

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF AUGUST 2009 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, ANSEL BRADSHAW, ROBERT MEADOWS, NATHAN GARDNER, 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.

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 – AUGUST 3, 2009

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2009 Regular Meeting. Council member Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 AUDIT

Mr. Jesse Stephens presented the bound audit and requested council approval. Mr. Stephens said there was a small change in the General Fund Revenue reflected in this copy. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve and accept the audit for FY 2008. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

5. REPORTS: MAYOR

A) RETURN OF 10% OF 2008-09 WORKERS' COMP AND LIABILITY CONTRIBUTIONS – received check for \$11,821.00 from Texas Municipal League

6. REPORTS: CITY ADMINISTRATOR

A) DISCUSSION ON LOOP 304 PROJECT – TXDOT's changes on project regarding public's response from previous project plans

B) DETCOG SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK GRANT – \$10,000.00 in school supplies for eligible students in Crockett I.S.D.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Chief Deckard addressed the council regarding the Fire Department's budget. Mr. James Hall questioned vehicle allowance in the budget for the Police Chief and City Administrator. Mr. Hall asked council to consider taking away this allowance. Mayor Mask closed public hearing.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Mayor Mask recommended council table this item until the August 24, 2009 meeting. Council member Bradshaw made a motion to table this item. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. No action, item tabled.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2009 TAX RATE

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. No public comments. Close public hearing.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION R-08B-09 IN SUPPORT OF AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010 CENSUS

Larry McClain and Ken Leonard represented the US Census Bureau. Mr. McClain explained how the support and partnership with the 2010 Census Bureau affects our community and state. Mr. McClain said their goal is to get information out on the US Census Bureau by April 1, 2010. Mr. Duncan asked each member of council to consider appointing someone from their district to a future Census Committee to assist in getting information out on the importance of the census. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution R-08B-09 in support of and partnership with the 2010 Census. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR THE SAFER PROGRAM (STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE) FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Chief Deckard stated that time is becoming a matter in accepting the grant. Mayor Mask said he thought council had some reservations in obligating the city to the funds toward the end of the grant process. After much discussion regarding the impact of the grant on the City's future budgets; Mayor Mask asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve acceptance of the grant for the SAFER Program from the US Department of Homeland Security. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Council member Jones voted against the motion.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Council member Gardner – questioned Mr. Duncan regarding the pond in City Park

City Administrator Duncan - responded by saying that after discussion with Mayor Mask regarding the drainage issues in that area from the pool and the Ag Arena, and much planning of pond design with minimum depth, the pond was dug with city dozer at a low cost that should correct the drainage problems along with fixing the dead area of the park, making it a place where families can fish and enjoy the pond. He told council that he would have it filled back with dirt if that is what they wanted. Council did not respond with any questions or comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary