

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2021 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: IANTHIA FISHER, GENE CALDWELL, ERNEST JACKSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. MARQUITA BEASLEY JOINED REMOTELY. DARRELL JONES NOT PRESENT.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open. Council member Jackson gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Fisher recognized all visitors present.

3. 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.)*

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL SESSION – JULY 6, 2021 AND REGULAR SESSION – JULY 19, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Special Session and the July 19, 2021 Regular Session. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSED TAX RATE

Mr. Angerstein explained to council the FY 2022 budget is balanced and is based on the voter approval rate which is a slight decrease from last year. Some of the capital requests could not be included in the budget, however, the part-time position at the fire department has been funded and will be moved to a full-time water clerk position at the water department, while also covering duties at the fire department. Council member Caldwell made a motion to approve the Voter Approval Tax Rate of .564000/\$100. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve appointment of Council member Caldwell and Mayor Fisher as representatives to serve on the Board of Directors for Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Gentry presented council with the 2021-2022 budget and explained the budget projects \$1.375 million in total income and \$1.302 million in total expenses. After discussion; Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget for the Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE EXTENSION OF DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2023 WITH PROSPERITY BANK

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the extension of depository agreement until August 31, 2023 with Prosperity Bank. Council member Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORPORATION ("AMSC") FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS, AND OTHER DEBTS

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an Ordinance terminating the contract with American Municipal Services Corporation ("AMSC") for the collection of delinquent fines, fees, court costs, and other debts. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A CONTINGENT FEE CONTRACT WITH PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS AND MOTT, LLP PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.0031 OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, SAID CONTRACT BEING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT GOVERNMENT RECEIVABLES OWED TO CITY OF CROCKETT AND NOTICE OF SAID CONTRACT IS POSTED WITH THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 2254 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Article 103.0031 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to City of Crockett and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Chapter 2254 of the Government Code. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS, AND OTHER DEBTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.0031 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve an Ordinance providing for a fee to defray costs of collecting delinquent fines, fees, court costs, and other debts pursuant to Article 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR INCODE SOFTWARE

Mr. Angerstein explained to council it is an urgent matter to move the City's operating software and systems over to a more relevant software package. The new software will allow the city to update the billing to allow for a water bill with more data on it. Council member Jackson made a motion to approve authorizing City Administrator to enter into agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Incode Software. Council member Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV. CODE 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSIDER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR


Mayor Fisher stated council would convene into Executive Session according to Gov. Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters: Consider Annual Performance Evaluation of Police Chief, Fire Chief and City Administrator. Time was 6:37 P.M. Order of Evaluations: Chief Smith, Chief Frizzell and City Administrator Angerstein.

14. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION IF ANY ON ITEM NO. 13

Council reconvened into open session at 8:03 P.M. Council member Jackson made a motion to accept all evaluations as favorable. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0. (Council member Beasley left meeting at 7:20 PM)


15. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.



Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary