

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 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 REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: IANTHIA FISHER, MICHAEL CALVERT, DARRELL JONES & MARQUITA BEASLEY. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. ERNEST JACKSON & MIKE MARSH 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.)*

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A TRANSFER STATION OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH PINEY WOODS SANITATION

Council member Jones made a motion to approve a Transfer Station Operating Agreement with Piney Woods Sanitation. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

5. DISCUSSION ON OPENING OF CITY FACILITIES AND DIRECTIVES

Mr. Angerstein discussed with council directives for opening of city facilities. He stated that the goal has been to be proactive as a city in all actions, all while maximizing the level of service to citizens. He does not want to confuse employees and the public, so they never know what to expect. The primary goal is to protect our employees and the public so as to continue providing services without interruption.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR SESSION – JUNE 15, 2020

Council member Calvert made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. Council member Beasley seconded the motion.  
Motion passes 3-0.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR JUNE 2020

Chief Smith reported for the month of June 2020; 13 total manpower, 1736 total manpower hours, 496 total calls and 10 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

Chief Smith reported to council, concerning the recent face covering mandate, that police officers are not required to ticket, detain or arrest anyone who does not obey Governor Abbotts's face covering mandate.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY AND STATUS REPORT FOR JUNE 2020

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of June the following: 38 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

9. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Angerstein noted the FY 2021 draft budget was built with no rate changes at all and is built on a flat tax rate on estimated values. The draft budget is able to fund the increase in health insurance for employees; and also includes an increase to the City's retirement system. This increase is to fund an increase from 5% to 7% in retirement for employees. There has been no COLA raise for employees in four years, employees have expressed interest in this long-term benefit.

Mr. Angerstein went over revenue line items and each department's budget by category noting changes in departments. He noted that from an operational standpoint, the FY 2021 budget is a lean budget, with resources being used to maintain existing service levels with an increased priority directed to the streets department. Council discussed at length the capital requests and budget line items. In this draft budget, adequate funding has been allocated to support the year's grant opportunities. This proposed budget allows the city to continue maintaining essential municipal services for the community.

Council heard from department heads on capital requests:

Chief Smith – New handheld radios at a cost of \$124,186.82, salary increases for all police employees, renovations to police department, hand held radar.

Council advised Chief Smith to research and get additional quotes for the radios.

Fire Marshal Chris Jimenez – new Ford F-250 crew cab at a cost of \$61,446.14

Council advised Mr. Jimenez to get additional quotes for trucks.

Street & Sewer department – Street Sweeper at a cost of \$163,925.00 and a Sewer Hydro vacuum at a cost of \$78,090.75

In conclusion, Mayor Fisher and councilmembers agreed on three capital requests, after receiving additional quotes; truck for Fire Marshal, hand held radios and renovations to the police department. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3 and the tax rate will be discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M.



Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary