMBER KITCHEN NOT PRESENT

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask opened the meeting. 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: SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2005

Council member Wooten made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2005 Special Meeting. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – none

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Wednesday, November 2, 2005 flags will be at half-staff in memory of Rosa Parks, the Depot Project is well under way

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of October 17 thru October 31, 2005; 14 total manpower, 2-reserve manpower, 1,435 total manpower hours, 40 total reserve manpower hours, 210 total calls, 5 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 October the following: 17 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES WITHIN THE CITY OF CROCKETT

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mr. John Seale, Area Manager with Centerpoint Energy, addressed council by reading a letter that was delivered to Mr. Duncan on Monday. The letter stated, "in the event the city does not make a final determination on Centerpoint's proposed rates by Wednesday, the city is considered to have approved the proposed rates under GURA." Mr. Duncan responded by saying that he did not agree with the letter, the city has original jurisdiction. The Railroad Commission has jurisdiction in unincorporated areas, not the city. Centerpoint needs to come into compliance with the interim ordinance the city passed in September. Mayor Mask left the hearing open.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE INDEFINITELY FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES WITHIN THE CITY OF CROCKETT UNTIL THE PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW AND THE CITY'S INTERIM ORDER; REQUIRING PROMPT RESPONSES TO DISCOVERY REQUESTS; REQUIRING THE TRACKING OF COSTS RELATED TO THE PETITION FOR REVIEW OF THE INTERIM ORDER; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND HEARING IN PROGRESS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve a procedural resolution suspending the effective date indefinitely for Centerpoint Energy Entex's request to increase rates within the City of Crockett until the publication of public notice in a manner consistent with the law and the city's interim order; requiring prompt responses to discovery requests; requiring the tracking of costs related to the petition for review of the interim order; notice of public hearing and hearing in progress; determining that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act and declaring an effective date. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE SPECIAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND – TEXAS PUBLIC SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS TO AID VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA/RITA AT THE CROCKETT CIVIC CENTER, 1100 EDMISTON DRIVE

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mr. Duncan explained to council that the application packet has been available for public viewing at City Hall. This is a one-time \$50,000 grant to cities for projects to improve facilities for evacuation shelters. This grant is intended to purchase a backup supply for the civic center, shower facilities with 20 showerheads and provide laundry facilities for evacuees;

with a steel building constructed adjacent to the civic center. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE SPECIAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND-TEXAS PUBLIC SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS TO AID VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA/RITA, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the special disaster relief fund-Texas public shelter improvements to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina/Rita, and authorizing the Mayor to act as the city's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Community Development Program. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION R-06-04, DATED JUNE 7, 2004, AMENDING LANGUAGE TO REMOVE ANY REFERENCE TO ANY OTHER BANKING INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK OF CROCKETT

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the amendment to Resolution R-06-04 dated June 7, 2004, amending language to remove any reference to any other banking institutions other than Citizen's National Bank of Crockett. Council member Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO CAST VOTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve a Resolution to cast votes for the Board of Directors for Houston County Appraisal District as follows: W.F. (Red) Kitchen – 144 Votes and Robert Thompson – 143 Votes. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3 for and with Council member Hall abstaining from the vote.

13. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Charles Jones – concerns with Flu Pandemic

Mayor Mask – Christmas Parade – November 17, 2005

Council member Wooten – evaluate the City’s preparedness on disasters

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary