

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2025 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, NATRIENIA HICKS, ELBERT JOHNSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND CITY ATTORNEY DONNA GORDON.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open and council member Ivey gave the invocation. 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.)*

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: AUGUST 4, 2025

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 regular session. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

BUSINESS

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2030, WITH LIVE OAK ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC (PINEYWOODS SANITATION)

Mr. Standley explained that this contract contained all the changes that council had requested in a previous meeting. Council member Price made a motion to approve the solid waste franchise agreement beginning November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2030, with Live Oak Environmental, LLC (Pineywoods Sanitation). Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. Council member Hicks expressed concerns about the amounts and terms of various city debts. There were no public comments, and Mayor Fisher closed the public hearing.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; 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 2026

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an ordinance making appropriation for the support of the City of Crockett for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; 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 2026. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025 TAX RATE

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. Mr. Standley explained that the council had proposed the adoption of the Voter Approval Rate (\$0.6808/\$100) during the previous city council meeting and the budget was prepared with that rate. There were no public comments, and Mayor Fisher closed the public hearing.

6. 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 2026; 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 Price made a motion to approve an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Crockett for Fiscal Year 2026; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same become delinquent if not paid. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2025 TAX ROLL

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve the 2025 tax roll. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CROCKETT AND THE CROCKETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. Standley explained that several civic organizations utilized space in city-owned properties and proper use agreements had not been put in place. This agreement would be the first of several to come in the near future. The Chamber of Commerce has offices

in the Crockett Civic Center and has agreed to terms on payment of rent, utilities and in-kind services in exchange for their office space. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the facility use agreement between the City of Crockett and the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor