

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 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, NATRENIA HICKS, ELBERT JOHNSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL, 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.)*

- Joe Martin – Encouraged council members to use their microphones correctly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: OCTOBER 6, 2025

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2025 regular session. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

REPORTS

2. UPDATE ON SPECIAL PROJECTS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Angerstein presented updates to council on a variety of infrastructure and business development projects in the city, including the FEMA/TDEM storm warning siren project, TWDB water line project on East Houston & Goliad Avenues, legal counsel for opposition of the Anderson county high-capacity water well project and completion of the new gateway signs. Mr. Angerstein also discussed the painting of new crosswalks on the downtown square as part of a TxDOT plan for increased pedestrian safety, the Fall 2025 citywide cleanup on November 8 and new contracts for internet service at all city locations that will save the city ~\$12,000 annually. Mr. Standley read a letter from attorney Erika L. Neill regarding the district court's ruling on the James Gentry lawsuit.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Chief Smith reported for the month of September 2025: 16 total manpower, 2,406 total manpower hours, 454 total calls and 16 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Chief Frizzell reported for the month of September 2025 the following: 44 calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

BUSINESS

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACT WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT'S DEBTS AND ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES, AND NO FEE COST FOR DELINQUENT CITY WATER UTILITY COLLECTIONS

Mr. Stanley introduced James Guest from the Linebarger Law Firm to explain how they could assist the City of Crockett with outstanding/delinquent debts of the Crockett Municipal Court and the Utility Department. After the presentation, Council member Ivey made a motion to approve a contingency fee contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP for the collection of the Municipal Court's debts and account receivables, and no fee cost for delinquent city water utility collections. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION FEE OF 30% OF DEBTS AND ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT MUNICIPAL COURT

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the collection fee of 30% of debts and account receivables for the City of Crockett Municipal Court. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CITY CONTRACT WITH THE LINEBARGER LAW FIRM FOR THE COLLECTION OF CITY OF CROCKETT'S MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve authorizing the execution of the city contract with the Linebarger Law Firm for the collection of City of Crockett's Municipal Court account receivables. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE TERMINATING THE CONTRACT WITH THE PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT, LLP FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT'S DEBTS AND ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve terminating the contract with the firm of Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP for the collection of the Municipal Court's debts and account receivables. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF CROCKETT (“CITY”) DENYING ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC’S APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES RELATED TO ONCOR’S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES FILED ON OR ABOUT JUNE 26, 2025; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a resolution by the City of Crockett (“City”) denying Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC’s application to increase rates related to Oncor’s statement of intent to increase rates on or about June 26, 2025; requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate increase expenses; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. SEC. 551.071. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING LINCOLN LUMBER RECAPTURE OF INCENTIVES AND TAX ABATEMENTS

Mayor Fisher stated council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney Regarding Lincoln Lumber Recapture of Incentives and Tax Abatements. Time was 6:52 P.M.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RECAPTURE OF INCENTIVES AND TAX ABATEMENTS FOR LINCOLN LUMBER

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 7:16 P.M.

Council member Price made a motion to declare the tax abatement and incentive agreement with Lincoln Lumber Crockett, LLC and Lincoln Lumber Real Estate, LLC terminated due to failure to cure default within the cure period. All previously abated taxes and incentive amounts shall be recaptured in full per the agreement, and the incentive reimbursement amount shall be directed toward repayment of CEIDC debt obligations. If Lincoln Lumber conveys a Genie SkyTrak valued at \$38,000 with clear title, the City will apply that amount as a credit against the recapture total. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary