

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024 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 JOINT SESSION WITH CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: IANTHIA FISHER, DENNIS IVEY, DARRELL JONES, NATRENIA HICKS & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, CITY ATTORNEY BILL PEMBERTON, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH. ELBERT JOHNSON NOT PRESENT.

#### OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the joint 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.)*

- D. Park – ask council to do what is right concerning the CEIDC contract
- L. Minter – spoke against CEIDC contract
- J. Jenkins – spoke on different topics
- D. Rhone – spoke against Gentry contract
- J. James – spoke against Gentry contract
- K. Cross – spoke against Gentry contract
- J. Garner – spoke against Gentry contract
- S. Wells – spoke against Gentry contract
- B. Townsend – spoke against Gentry contract

Mr. Jones stated that there are other officials in the City that have the same or similar contracts.

#### BUSINESS

1. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF DENTON, NAVARRO, RODRIGUEZ, BERNAL, SANTEE AND ZECH, P.C. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO IMPLEMENT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN APPROVED AT THE JULY 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve engaging the services of Denton, Navarro, Rodriguez, Bernal, Santee and Zech, P.C. as special counsel to implement the Corrective Action Plan approved at the July 1, 2024 Council Meeting and to include City council and Economic director and board of directors. Mayor Fisher told Council member Hicks that was not the correct motion. Mr. Angerstein stated this is just engaging

the firm to implement the plan. Council member Hicks stated she just wanted to make sure everyone was involved. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to reject the employment agreement and direct that no agreement will be considered until the corrective action plan is finished, the bylaws are changed, the new policies are put in place and the Economic Director's lawsuit is dismissed or dropped. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Council member Jones and Council member Hicks voted against the motion. Mayor Fisher broke the tie voting for the motion. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary