

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020 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 SPECIAL 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 MARSHAL CHRIS JIMENEZ. ERNEST JACKSON JOINED MEETING REMOTELY.

1. OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open. Council member Jones 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. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS

Mr. Angerstein updated council on the \$13,000.00 DETCOG grant which provided for 23 dumpsters for rubbish and illegal dumping clean-up. There were five abandoned properties cleaned and three properties with voluntary clean up agreements.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR SESSION – AUGUST 3, 2020, SPECIAL SESSION- AUGUST10, 2020 AND REGULAR SESSION – AUGUST 17, 2020

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Session – August 3, 2020, Special Session- August10, 2020 and Regular Session – August 17, 2020. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020

Chief Smith reported for the month of August 2020; 14 total manpower, 1925 total manpower hours, 444 total calls and 11 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY AND STATUS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020

Fire Marshal Jimenez reported for the month of August 2020 the following: 37 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA)

Mr. Angerstein explained to council these grant funds could be used to continue water & sewer line issues down Martin Luther King Blvd and get the street rebuilt with new asphalt. Council member Calvert made a motion to approve authorizing City Administrator John Angerstein to issue requests for proposals for Administrative Services and requests for qualifications for Engineering Services related to the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT OF WAY FOR CHRISTMAS IN CROCKETT

Mr. Angerstein noted that the Chamber has included a COVID-19 Event Plan in compliance with Governor Abbot's orders. He stated that for this event to take place, council needs to approve the Resolution and Agreement but Mayor Fisher still has the authority to cancel the event at any time if she deems it necessary. Council member Jones stated his concern would be social distancing for that number of people. Council member Beasley stated it was the same thing for the Peanut Festival in Grapeland and it was cancelled. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh stated this event is a big money maker for Crockett. Mayor Fisher stated the Chamber does have a detailed action plan for this event. Council member Jackson stated he understands the economic impact for the city and county but feels it would not be possible to social distance and must consider the liability issue; he does not support this event taking place. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh stated this event is not until November and made a motion to approve a Resolution and Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of State Right of Way for Christmas in Crockett. No second. No action.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CITY SECRETARY CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE IN PRECINCT #5

Council member Calvert made a motion to approve City Secretary Certification of unopposed candidate in Precinct #5. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh abstained.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN PRECINCT #5 SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Council member Jones made a motion to approve a Resolution cancelling the election of City Council Member in Precinct #5 scheduled for November 3, 2020. Council member Calvert seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh abstained.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

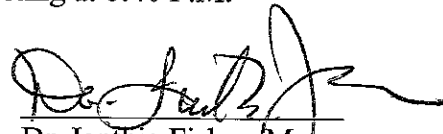
Council member Calvert made a motion to approve the reappointment of Ray Bruner and the appointments of Wade Thomas and Connie Strban as members to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS


Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the reappointments of Gerald Barkley and Colin Castleberry as members to Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.


Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary