

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF MAY 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 & ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF CHRIS GUNNELS.

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 – APRIL 21, 2008

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

4. REPORTS: MAYOR – Pleased to see Council member Jones present along with the rest of the Council members, looks forward to going into the summer – hopes there is rain but also likes to see citizens use water

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Home program with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is moving along well – signed closing on last home today, Special Environmental Project going well between Goliad & Bell Street and Town Branch Creek off of Oak Street, three generators have arrived – waiting on last bid proposal for slab work

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Fisher reported for the time period of April 21st thru May 18, 2008; 13 total manpower, 2 reserve manpower, 1,915 total manpower hours, 40 total reserve manpower hours, 505 total calls, 11 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief Gunnels reported for the month of April the following: 27 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

7. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Administrator Duncan administered the Oath of Office to Nathan Gardner, Jackie Jones and Bill Holcomb

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

Mr. Duncan explained this would be a joining together with several East Texas cities and becoming a film friendly city. Mr. Duncan said the intent of the project would make our city open to bringing in extra dollars as people bring in film crews. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb objects to a five and half page ordinance and asked if other cities have the same ordinance in place. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to table the ordinance to require a permit for commercial filming in the City of Crockett. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Item tabled until next meeting.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING TAX TRUST PROPERTIES: SUIT #06-0175, BENNETT EQUIPMENT COMPANY; CROCKETT CITY, DEPOT ADDITION, BLK 3 LT 9; BLK 2 LTS 3, 11, 12, 17 & 18; BLK 1 LTS 5 THRU 8 & 10, SUIT #00-0240, FRANK LLOYD EST.; AE GOSSETT SURVEY, AB 423, 1.25 AC, WOOD ST.

Council member Hall made a motion to approve bids on the following Tax Trust Properties: Suit#06-0175, Bennett Equipment Company; Crockett City, Depot Addition, BLK 3 LT 9; BLK 2 LTS 3, 11, 12, 17 & 18; BLK 1 LTS 5 thru 8 & 10, Suit #00-0240, Frank Lloyd Est.; AE Gossett Survey, AB 423, 1.25 AC, Wood Street. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF CROCKETT HANDBOOK

Mr. Duncan went over each change in policy amendments. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb would like to eliminate department head cell phone numbers from document. Chief Fisher would like council to know that he does not allow officers to work at other police departments while employed with the city. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Resolution amending the City of Crockett Handbook with exception of the department head cell phone numbers. Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PINEY WOODS FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FIFTH STREET IN THE PARK BETWEEN ANSON JONES AND ALAMO STREETS FOR FOUR TUESDAYS IN THE UPCOMING SUMMER, JUNE, THE 3, 10, 17, AND 24, 2008 FROM 6:30 PM TO 10:00 PM FOR THE TEXAS SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES

Mayor Pro Tem Holcomb made a motion to approve the temporary closure of Fifth Street in the park between Anson Jones and Alamo Streets for four Tuesdays in the upcoming summer, June, the 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2008 for the Texas Summer Nights Concert Series. Council member Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL

Council member Gardner – concerns regarding franchise tax and services

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to consider, meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Wayne Mask, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary