

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF JUNE 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.

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 – MAY 19, 2008

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 Regular Meeting. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Piney Woods Fine Arts Association hosting Summer Concert Series, meet and greet Chamber of Commerce new president scheduled for Thursday at Moosehead Café

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Final paperwork complete on last home for the Home program with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs – the other homes are 60% to 80% complete in construction, Disaster Relief grant – received most of the generators and will start pouring slabs for generators, cleaning out Gail Creek, North Waste Water Treatment Plant improvements almost complete, draft of budget to council by June 16th

5. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 AUDIT

Mr. Jesse Stephens presented the audit for Fiscal Year 2007 and after a presentation and discussion by council, Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve and accept the audit for FY 2007. Council member Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of May 19th thru June 1, 2008; 13 total manpower, 1 reserve manpower, 1,120 total manpower hours, 20 total reserve manpower hours, 300 total calls, 8 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

Chief Fisher answered questions from council members regarding various issues.

A) NOMINATION/ELECTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve Craig Osaw as a full time officer. Motion seconded by Council member Kitchen. Motion passes 5-0.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Deckard reported for the month of May the following: 25 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF DARRELL DECKARD TO APPLY TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A GRANT FOR THE 'SAFER' PROGRAM (STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE)

Chief Deckard reported to council that the department is understaffed and if this grant is approved it would fund three fulltime employees. Council member Hall made a motion to approve authorizing Chief Deckard to apply for funding for three fulltime employees to the US Department of Homeland Security for a grant for the 'SAFER' Program. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL FILMING IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT

Mr. Duncan informed council that two cities (Palestine & Rusk) had passed this exact ordinance. Mr. Duncan said that Jacksonville is currently working on adding more provisions to the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the ordinance to require a permit for commercial filming in the City of Crockett. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Chief Deckard – photography and videos at the Civic Center

Council member Kitchen – burning in the city

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary