

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd 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 Bradshaw 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 20, 2009

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

- A) HOME PROGRAM UPDATE – 12 applications submitted, still in review
- B) DETCOG REFUSE CONTROL GRANT UPDATE – County Commissioner's Court approved submission of grant

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR JULY 2009

Police Chief Fisher reported for the time period of July 1, 2009 thru July 31, 2009; 16 total manpower, 0 reserve manpower, 2592 total manpower hours, 0 total reserve manpower hours, 735 total calls, 15 total accidents.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY AND STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2009

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of July the following: 42 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. UPDATE ON STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT

Chief Deckard said that the city had been notified they had been selected to receive the SAFER Grant. Mr. Duncan explained that the city's portion of the first year match of about \$10,000 was in the new budget.

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

Mr. Jesse Stephens presented a draft audit for Fiscal Year 2008 and will bring a completed audit for council approval at the next meeting. Mr. Stephens reminded council of the need to include depreciation in the water and sewer budget.

9. FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Duncan said the Houston County Appraisal District's proposed 2009 property tax rates are .477750. Mr. Duncan said this is an increase over the previous year's rate of .451110 and the increase is slightly lower than the rollback rate of .477863. Mr. Duncan said the rate of .477750 is \$11,600.00 less than what he projected for revenue requirement in the draft. Mr. Duncan explained that he compensated for the difference in the revenue in the contingency fund. Mr. Duncan said that he did not make any additions or changes for additional programs because of lack of revenue. Mr. Duncan explained the SAFER program is built in the budget because council supported it in last year's budget. Council member Meadows expressed his concerns on whether the city could afford the SAFER Grant over the years. Mr. Duncan said next years budget would be tighter but by the third year he felt the city should be okay.

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

Mr. Duncan discussed the proposed tax rate changes with council. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of .47775 per \$100.00 of valuation for the 2010 fiscal year and the public hearings scheduled. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Council member Bradshaw voted against the motion. Motion passes 4-1.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE DONATION TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LOT 1941, .20 ACRES, 2009/1073; LOCATED AT 108 BURLESON, JOINTLY OWNED BY TAXING ENTITIES

Mr. Duncan said the site had been cleaned up and is ready for donation. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve donation to Habitat for Humanity of Lot 1941, .20 acres, 2009/1073; located at 108 Burleson, jointly owned by taxing entities. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT GUARANTEEING THE LOAN OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAM AND
AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TO EXECUTE SAID LOAN

Tim Culp, Executive Director for the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation explained that he had received conformation from USDA for a loan in the amount of \$2.8 million which would be financed at a fixed rated for 40 years with no pre-payment penalty for the construction of the Houston County Regional Vocational/Technical & Higher Educational Facility. Mr. Culp said that he felt the school could be built for less than the projected budget with help from Vulcraft/Nucor. Mr. Culp stated that one of the conditions required by USDA is there has to be a resolution passed by city council guaranteeing funds obligating the necessary sales tax funds for repayment of the loan. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Crockett Guaranteeing the Loan of Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation to United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Program and Authorizing the President and Executive Director of the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation to Execute Said Loan. Council member Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL
14. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary