

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020 IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 200 NORTH FIFTH IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS AT 10:00 A.M.

THE COUNCIL MET IN A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA **TELEPHONE CONFERENCE** WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: IANTHIA FISHER, DARRELL JONES, ERNEST JACKSON, MARQUITA BEASLEY & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH. BUTCH CALVERT NOT PRESENT DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL) AND INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called for a verbal roll call and called the formal session open. Mayor Fisher gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge.

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.)*

- Council member Jones – commented concerning citizens not able to pay water bills and he feels the issue needs to be addressed
- Mayor Fisher stated the issue would be addressed immediately

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR SESSION – MARCH 2, 2020

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE (1) CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN PRECINCT #5 TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT ELECTION CONTRACTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, postponing the general election to be

held on the 2nd day of May, 2020, for the purpose of electing one (1) City Council Member in Precinct #5 to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date; authorizing execution of joint election contracts for the November 3, 2020 election; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-1. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh abstained.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ALLOWING THE HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE 2020 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & FAIR AT THE PORTH AG ARENA; SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30 – APRIL 4, 2020

Mr. Scott Moore, President of Houston County Fair Association, explained to council that the association has worked to come up with alternate suggestions. One suggestion is to have the exhibitors drop animals at the arena one group at a scheduled time and the judges would judge the animals. Mr. Moore stated they could work out the details where the exhibitors are driving through dropping animals off, and fair members would actually tie them up to the rail. The judge would judge the animals. And then, at a designated time later on, the exhibitors would come back through one at a time and get their projects and take them home. He continued that any way that we can possibly help these kids out. That's our main objective, without endangering anybody.

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh stated he is in agreement with letting the kids drop animals off, let them judge the animals and then come back and pick them up, as long as it's kept to 10 people.

Council member Jones stated that he is concerned about the community, it only takes one person that has the coronavirus to spread it and he is not willing to take that opportunity to risk anybody's life, even the ones that want to hold the event. He explained that it can be rescheduled to another date and time and at this time, he is not in favor.

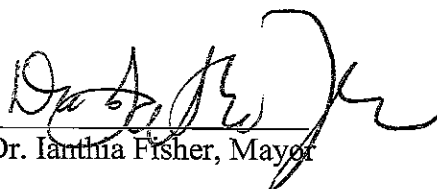
Council member Jackson stated that the event has been a part of our county history for some time and he understands the importance to the youth of our community, as well as their parents and all others who have invested and dedicated themselves to the event. But he can't see hosting the event at this particular time. The coronavirus is everywhere. We don't know who are carriers and who are not. Mr. Jackson stated he is not in support of the event.

Council member Beasley stated that she feels the same as Mr. Jones and Mr. Jackson, and wants this to continue for the kids but they need to look at a different week—maybe even after the governor's executive order lets up, at most, to see if they can reschedule it for another week.

Council member Jones made a motion to not approve allowing the Houston County Fair & Youth Livestock Association to hold the 2020 Youth Livestock Show & Fair at the Porth Ag Arena; scheduled for March 30 – April 4, 2020. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-1. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh voted against the motion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

  
Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary