

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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, NATRENIA HICKS, & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. DARRELL JONES & ELBERT JOHNSON WERE ABSENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open and 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.)*

- Scott Sheley – Comments on current roundtable meetings in each precinct.
- Mayor Fisher – Urged city residents to contact the United Methodist Army if they know of elderly or disabled citizens who need assistance.
- Council Member Hicks – Comments on schedule of roundtable meetings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: FEBRUARY 3, 2025 AND SPECIAL SESSION: FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 regular session and February 10, 2025 special session. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Council member Hicks expressed concern about the wording on item #4 of the February 10, 2025 meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh amended his motion to approve the minutes of the regular session on January 3, 2025 and to alter the wording of item #4 from the February 10, 2025 special session (replace ‘was required’ with “could opt to”). Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

REPORTS

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

Chief Frizzell reported for the month of January 2025 the following: 37 calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025 AND PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Chief Smith reported for the month of January 2025: 16 total manpower, 2,584 total manpower hours, 382 total calls and 16 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet.

Chief Smith then presented the 2024 Racial Profiling Report for the City of Crockett Police Department and entertained questions from the council.

4. UPDATE FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, NEW BUSINESS PROJECTS, AND ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. Angerstein gave updates about ongoing city projects:

- Street and water/wastewater refurbishment – South 5th, Bell, South 7th and South Grace.
- Texas Water Development Board project – East Houston and East Goliad
- Texas Water Development Board project – North Wastewater Plant
- Animal Shelter updates
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department – Swimming pool grant update
- Progress on A&A Capital and Provalus projects
- Precinct 4 community roundtable meeting
- Announced intent to apply for the 2025 USDA CDBG Downtown Revitalization grant for sidewalks and ADA compliance issues along East Goliad between 4th and 2nd Streets.

BUSINESS

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT

Mr. Angerstein gave a brief history of the city's solid waste disposal services and explained some of the pros and cons of negotiating a new contract with Live Oak Environmental versus going out to bid for a new provider.

Sonny Hubbard of Live Oak Environmental addressed the council and explained many of the benefits of keeping his company as the city's solid waste contractor. He also answered questions from the council

Mayor Fisher recommended that council consider renegotiating the Live Oak contract rather than going out to bid for new service. Council member Hicks made a motion to negotiate the franchise agreement with Live Oak Environmental and refrain from going out to bid for a new contractor. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FIXED LICENSE PLATE READER ACQUISITION FINALIZATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing the submission of the grant application for fixed license plate reader acquisition finalization to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

7. 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 AND COVER ANY FUNDING SHORTFALL NOT MET BY DONATIONS, IF NECESSARY.

Mr. Angerstein informed council that two bids were received for conducting the fireworks show from Wilson Family Pyrotechnics of Elkhart, Texas and Pyro Shows of Ft. Worth, Texas.

- Wilson Family Pyrotechnics - \$25,000
- Pyro Shows - \$25,000

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the proposal from Wilson Family Pyrotechnics for the City of Crockett and the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce to host the "Freedom over Crockett" Independence Day fireworks show and cover any funding shortfall not met by donations, if necessary. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV. CODE 551.087 - DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH A BUSINESS PROSPECT

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code 551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations with a Business Prospect Time was 7:42 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 8:08 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to begin the application for a tax abatement with a business prospect. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary