

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF MARCH 2008 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, JAMES HALL, DARIUS KITCHEN, NATHAN GARDNER, JACKIE JONES & BILL HOLCOMB. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session open. 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: REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 Regular Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – No report at this time

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Credit cards will be accepted through EZ Net Pay for utility bills & municipal court fines, survey & deed completed on Etheridge property for transfer to Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation, first truck (tandem axel) will arrive next week, should receive police car that was ordered from Wayne Williams Dodge soon

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of February 11th thru March 16, 2008; 14 total manpower, 1 reserve manpower, 2,340 total manpower hours, 24 total reserve manpower hours, 545 total calls, 15 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

A) NOMINATION /ELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Anthony Griffin as a full time officer. Motion seconded by Council member Jones. Motion passes 5-0.

B) PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Chief Fisher presented council with the Annual Racial Profiling Report. This data is required by law to be presented to council annually. The report shows what data has to be presented and is mandated by law. There were 975 tickets written for the Crockett Police Department for the year. There is no racial profiling in the City of Crockett. Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the annual racial profiling report. Motion seconded by Council member Jones. Motion passes 5-0.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of February the following: 28 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A NEW FIRE TRUCK AND CALLING FOR A 5% MATCH IF FUNDING IS GRANTED AND AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF DECKARD TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION

Chief Deckard received an alarm call and excused himself from the meeting. Mr. Duncan took over for Chief Deckard. Mr. Duncan explained if the grant is awarded it will involve a 5% city match of \$16,012.00. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve authorizing the filing of a grant application with FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for a new fire truck and calling for a 5% match if funding is granted and authorized Fire Chief Deckard to act on behalf of the City of Crockett in all matters related to the application. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. PRESENTATION BY WARDEN FRANKIE REESCANO, EASTHAM UNIT, ON NEW TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

Warden Frankie Reescano not present. Mayor Mask made presentation of new academy. Mayor Mask stated that this new academy is important for our community in regards to the economic development of our area and jobs. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is beginning a new academy in Crockett for new recruits and individuals who are interested in going to work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The academy will be located in the old Crockett Elementary school. Screening began in February to try to bring in new employees to fill the approximate 5,000 shortage of employees. Mr. Duncan stated that considering the number of citizens that are looking for jobs and the available jobs in the Crockett area, this is a great opportunity to get an education in criminal justice in the prison & correctional side, to get a license and a job at a better rate of pay. Mr. Duncan added that everyone that graduates from this program will get a slot at the Eastham Unit.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM ANTONIO CRUZ FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 404 FAIRVIEW STREET, ALL THAT CERTAIN 0.271 ACRES OUT OF AND A

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Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mayor Mask stated this request was not recommended for approval by Planning & Zoning. Mayor Mask said that based on the information regarding the meeting today, he and Mr. Duncan spoke with Tim Culp, Planning & Zoning Chairman. Mr. Culp stated that the neighbors in the area as well as Planning & Zoning felt that it is not in the best of interest to locate another mobile home on this particular property. Mr. Cruz approached council and asked for an approval. A citizen that lives across the street in front of Mr. Cruz spoke against mobile home. She presented pictures and stated that the pictures spoke for themselves. She also stated that they play loud music from daylight to dark. She said that the police will come out and the music will stop for awhile then they will start it back up. Another citizen that lives across the street on Fairview spoke and said that from where he lives the property is not a pleasant sight. He also stated that he can hear the music from where he lives. Mayor Mask closed the public hearing.

10. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ANTONIO CRUZ FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 404 FAIRVIEW STREET, ALL THAT CERTAIN 0.271 ACRES OUT OF AND A PART OF THE A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY, A-423, SMITH BROTHERS SUBDIVISION, CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to follow Planning & Zoning recommendation on the request from Antonio Cruz for a specific use permit for a mobile home to be located at 404 Fairview Street, Smith Brothers subdivision in Crockett. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Permit denied.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE MARY ALLEN MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ART AND HISTORY, INC. EFFORTS TO RAISE GRANT FUNDS TO RENOVATE AND OPERATE THE HISTORIC MARY ALLEN COLLEGE BUILDING LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF CROCKETT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY THE CITY'S SUPPORT AND TO PERMIT THE MAYOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution of supporting the Mary Allen Museum of African American Art and History, Inc. efforts to raise grant funds to renovate and operate the historic Mary Allen College building located within the city limits of Crockett; authorizing the mayor to convey the City's support and to permit the mayor's participation in this collaborative effort; providing findings of fact and providing for an effective date. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CONSOLIDATED WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF CROCKETT

Mr. Duncan stated that Consolidated Water Supply Corporation was not getting enough water by contract to fulfill the requirement by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Mr. Duncan said that because of the number of connections that are on the lines that the City supports with Consolidated Water Supply Corporation the requirement is to be able to provide .6 gallons per minute per connection. Consolidated Water Supply Corporation asked the City to expand their maximum from one and half million gallons per month to two and half million gallons per month. Mr. Duncan stated that this Amendment provides this service. Mr. Duncan said that the past contracts only specified a certain number of gallons to be provided per month or per day and there was no maximum provided. Mr. Duncan also said that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is enforcing every water system in the state to do this. Council member Hall made a motion to approve Amendment and Addendum to the contract between Consolidated Water Supply Corporation and the City of Crockett. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CROCKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CROCKETT

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve a joint election agreement between the Crockett Independent School District and the City of Crockett. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

14. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CROCKETT, TEXAS DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 10, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Mask stated as of 5:00 p.m. on this date there were no other candidates interested in running for City Precinct 3, 4, and 5, these were unopposed. Mayor Mask congratulated Council member Jones, Council member Gardner, and Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb. Council member Hall made a motion to approve Ordinance of the City of Crockett declaring unopposed candidates in the May 10, 2008 General Election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

15. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT 2006 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mr. Duncan stated that the only thing that has been changed is the dates to update procedure forms. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution Adopting Citizen Complaint Procedures for the City of Crockett 2006 Texas

Community Development Block Grant. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

16. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT 2006 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution Adopting an Excessive Force Policy for the City of Crockett 2006 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

17. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT 2006 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution Adopting Section 504 Grievance Procedures for the City of Crockett 2006 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

18. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, REQUESTING EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER TO CONTRACT WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE OPTIONS PPO TO ALLOW NETWORK ACCESS THROUGH TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL

Terry Cutler from East Texas Medical Center spoke about the contract and gave an update on the growth of the medical center. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution of the City of Crockett, requesting East Texas Medical Center to contract with United Healthcare Options PPO to allow network access through TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

19. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS TO SIGN THE DEPOSITORY/AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS DESIGNATION FORM FOR TCDP CONTRACT NO. DRS060019

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution to provide authorized signators to sign the Depository/Authorized Signators Designation Form for TCDP Contract No. DRS060019. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

20. AWARD BID: SIX GENERATORS AND AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE PURCHASE THROUGH GRANT

The following bids were received:

Vendor	Location	Price
Engine Parts & Service	Nesbitt, MS	\$189,560.00
Loftin Equipment Company	Houston, TX	\$173,275.00
Holt	Dallas, TX	\$195,788.00

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to award bid to Loftin Equipment Company of Houston, TX of \$173,275.00 for six generators and authorize City Administrator to make purchase through grant. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

21. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Council member Gardner – asked if the Groves Foundation could provide Resolution to museum

Council member Jones – 6th Street & Houston and 6th Street & Goliad, dangerous intersections

22. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary