

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF AUGUST 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. FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD NOT PRESENT.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Mask called the formal session open. 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: REGULAR MEETING – JULY 21, 2008

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008 Regular Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Tropical storm - we are prepared for evacuees and we may have a few visitors

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – generators are almost ready, Jack Shively's reception was well attended, and Public Works Department is ready for tropical storms

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of July 21st thru August 3, 2008; 14 total manpower, 0 reserve manpower, 1,220 total manpower hours, 0 total reserve manpower hours, 255 total calls, 7 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Mask presented report for Fire Chief Deckard for the month of July: 12 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PRELIMINARY/FINAL REPLAT APPROVAL OF WELDON BAILEY ADDITION ON E. LOOP 304, LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 1, TO THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS. BEING ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND IN THE HENRY MASTER SURVEY, A-53, CITY

OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING ALL OF THAT CALLED 2.526 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO WELDON BAILEY AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 1052, PAGE 233 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ALL OF THAT CALLED 1.077 ACRES OF LAND, AND THAT CALLED 0.300 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO WELDON BAILEY AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 2003, PAGE 964 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Mr. Duncan explained that this plat has been divided into three lots; he also stated he had discussed this earlier with Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb stated that the highway right of way was not as it was surveyed by Texas Department of Transportation; he had spoken with Mr. Bailey and the engineer and they also agreed to the change. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to accept the replat pending presentation of revised plat of the Weldon Bailey Addition on E. Loop 304. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING TAX TRUST PROPERTIES: SUIT #00-0035, LTS 1, 2, 3 & 4, BLK 6, CAPONY ADDITION; SUIT #03-0021, 0.2 AC, AB. 423, A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY; SUIT #04-0018, 0.293 AC, AB. 423, A.E. GOSSETT SURVEY; SUIT #05-0235, 0.228 AC, AB. 46, F. JOHNSON SURVEY; SUIT #06-0169, 0.162 AC, AB. 46, F. JOHNSON SURVEY

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve bids on the following Tax Trust Properties: Suit #00-0035, LTS 1, 2, 3, & 4, BLK 6, Capony Addition; Suit #03-0021, 0.2 AC, AB. 423, A.E. Gossett Survey; Suit #04-0018, 0.293 AC, AB. 423, A.E. Gossett Survey; Suit #05-0235, 0.228 AC, AB. 46, F. Johnson Survey; Suit #06-0169, 0.162 AC, AB. 46, F. Johnson Survey. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE REQUEST TO INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES KNOWN AS THE ALLIANCE OF TXU/ONCOR CUSTOMERS (“ATOC”); PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF EXPERTS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Mask stated that he would like to see the City get involved in these proceedings. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Crockett authorizing intervention in the Public Utility Commission proceeding involving the request to increase electric rates of Oncor Electric Delivery Company; authorizing participation in a Coalition of Municipalities known as the Alliance of TXU/ONCOR Customers (“ATOC”); providing for the

retention of experts; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; such other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSED TAX RATE CHANGE AND PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Mr. Duncan discussed the various proposed tax rate changes with council. Council member Kitchen proposed a tax rate of .4641. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of .45111 per \$100.00 of valuation for the 2009 fiscal year and the public hearings scheduled. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Council member Kitchen and Jones voted against the motion. Motion passes 3-2.

11. FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Duncan told council that we did get written confirmation of the 10% increase from the Water District which will be effective September 1 of this year. Mr. Duncan went over the current budget expenditures in the general fund and stated that all departments are under budget except for solid waste; which is due to repairs. Water and Sewer revenue is short but should see some relief in the next couple of months. He will have more updates at the next council meeting and will be working on the budget amendments. Council then discussed budget issues.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary