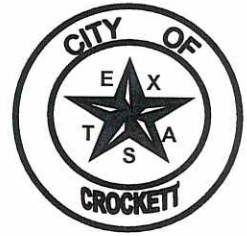


CITY OF CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



DR. IANTHIA FISHER, MAYOR

Butch Calvert, Council Member
Darrell Jones, Council Member
Ernest Jackson, Council Member
Marquita Beasley, Council Member
Mike Marsh, Mayor Pro Tem

John Angerstein, City Administrator
Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary
William Pemberton, City Attorney
Clayton Smith, Police Chief
Jason Frizzell, Fire Chief

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS April 9, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Crockett will conduct its Special Meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2020, located at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street, Crockett, Texas 75835 by telephone or video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no public access to the location described above.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at www.crocketttexas.org

The public dial-in number to participate in the telephone meeting is: **1-973-854-6173**

Meeting ID: 11115445156#

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone meeting will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

- 1. IDENTIFICATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL) AND INVOCATION**
- 2. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL** *(At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on City related matters only; no personnel matters or matters under litigation will be allowed. The length of time may not exceed three minutes. NO Council discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.)*
- 3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE MODIFYING OR EXTENDING THE MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DATED APRIL 2, 2020 AND THE LENGTH OF RENEWAL AND CONTINUATION**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Crockett will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 24 hours prior to the meetings. Please contact Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary, at 936-544-5156.

**CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Houston County, I, as Mayor of the City of Crockett, issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the City of Crockett, Texas;

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code;

WHEREAS, the Governor has acknowledged that cities may need to enact more stringent measures to address this public health emergency:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS: THAT THE CITIZENS SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ONLY:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Crockett, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Crockett, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That this declaration, pursuant to the Governor of Texas executive order GA-14, issued March 31, 2020, and Houston County Judge's executive order issued, April 2, 2020, hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area. Furthermore, this order shall limit City of Crockett residents to travel to obtain or perform essential services only.

"Essential services" shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. Other essential services may be added to this list with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). TDEM maintains an online list of essential services, as specified in this executive order and in any approved additions. For direction on what is considered "Essential Services" can be found by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

In providing or obtaining essential services, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing social distancing, and working from home if possible. In particular, all services should be provided through remote telework unless they are essential services that cannot be provided through remote telework. If religious services cannot be conducted through remote services, they should be conducted consistent with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

This executive order does not prohibit people from accessing essential services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID- 19 and to minimize in person contact with people who are not in the same household.

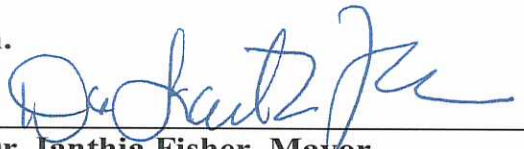
In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

SECTION 7. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days, or both.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 2nd day of April, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.



Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

