

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th 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. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RONALD DUNCAN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF JIMMY FISHER AND FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD. MAYOR PRO TEM HOLCOMB NOT PRESENT. (DUE TO TXDOT MANDATORY TRAINING)

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 4, 2008

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2008 Regular Meeting. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – none

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Home program is complete, all generators are installed with exception of fire department which is scheduled for completion

Chief Deckard then addressed council concerning his issues with the installation of the generator and also the roof problems at the fire station.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Tim Culp, Director of Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation, presented council with a report of the finances and activities of the corporation. This report outlined the work of the organization and plans for possible projects coming to the Crockett area. He then presented council the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget. After discussion, Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 FY Budget for the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Jones seconded the motion.

Motion passes 4-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. Mr. John Hooks told council he was against the increase in water rates, another citizen asked questions regarding water wells. Close public hearing.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; 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 2009

Council member Kitchen made a motion to approve the Ordinance adopting the annual budget of the City of Crockett for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-1. Council member Hall voted against the motion.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008 TAX RATE

Mayor Mask opened the public hearing. No public comments on tax rate. Close public hearing.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION RELATING TO TAX RESALE PROPERTIES

Mr. Duncan told council this resolution reaffirms the action taken by them at the August 4, 2008 meeting. Council member Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution relating to tax resale properties; Cause #04-0018 and Cause #00-0035. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Duncan explained this is the submission of an application to TCDP for sewer improvements and that by the time it goes thru the application process it would be a 2010 project. Council member Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant

application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for community development funds. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11 COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Billy Groves – spoke in defense of Chief Fisher

Council member Gardner – addressed Chief Fisher on anger management

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary