

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022 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, ERNEST JACKSON & MARQUITA BEASLEY. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. DARRELL JONES AND MIKE MARSH 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.)*

- Council member Beasley – commended city workers for the work on streets
- Mayor Fisher – Hispanic Heritage Day was a great event

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 Special Meeting. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

2. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS

Mr. Angerstein updated council on progress of city projects including major projects and grant programs, budgeted street construction projects, and water main and sewer construction projects.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022

Chief Smith reported for the month of August 2022; 13 total manpower, 2685 total manpower hours, 563 total calls and 9 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of August 2022 the following: 50 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM JOSH AND ASHLEY CRABTREE FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM C2, COMMERCIAL, TO R3, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 406 E. BONHAM STREET (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS 403 E. BONHAM), AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 3377 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT. LEGAL DESCRIPTION BEING ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS 0.0503 ACRE OF LAND IN THE A. E. GOSSETT SURVEY, A-423, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ON EXHIBIT "A" OF A DEED FROM MICHELLE ANN MATNEY POUNDERS TO JOSHUA CRABTREE AND SPOUSE, ASHLEY CRABTREE, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 20221558 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. Planning & Zoning recommended approval of zoning change. No public comments against request. Mayor Fisher closed public hearing.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM JOSH AND ASHLEY CRABTREE FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM C2, COMMERCIAL, TO R3, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 406 E. BONHAM STREET (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS 403 E. BONHAM), AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 3377 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT. LEGAL DESCRIPTION BEING ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS 0.0503 ACRE OF LAND IN THE A. E. GOSSETT SURVEY, A-423, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ON EXHIBIT "A" OF A DEED FROM MICHELLE ANN MATNEY POUNDERS TO JOSHUA CRABTREE AND SPOUSE, ASHLEY CRABTREE, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 20221558 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Council member Caldwell made a motion to approve the request from Josh and Ashley Crabtree for a Zone change from C2, commercial, to R3, multiple-family residential district, for property located at 406 E. Bonham Street (previously known as 403 E. Bonham), and identified as Parcel 3377 by the Houston County Appraisal District. Legal description being all that certain tract or parcel of land located in the City of Crockett, Houston County, Texas, and being further described as 0.0503 Acre of land in the A. E. Gossett survey, A-423, Houston County Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds on exhibit "A" of a deed from Michelle Ann Matney Pounders to Joshua Crabtree and spouse, Ashley Crabtree, recorded as Instrument No. 20221558 of the deed records of Houston County, Texas. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve a Resolution for the City of Crockett's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council member Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

8. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the reappointment of David Tyer and Greg Simon to Planning & Zoning Commission. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

9. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT OF WAY FOR CHRISTMAS IN CROCKETT**

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the Resolution and Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of State Right of Way for Christmas in Crockett. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

10. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET**

Mr. Angerstein presented council with budget amendments which cover changes in revenue and expenses not included in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and also includes the expenses resulting from Council approved projects throughout the year. Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the Resolution for amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Council member Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

11. **AWARD BID FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA)**

Mr. Angerstein noted that sealed proposal packets were received and opened for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Three sealed qualification packages were received; Traylor and Associates, Inc, Grantworks and KSBR. The evaluation team met to review the qualifications and recommends the city award the contract to Traylor and Associates. Council member Beasley made a motion to award bid for administrative services related to the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to Traylor & Associates. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

12. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2023 STREET REPAIR PRIORITIZATION**

Mr. Angerstein addressed each council members priorities for street repairs in the upcoming fiscal year. First discussed was Precinct 1; Council member Caldwell stated he

would like to see Easy, Red Bud, Wilson and any street in Rolling Hills. Precinct 3; Council member Jackson stated his picks are N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Gossett, Sycamore, Burleson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Pease. Precinct 4; Council member Beasley stated she would like to see Curtis, Thomas, Sowescor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Mr. Angerstein stated he had spoke with Council members in Precinct 2 and 5 previously to address the streets in those areas, he also noted that these priorities could change throughout the year. Council member Caldwell made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2023 Street Repair Prioritization. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

13. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE LIQUIDATION OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S 2014 AND 2016 PROSPERITY BANK DEBT**

Mr. Gentry explained to council that the Economic Development Board voted to pay off this debt, which is currently \$315,284.03 with an interest rate of 3.95%. Council member Caldwell ask Mr. Gentry if this debt had been approved by city council, Mr. Gentry answered yes, they did. Mayor Fisher noted that there were concerns as to the timing of paying the loan off, with the forensic audit beginning soon. Mr. Gentry said that this is a long-term debt, that could be paid off and then that put that money to future expenditures. Council member Jackson ask Mr. Gentry when the debt was incurred. Mr. Gentry replied that it was initiated in 2004, paid down and renegotiated in 2014 and then again in 2016, which brought the balance down to \$600,000 and since then monthly payments have been made. Mr. Gentry stated this debt was done with the City's approval, to help the City, and goes back to the State School renovations. Council member Caldwell ask how the debt was leveraged. Mr. Gentry stated that in 2014 council passed Resolution No. R-06-04, that was supplemented or backed by the city. Council member Jackson ask if this debt pay off could be done at a later time. Mr. Wade Thomas stated \$27,000 could be saved by paying the debt off now. Mayor Fisher inquired about the time frame and amount by waiting a month or two. Mr. Thomas stated it would be \$35.00 a day or \$1000.00 a month. Council member Caldwell made a motion to table the table the item and not pay off the debt until after the forensic audit is complete. No second. Motion fails. Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the liquidation of Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation's 2014 and 2016 Prosperity Bank debt. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-1. Council member Caldwell voted against the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary