

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd 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, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, FINANCE DIRECTOR LAURE MORGAN, CITY ATTORNEY DONNA GORDON AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH.

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)*

- Mayor Fisher commended the city for recognizing a local family with an official proclamation recognizing their contributions to the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SPECIAL SESSION: JULY 20, 2026

Council member Hicks asked for clarification about the exclusion of statements made at the last meeting. City Attorney Gordon stated minutes are a summary, not verbatim. Mayor Pro Tem Ivey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Simon voted against.

BUSINESS

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACT FOR ENERGY SUPPLY FOR ALL CITY FACILITIES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2027

Mr. Angerstein explained several rate options were dependent on the monthly terms provided by electrical providers. Council member Hicks asked for discussion clarifying how each department is charged for electricity and how Oncor is charged and paid for. Council member Duren made a motion to approve an electrical contract with ENGIE for a 60-month term at \$0.06566/kWh. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Hicks and Simon voted against.

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEX-21 PROGRAM, INCLUDING PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES AND AUTHORIZED TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR DESIGNATED DELEGATES, AND APPOINT CITY OF CROCKETT REPRESENTATIVES

After a Zoom presentation from TEX-21 representatives, Council member Price explained that two meetings prior, he requested Council to appoint Mayor Fisher as our Voting Board representative, with Council members Hicks and Duren as alternates. It was later found that Council member Hicks was named as the sole Voting Board representative on the TEX-21 website. Council member Price made a motion to rescind his previous motion from the July 6, 2026 city council meeting and discontinue the City of Crockett's participation in the TEX-21 program. Council member Duren seconded the motion. In discussion, Council member Hicks stated her name was only placed on the site as a contact person, not a Voting Board representative. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Hicks voted against.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY SWIMMING POOL

Mayor Fisher and Council member Hicks expressed their support for city pool and urged council to continue pursuing the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant. Mayor Pro Tem Ivey and Council member Duren expressed concerns about the city's ability to maintain and operate a pool in the future. Council member Duren made a motion to discontinue the pursuit of funding a swimming pool and to reallocate the existing pool funding towards upgrading existing park facilities. Mayor Pro Tem Ivey seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-3. Council members Price, Hicks and Simon voted against.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSED TAX RATE

Mr. Angerstein explained the need to move forward with approving a proposed tax rate to start the process of posting to various media to prepare for a public hearing. The property values came in lower than estimated, several positive developments increased proposed revenues. The proposed tax rate is 0.7761, that is 13.5% above the No-New Revenue rate. For a homestead with \$100,000 in taxable value, the annual city property tax would increase by \$92, which is equivalent of \$7.70 a month. The proposed rate remains at 3.52 cents below the De Minimus rate. If the 10% COLA is shown as fixed across the rate, it would represent a \$2.50 hourly increase to all city employees excluding City Manager, City Secretary, and Finance Director. Mr. Angerstein went on to explain that if council was to go with the Voter-Approval rate of .7290 cents, we would only be able to fund a 5% COLA. The proposed budget includes the police rifle package, fire hose, and street broom which would be paid out of reserves. Council's motion at the last meeting did not address the purchase of a police vehicle. If purchased, it would be funded from the reserves as well and would not affect the proposed tax rate.

The proposed water and sewer rate adjustment applies equally to all residential and commercial accounts and is not based on water consumption. The monthly increase is \$1.53 for water service and \$1.58 for sewer service for a combined impact of \$3.11 per month on the total utility bill. The City will absorb the water rate increase in the wholesale water rate charged by the Ho Co Water District. Live Oak (EcoWaste)

increased rates by 3% which will add approximately \$0.66 per month to the residential bill. After some discussion, Council member Duren made a motion to approve the proposed rate of 0.7761. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Hicks and Simon voted against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. GOV. CODE 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS - DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY SECRETARY

Mayor Fisher stated council would convene into Executive Session per: Gov. Code 551.074 – Personnel matters regarding City Secretary. Time was 7:12 P.M.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON EXECUTIVE ITEMS

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 7.26 P.M.

Council member Ivey made a motion to accept the retirement of City Secretary Mitzi Stefka. Council member Duren seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Council member Price made a motion to nominate Selena Eleby for City Secretary effective October 1, 2026. Council member Duren 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)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:16 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary