

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 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, ELBERT JOHNSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL, 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 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)

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: MARCH 2, 2026

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

REPORTS

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Chief Frizzell reported for the month of February 2026 the following: 30 calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Chief Smith reported for the month of February 2026: 16 total manpower, 1,634 total

manpower hours, 344 total calls and 9 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet. He also commended K-9 Sergeant Nathan Key for his investigation and recovery of stolen property in a recent criminal case.

4. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Mr. Angerstein explained that the accounting firm handling the city's annual financial audit couldn't finalize the audit report before tonight's meeting and that a special-called meeting would be necessary to approve the audit within the state-mandated deadline. He asked council to provide him with a list of dates/times that would be convenient for them to attend a meeting prior to March 30, 2026.

BUSINESS

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE EVENT SECURITY AND LIGHTING ENHANCEMENT THROUGH GENERATOR LIGHT TOWERS PROJECT THROUGH THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Chief Smith requested approval to apply for a grant from the Office of the Governor and Department of Homeland Security to fund the purchase of three (3) light towers to assist the department with security and lighting at night-time events within the city. Council member Price made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor for the Event Security and Lighting Enhancement through Generator Light Towers Project through the Homeland Security Grant Program. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT AND THE CROCKETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST THE "FREEDOM OVER CROCKETT" INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW ON JULY 4, 2026 AND COVER ANY FUNDING SHORTFALL NOT MET BY DONATIONS, IF NECESSARY.

Mr. Angerstein informed council that this would be the 4<sup>th</sup> year for the City of Crockett to partner with the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce in hosting the "Freedom over Crockett" fireworks show for Independence Day. Since 2026 will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's independence, demand is high for fireworks and the pyrotechnics company requires a 50% deposit (\$12,500) to reserve a spot on their calendar for July 4, 2026. Donations for last year's event exceeded the costs and left the city with a surplus of \$3,466 to carry into this year's event, which is expected to cost \$25,000. The Chamber of Commerce will collect the donations from local sponsors and reimburse the City of Crockett for the deposit. In the past three events, donations have fully covered the costs of the fireworks shows with no taxpayer funds being needed. However, if donations were not adequate to cover the total cost of the event, the City of Crockett would cover the shortfall. Council member Hicks expressed concern about

using tax revenues for a public event. Mayor Fisher expressed support for the show and how it benefited the whole community. Mr. Angerstein stated that many cities pay for fireworks shows with tax revenues and it is a legal expenditure. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a proposal for the City of Crockett to partner with the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce to host the “Freedom over Crockett” Independence Day fireworks show on July 4, 2026, and cover any funding shortfall not met by donation, if necessary. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Hicks voted against.

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

Mr. Angerstein explained that the city’s current electrical service contract expires in May of 2027 and with rising electrical delivery costs, it would be prudent to sign a contract at current rates before they climb even higher in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh stated he believes electrical rates will fall in the future and urged council not to sign any contracts at the current time. After some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to not renew an electrical contract for energy supply for all city facilities. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE DECLARING APPROXIMATELY 14FT X 65FT FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME AS SURPLUS TO BE SOLD BY SEALED BID

Council member Price made a motion to approve declaring approximately 14ft x 65ft Fleetwood mobile home as surplus to be sold by sealed bid. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, SELECTING A GRANT ADMINISTRATION FIRM TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF A CONTRACT, IF AWARDED, FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) FOR THE 2026 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (DRP) / MAIN STREET (MS) PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (TxCDBG) PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, to select Traylor and Associates to assist the city with the submittal of an application for funding and administration of a contract, if awarded, from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the 2026 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) / Main Street (MS) Program of the Texas Community Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER(S) SELECTION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (LCP) FUNDING ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

UNDER THE 2024 DISASTERS DR-4781 TEXAS SEVERE STORMS AND DR-4798 HURRICANE BERYL

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing Traylor and Associates for Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Local Communities Program (LCP) funding administered through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under the 2024 Disasters DR-4781 Texas Severe Storms and DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, SELECTING AN ENGINEERING FIRM TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTRACT, IF AWARDED, FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) FOR THE 2025/2026 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (TxCDBG-CD) UNDER APPLICATION NUMBER CDV25-0008

Council member Johnson made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, selecting Pape-Dawson Engineers to assist the city with the submittal of an application for funding and project implementation of a contract, if awarded, from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the 2025/2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – Community Development Fund (TxCDBG-CD) under application number CDV25-0008. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING TXDOT DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF OVERPASS AT NORTHWEST LOOP 304

Mr. Angerstein explained that the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has determined that the overpass on northwest Loop 304 near the intersection of Hwy 19/287 North has reached its end-of-life. TXDOT plans to demolish the overpass and rebuild a new one in the same footprint. Demolition and construction are expected to take 6 to 12 months. Affected traffic on north Loop 304 will have to be diverted through town or around the south side of Loop 304 in the interim. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a letter of support regarding TXDOT demolition and construction of the overpass at Northwest Loop 304. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. 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)

Council member Hicks made a motion to have a discussion about a city swimming pool on the next agenda. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Johnson voted against.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:53 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary