

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 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, GENE CALDWELL, DARRELL JONES, ERNEST JACKSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH. MARQUITA BEASLEY NOT PRESENT.

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.)*

- Natrenia Hicks – Concerns about CEIDC and allocation of ARPA funds.
- James Henry – Request to extend Friday curfew.
- Council member Caldwell – Ethical election campaign behavior

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL SESSION - JANUARY 23, 2023 AND REGULAR SESSION - FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Special Session and the February 6, 2023 Regular Session. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023

Chief Smith reported for the month of January 2023: 15 total manpower, 2,348 total manpower hours, 502 total calls and 15 total accidents.

3. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Chief Smith presented the Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2022.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2023

Chief Frizzell reported for the month of January 2023: 45 total calls and 1 structure fire; for February 2023: 45 total calls.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS AUTHORIZING CITY REPRESENTATIVES IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Council member Jones made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator and the Mayor as signatories for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AWARDED BIDS FOR SWIMMING POOL CONCRETE DECKING, FENCING AND LIGHTING

Mr. Angerstein presented the bid proposals received for the swimming pool project:

- Fencing
  - Crockett Fencing - \$79,500
  - Tommy's Welding - \$79,206
  - Shoemake Welding - \$55,000
- Concrete Decking
  - Shoemake Welding - \$80,000
  - A1 Concrete - \$84,015
- Lighting
  - Holbrook Electric - \$51,400

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to award the bids for fencing and concrete decking to Shoemake Welding and award the bid for lighting to Holbrook Electric. Council member Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE WAIVING UTILITY LATE FEES FOR THE MARCH 2023 BILLING PERIOD

Mr. Angerstein explained that due to issues with our software migration project, some residents received their most recent utility bills later than usual and requested that late fees be waived for the March billing period. Council member Caldwell made a motion to waive late fees for the March billing period. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

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

After some discussion, Council member Jackson made a motion to approve payment of invoices from Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE LEASE CONTRACT BETWEEN TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION AND CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR OFFICE SPACE IN TECH CENTER AT 1505 SOUTH 4TH STREET

Mr. Angerstein explained that CEIDC had replied to a Request for Proposals from Texas Workforce Commission and their proposal had been accepted. Acceptance of the proposal is a legally binding agreement. Council member Caldwell and Mayor Pro Tem Marsh expressed concerns about the length and financial terms of the proposal. Council member Jackson made a motion to continue the negotiations with Texas Workforce Commission and bring the issue back to council when complete. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2 with Mayor Fisher casting the tie breaking vote. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh and Council member Caldwell voted against the motion.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - GOV. CODE 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSIDER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF POLICE CHIEF AND FIRE CHIEF

11. Mayor Fisher stated council would convene into Executive Session per: Gov. Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters. Consider Annual Performance Evaluation of Police Chief and Fire Chief. Time was 6:41 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 7:51 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to accept the performance evaluations as favorable and to authorize Mr. Angerstein to conduct a salary survey of cities our size to look at salaries. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary