

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2026, 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, CHRISTOPHER PRICE, NATRENIA HICKS, ROCKY SIMON, AND HUDSON DUREN. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY SELENA ELEBY, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, AND CITY ATTORNEY DONNA GORDON

#### OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open and Mayor Pro Tem Ivey gave the invocation. All joined in reciting the pledge.

#### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Fisher recognized all visitors present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE *(At this time, members of the public 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 (3) minutes. CITY COUNCIL SHALL NOT SPEAK UNDER THIS ITEM. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council may not deliberate or take action on matters except as properly posted in accordance with law)*

- Kayla Selser from Crockett Merchant Girls softball would like Council to consider installing turf on softball fields in Davy Crockett Park.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 1. REGULAR SESSION: AUGUST 03, 2026

Mayor Pro Tem Ivey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council member Price seconded the motion. The motion passes 5-0

#### REPORTS

##### 2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR JULY 2026

Chief Smith reported for the month of July 2026: 16 total manpower, 2875 total manpower hours, 444 total calls, and 12 total accidents.

##### 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2026

Chief Frizzell reported for the month of July 2026: 27 total calls with 17 inside the City, and 10 in County response area.

4. PRESENT CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITIONS FROM CHARTER COMMISSION AND DISCUSS DATES FOR COUNCIL WORKSHOPS.

Mr. Angerstein presented the provisions from the Charter Committee who voted unanimously to approve the provisions. He explained that the next step is for Council to discuss the provisions in workshops. He further explained that from there, it is up to the Council's discretion to hold a public hearing, if necessary, to review Council's findings, and then the explanatory statements for each provision are sent to the Attorney General's office to be approved before it is published in official notices and being placed on the ballot for the May 2027 election. Council agreed to hold workshops and meet with the attorney on 9/11/2026 and 9/25/2026 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. No comments. Mayor Fisher closed the hearing.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 - *(The following Taxpayer Impact Statement is pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.043 (a) - Value of Average-Valued Homestead Property\* in the City for the Current Fiscal Year: \$99,449: Property Tax Bill for the Current Fiscal Year (\$0.6808) \*\*: \$677.05: Value of Average-Valued Homestead Property\* in the City for the Upcoming Fiscal Year: \$106,122: Estimated Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year with proposed rate (\$0.7668) \*\*: \$813.74: Estimated Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year for a Balanced Budget funded at the No-New-Revenue Rate (\$0.6755) \*\*\*: \$716.85)*

Mr. Angerstein gave a summary of the proposed budget. Council member Hicks expressed her displeasure with the proposed budget, explaining her reluctance to raise the tax rate on low-income and fixed-income citizens to fund cost-of-living adjustments for city employees. She also expressed concerns about funds being transferred between departments without council approval and requested an audit of the budget. Mr. Angerstein explained that there have been no inter-departmental transfers of funds without council approval and the city's finances are audited annually by an independent accounting firm. These audit reports have received an unmodified opinion, the highest rating. Council member Price made a motion to approve an ordinance making appropriation for the support of the City of Crockett for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027; appropriating money to sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual budget of the City of Crockett for the fiscal year 2027. Council member Duren seconded the motion. Council members Hicks and Simon voted against. Motion passes 3-2.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026 TAX RATE

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. Lois Ball and Berta Harris asked questions about the impact of the tax rate on their annual tax bill. With no further questions/comments, Mayor Fisher closed the public hearing.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID

Council member Duren made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.7668 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 12.63% increase in the tax rate above the No-New-Revenue Rate. Council member Price seconded the motion. Council members Hicks and Simon voted against. Motion passes 3-2.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2026 TAX ROLL

Mr. Angerstein explained that the 2026 tax roll included the certified property values provided by the Houston County Appraisal District. Council member Price made a motion to approve the 2026 tax roll. Mayor Pro Tem Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Hicks and Simon voted against.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, GARBAGE AND TRASH OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING SECTION 10-29, RATES, TO CHANGE THE RATES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Price made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Garbage and Trash of the City of Crockett Code of Ordinances; amending Section 10-29, Rates, to change the rates; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Hicks and Simon voted against.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 19, UTILITIES, OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING SECTION 19-37(a), INCREASING THE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 19-58, INCREASING THE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SEWER SERVICE, CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Duren made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas amending Chapter 19, Utilities, of the City of Crockett Code of Ordinances;

amending section 19-37(a), increasing the rates for residential and commercial water service; amending Section 19-58, increasing the rates for residential and commercial sewer service, containing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Hicks and Simon voted against.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESCHEDULING THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2026, TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026, DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Mr. Angerstein explained that the first Monday of September was a holiday and suggested council reschedule the next meeting for Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Council member Price made a motion to reschedule the next council meeting for Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS - CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (New business items must be presented as a motion without discussion. If the motion receives a second and a majority vote, the item will be placed on a future agenda for deliberation and possible action)

Council member Hicks made a motion to place an item on the agenda to discuss data centers within the City of Crockett. Council member Duren seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Council member Hicks requested updates on projects within the City. The motion fails for lack of a second.

Council member Price made a motion to place an item on the next agenda to discuss adding turf to the softball fields in Davy Crockett Memorial Park and possible going out for bids. Council member Duren seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:54 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Selena Eleby, Interim City Secretary