

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 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, DARRELL JONES, 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 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.)*

Alexander Burke gave a presentation to council on his Eagle Scout project, a Butterfly Park in Davy Crockett Park.

4. JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Mayor Fisher presented several citizens with Community Recognition Certificates for the work done in connection with the Juneteenth Celebration:

Buck McCullough & Latervance Patton:

Sponsors: The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Neighborhood Day" Celebration

Supporting: Families and Neighborhoods

Groves Educational Foundation

Sponsors: The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Supporting: Historical Achievements and Talents

Keisha Sandles & Veroneka Wheeler

Sponsors: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Juneteenth Pop-Up Market

Supporting: Economics and Wealth

Catina Brice & Shambrica Creag:

Event: Camp TBF - Cedric & Punkin Bailey CEO'S – Host

Tasha Brent - Tx. A&M Co. Extension Agent Ho. Co.- Guest

Supporting: Healthy Lifestyles

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR JUNE 2021

Chief Smith reported for the month of June 2021; 14 total manpower, 1880 total manpower hours, 410 total calls and 11 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY AND STATUS REPORT FOR JUNE 2021

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

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. Ben Rosenberg explained to council this Resolution is for approval to submit the application to the Texas Water Development Board. Council member Jones made a motion to approve a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board. Council member Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, TAX NOTE, SERIES 2021; AWARDING THE SALE OF SAID NOTE; LEVYING A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID NOTE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT

Mr. Angerstein noted this tax note is related to the swimming pool and will use debt reserve funds; no additional taxes will be levied. Mr. Rosenberg stated that five different banks were solicited. First National Bank of Huntsville came in with the lowest interest rate of .8563%. Council member Jackson made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Crockett, Texas, tax note, Series 2021; awarding the sale of said note to First National Bank of Huntsville; levying a tax in payment thereof; prescribing the form of said note; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, SELECTING A GRANT WRITER/ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIST THE CITY IN ITS APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Mr. Angerstein noted that two sealed bids were received; Traylor & Associates and Grantworks, Inc. The evaluation team met to review proposals and recommends awarding the contract, if needed, to Traylor & Associates. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, selecting a Grant Writer/Administrator to assist the city in its application and administration of funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to Traylor & Associates. Council member Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, SELECTING AN ENGINEER TO ASSIST THE CITY IN ITS APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Mr. Angerstein noted that three sealed bids were received; KSA Engineers, Inc., Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. and Everett Griffith & Associates, Inc. The evaluation team met to review proposals and recommends awarding the contract to KSA Engineers. Council member Jones made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, selecting an Engineer to assist the city in its application and implementation of funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to KSA Engineers. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CROCKETT AND GTE MOBILNET OF TEXAS RSA #17 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS

Mr. Angerstein explained to council this Verizon cell tower will be located on the west side of the railroad tracks near the old jail, outside the historical district. The city will receive rental payments in the amount of \$10,200.00 monthly. Council member Jones made a motion to approve land lease agreement between City of Crockett and GTE Mobilnet of Texas RSA #17 Limited Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

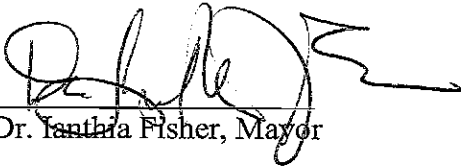
12. FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET UPDATE/WORKSHOP

Mr. Angerstein updated council on the FY 2022 budget; there is still no definitive calculation on the taxes. One-time expenditures can be addressed separately but

items under M&O will be limited due to the cap on tax rate which looks as if it will drop by .02 so as not to go over voter approval rate. The amount to add personnel (part-time) to the fire department has been reduced to \$52,000 which will place firefighters around the clock at the fire station. The Animal control officer could be reduced to part time, utility billing clerk and a Program Director can be put on hold and if numbers come in before budget is adopted these can be looked at again.

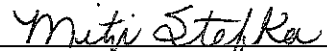
13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M.



Dr. Iantha Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary