

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL 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, MICHAEL CALVERT, DARRELL JONES, MARQUITA BEASLEY & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. ERNEST JACKSON NOT PRESENT.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open. Mayor Fisher 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.)*

Mayor Fisher – Reminded all that early voting for the May 1 Election was underway at City Hall; also, a food bank, in collaboration with the Lion's Club will hand out food boxes the 3rd Monday of each month.

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDIT

Ms. Molly Abele, of Axley & Rode Lufkin, TX presented the audit for Fiscal Year 2020. Ms. Abele stated they were issuing an unmodified opinion, which is the highest they can give and which states that everything is presented fairly in all material respects. She continued that the general fund budget was under budget on revenues but was under on expenses by about \$186,000 for the year with the City having a net gain of \$76,000 for the year. She also noted there was a letter contained in the audit which detailed significant deficiencies with the Crockett Economic Industrial Development Corporation's audit. Council member Calvert stated that he was concerned about the signed, blank checks and the unauthorized payments and said he would like to see more information from the CEIDC board about why this occurred. Councilmember Jones asked Ms. Abele if she had an opportunity to speak with Board President Chris von Doenhoff about the matter. She replied she had made contact with the CEIDC treasurer who had given confirmation. Mayor Fisher suggested accepting the audit as presented and following up with the CEIDC about the specifics mentioned in the audit letter. Council member Calvert made a motion to approve and accept the audit for FY 2020 as presented and to request a meeting with the CEIDC Board of Directors as soon as possible. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR SESSION –APRIL 5, 2021

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting. Council member Calvert seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR MARCH 2021

Chief Smith reported for the month of March 2021; 15 total manpower, 2517 total manpower hours, 406 total calls and 10 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY AND STATUS REPORT FOR MARCH 2021


Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of March the following: 45 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS (“CITY”) DENYING THE DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR RATE REQUEST OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC MADE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 8, 2021; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIES; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RELATED RATE PROCEEDINGS; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE


Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution by the City of Crockett, Texas (“city”) denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate request of ONCOR Electric Delivery Company LLC made on or about April 8, 2021; authorizing participation in a coalition of similarly situated cities; authorizing participation in related rate proceedings; requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; authorizing the retention of special counsel; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date. Council member Calvert seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M.


Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mitzi Thompson, City/Secretary