

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023 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, DENNIS IVEY, ERNEST JACKSON, & MARQUITA BEASLEY. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, AND FIRE MARSHAL LEE STANDLEY. DARRELL JONES AND MIKE MARSH WERE ABSENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open; Council member Ivey gave the invocation, and all joined in the pledge.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Fisher recognized all visitors present.

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.)*

- Joe Martin – Commended John Angerstein and city workers for job well done
- Virginia Lewis – Suggested replacing Onshore Signage at Hwy 19/Loop 304
- Liza Clark – Invited public to National Night Out
- Mayor Fisher – Recognized 9/11 Remembrance, the Hispanic Heritage Festival and Crockett ISD Homecoming parade.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SPECIAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 special session. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

BUSINESS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

Chief Smith reported for the month of August 2023: 16 total manpower, 2,996 total manpower hours, 517 total calls and 15 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packet.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

Fire Marshal Standley reported for the month of July 2023 the following: 79 total calls. He stated the dry weather resulted in a marked increase in calls over the previous month. A breakdown is included in the packet.

4. PRESENTATION - TEXAS FILM FRIENDLY CERTIFICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Betty Russo, Regional Representative for the Gulf Coast/East Texas Region with the Texas Economic Development and Tourism office presented the City of Crockett with a Texas Film Friendly Certificate. She explained that this allows the city greater visibility and support for film/movie production companies to utilize the City of Crockett for film making. Liza Clark, Executive Director of the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce, also spoke about the potential benefits of this certification.

5. 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

Council member Beasley 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. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CIRCUS PERMIT APPLICATION FROM CULPEPPER AND MERRIWEATHER CIRCUS FOR A CIRCUS TO BE HELD OCTOBER 15, 2023

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve circus permit application from Culpepper and Merriweather Circus for a circus to be held October 15, 2023. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

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

Council member Jackson 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 Lighting of Downtown Crockett. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Council member Beasley made a motion to reappoint Ray Bruner, Connie Strban and Wade Thomas to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an additional term. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS REQUESTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REDESIGNATE TEXAS STATE HIGHWAYS 7, 19, AND 21 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 287 SO THEY RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH TX-LOOP 304 AND REDESIGNATE THE ORIGINAL FOOTPRINTS OF TEXAS HIGHWAYS 7, 19, AND 21 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 287 INSIDE TX-LOOP 304 BE DESIGNATED AS BUSINESS HIGHWAYS 7, 19, 21 AND 287

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Crockett, Texas requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to redesignate Texas State Highways 7, 19, and 21 and US Highway 287 so they run concurrently with TX-Loop 304 and redesignate the original footprints of Texas Highways 7, 19, and 21 and US Highway 287 inside TX-Loop 304 be designated as Business Highways 7, 19, 21, and 287. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve a Resolution for amendments to Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICES FROM CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the payment of invoices from Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary