

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH. DARRELL JONES AND MARQUITA BEASLEY WERE ABSENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open; council member Jackson 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.)*

- There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: OCTOBER 16, 2023 & SPECIAL SESSION: OCTOBER 23, 2023

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2023 Regular Session and October 23, 2023 Special Session. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

BUSINESS

2. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE ON STATUS OF CHARTER REVISION

Mr. Angerstein explained that the previous charter consultant had recused himself from the project due to a difference in opinion regarding the hierarchy of our council-manager structure with regard to the Police and Fire Chief reporting to the Mayor and City Council instead of the City Administrator. As a result, the charter revision project would be placed on hold temporarily while the city searches for a new consultant to assist with the process. As soon as another consultant is found, the project will move forward as prescribed by the council.

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO CAST VOTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to cast 213 votes for Kathi Calvert and 213 votes for Red Kitchen for the Board of Directors for Houston County Appraisal District. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to table the item until the next council meeting. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

5. DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET AND FINANCING OPTIONS

Police Chief Smith explained that the police department was in need of new patrol vehicles due to the age and lack of reliability of the current fleet. After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to research possible financing options for the purchase that would allow the city to acquire the vehicles without the need to increase the tax rate and present them to council at the next council meeting. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REMOVING PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE STATUS OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to table this item until the criminal investigation is complete. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary