

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 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 REGULAR 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, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER & FIRE CHIEF DARREL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session. 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: NOVEMBER 17, 2003 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Council member Gardner to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2003 as written. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Employee Christmas dinner will be Friday, December 19, 2003, noon at the civic center, encouraged council to come if they could.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – The street name changes will become effective soon, we received the contract packet for the \$20,000 grant for refuse control, Fire Chief Deckard and I met with Judge VonDoenhoff and discussed the fire coverage area in the county and as a result have issued a 90-day moratorium on any changes to the fire coverage area.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Fisher reported for the time period of December 1-14, 2003 the following: 16 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,110 total manpower hours, 20 total reserve manpower hours, 264 total calls and 7 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

Chief Fisher invited council to the police department's Christmas lunch on December 23, 2003.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of November the following: 18 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2004

Mr. Mike Byrd of First Southwest presented two different plans to provide the proceeds to pay off all debt obligation of the City of Crockett. The first would be a \$1,150,000 obligation, which would pay off present leases and provides approximately \$685,000 to fund aerators, a grant match and utility improvements such as new water meters for the city. The second would be \$825,000, which would pay off all present leases including the air conditioning unit at the Library and provide \$360,000 to fund aerators for the North Sewer Plant and for a local grant match for improvements to the South Plant. The interest rate expectation is around 4.75 percent. Council member Cunningham made a motion to approve establishing the issue size of the certificate of obligation of \$825,000.00. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Gardner and Burnett voted against the motion.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER TO BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Mayor Mask made recommendation to council and nominated Anthony Harris as an alternate member to the Building & Standards Commission. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve Anthony Harris as an alternate member. Motion seconded by Council member Cunningham. Council members Jones, Gardner and Burnett voted against the motion. Motion fails 2-3.

9. CONSIDER DESIGNATING ONE BLOCK OF SIXTH STREET FROM EAST HOUSTON TO EAST GOLIAD AS ONE WAY

Mr. Duncan explained that due to the congestion adjacent and in front of the post office, there have been many accidents. Ms. Rena Scoggins expressed her support on behalf of the post office, Chief Fisher and Chief Deckard also supports the decision. Motion was made by Council member Gardner to approve designating one block of Sixth Street from East Houston to East Goliad as one way. Motion seconded by Council member Jones. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CROCKETT AND THE HOUSTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Mr. Duncan commented that the Senior Citizens Center needs the support of the community and that with this agreement the City will be able to make payment

annually of \$2500.00 to the Center. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Crockett and the Houston County Senior Citizens Center. Motion seconded by Council member Burnett. Motion passes 5-0.

11. AWARD BID: FOUR HORIZONTAL BRUSH ROTOR, ELECTRICAL AERATORS

Mr. Duncan explained that the following bids were received:

Aeromix	Carrollton, TX	\$57,968.00	1 yr Warranty
Aeromix	Carrollton, TX	\$60,368.00	+Swing Arm Assemb
House	Cherry Valley, AR	\$71,780.00	2 yrs + P/L War
ATI Aeration	Tomball, TX	\$87,600.00	1 yr Warranty
S&N Airflow	Houston, TX	\$67,953.00	1 yr Warranty

The aerators were rated based on price, design, performance and warranty. The Aeromix aerators will meet all specifications and were most affordable. Motion was made by Council member Burnett to approve the bid from Aeromix from Carrollton, TX for \$60,368.00. Motion seconded by Council member Cunningham. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AMENDING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2003

Mr. Duncan explained that in order to give employees a four-day holiday, he wished to move the Christmas holiday to Thursday and Friday instead of Wednesday and Thursday for 2003. Motion was made by Council member Burnett to approve amending the Christmas holidays for 2003, to be Thursday and Friday. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shiveley. Motion passes 5-0.

13. DISCUSSION OF BURNING PERMIT ORDINANCE

Mr. Duncan explained that the city was actually violating the ordinance and not enforcing it properly. If it is something that can be picked up by the solid waste department, citizens cannot burn it. Mr. Duncan also stated that if the ordinance is not enforced, we could be fined. Council member Jones asked Mr. Duncan who approves the burning permits. Mr. Duncan replied that the process starts in the water department, then his office would make the decision, and if a citizen had questions they could come before council.

14. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion was made by Council member Burnett to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$27,001.11. Motion seconded by Council member Jones. Motion passes 5-0.

15. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Ms. Celerea Simon - stated that she would like to see additional help from the police department to deal with people selling drugs in Prince Hall Manor. She also complemented Officer Ramos.

Council member Gardner - presented an agenda request for the next council meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary

