

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF JULY 2023 IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 200 NORTH FIFTH IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS AT 5:00 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: IANTHIA FISHER, DENNIS IVEY, DARRELL JONES, ERNEST JACKSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. MARQUITA BEASLEY WAS NOT PRESENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal 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.)*

- Natrina Hicks – Concerns about CEIDC board representation
- Kat Cross – Concerns about audio system in council chamber
- Diane Rhone – Concerns about alleged CEIDC corruption
- Cedric Harris – Concerns about water drainage near his home
- Bobby Bowlin – Concerns about Item #15 – CEIDC Board
- John Allen – Questions about welding equipment at Angelina College facility

1. FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Angerstein discussed the 16% increase in employee health insurance costs and increases in garbage collection and water costs from our suppliers. This budget does not include any COLA or merit pay increases. Chief Smith discussed certification pay for the police department. Chief Frizzell requested funding for two additional firefighters (\$125k). Capital requests include two police vehicles (\$127k), new radio systems for FD/PD (\$467k), a new fire truck (\$730k) and new 5” fire supply hose (\$13.5k). Mr. Angerstein explained the proposed budget also includes funding for limited animal shelter operations (minus personnel) and construction of a city pool (without addressing revenue/expenses of operation.) Mr. Angerstein discussed needs at the Civic Center and Ag Arena. CPI increase over previous budget year equals 3.1%. Proposed tax rate is not available until Houston County Appraisal District provides certified values. For purposes of discussion, it is estimated the FY23 tax rate will remain the same or less than the current \$0.6813/\$100 tax rate.

Council member Ivey made a motion to reach out for bids on capital requests from fire department and bring them before council. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT JUNE 2023

Chief Smith reported for the month of June 2023: 15 total manpower, 2,628 total manpower hours, 455 total calls and 12 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packet.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT JUNE 2023

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of June 2023 the following: 44 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

4. ACCEPT AS INFORMATION: HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to accept the information from Houston County Appraisal District. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SPECIAL SESSION: JULY 3, 2023

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023 special session. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM LEO KING FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM R2 – TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO M – MANUFACTURING, WAREHOUSING AND WHOLESALING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 404 W. AUSTIN STREET AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 7829 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM LEO KING FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM R2 – TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO M – MANUFACTURING, WAREHOUSING AND WHOLESALING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 404 W. AUSTIN STREET AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 7829 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the request from Leo King for a zone change from R2 – Two Family Residential District to M- Manufacturing, Warehousing and Wholesaling district for property located at 404 W. Austin Street and identified as Parcel 7829 by the Houston County Appraisal District. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM ELMER R. MURRAY FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM R2 – TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C2 – COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 310 W. GOLIAD AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 2481 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM ELMER R. MURRAY FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM R2 – TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C2 – COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 310 W. GOLIAD AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 2481 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the request from Elmer R. Murray for a zone change from R2 – Two Family Residential District to C2 – Commercial District for property located at 310 W. Goliad and identified as Parcel 2481 by the Houston County Appraisal District. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE EXTENSION OF DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2025 WITH PROSPERITY BANK

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to direct the City Administrator to solicit proposals from local banks to bid on banking services for the City. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S REQUEST TO KEEP, RATHER THAN RETURN, THE UNUSED FUNDS FROM FY 2022 BUDGET TO PURCHASE OR BUILD THEIR OWN FACILITY RATHER THAN RENT, WITH CITY OF CROCKETT'S PORTION BEING \$6,074.86

Houston County Appraisal District retracted their request, and no action from council was necessary.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE UPDATED EXPENDITURES FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve updated expenditures from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS OF THE

CORPORATION, TO SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AND TO SET THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve amending the Articles of Incorporation of Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation to increase the number of directors of the corporation, to specify the number of directors and to set the terms of office of the additional directors. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

14. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION, TO SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AND TO SET THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS**

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve amending the bylaws of Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation to increase the number of directors of the corporation, to specify the number of directors and to set the terms of office of the additional directors. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

15. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION NOMINATED BY THE MAYOR**

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the appointment of all 5 city council members and the mayor to the Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation board of directors. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

16. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW REGISTERED AGENT FOR CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION NOMINATED BY THE MAYOR**

Council member Jackson made a motion to appoint Mayor Ianthia Fisher as the Registered Agent for Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

17. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW REGISTERED OFFICE LOCATION FOR CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve Crockett City Hall (200. North 5th Street, Crockett, TX 75835) as the registered office location for Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

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

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. GOV. CODE 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSIDER SALARIES OF POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters. Consider Salaries of Police and Fire Chiefs
Time was 6:52 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 7:17 P.M.

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve salaries of Police and Fire Chiefs as discussed and make them effective next pay period. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary