

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2024 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, DARRELL JONES, NATRENIA HICKS, ELBERT JOHNSON & 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.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the 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.)*

- John Jenkins - Concerns about property on South 4th Street
- NaTrenia Hicks – Expressed concerns about canvass of election and council member terms as regards to council meeting held on May 6
- Darrell Jones – Requested special called meeting and agenda item regarding status of CEIDC Executive Director

Mayor Fisher asks for this request to be in the form of a motion: Council member Jones made a motion to have an agenda item on next meeting to unsuspend Mr. Gentry and his employee to be reinstated back to their positions immediately. Mayor Fisher noted that they are not employees and not to be put in a joint motion. Council member Jones corrected the motion to unsuspend Mr. Gentry; Mayor Fisher stated Mr. Gentry was not suspended but placed on paid administrative leave. Mr. Angerstein clarified the motion – to put on the agenda in a special meeting to discuss and act on the administrative leave of the Economic Development Director and take action. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council member Ivey and Mayor Pro Tem Marsh voted against the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: MAY 6, 2024 AND SPECIAL SESSION: MAY 13, 2024

Council member Hicks made a motion to disapprove the minutes from the May 6, 2024 Regular Session due to Mr. Marsh not being legally sworn in that day and approve May 13, 2024 Special Session with corrective measure of only two votes being counted

because of Mr. Marsh. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh stated he was still legally on council. Mayor Fisher stated the information presented is accurate, and that what Ms. Hicks read is her interpretation and some things may not be accurate. Mayor Fisher recommends getting a legal opinion before voting on this item. Council member Hicks makes the same motion again. Mr. Angerstein stated a legal opinion would be provided and then minutes brought back to council. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council member Ivey and Mayor Pro Tem Marsh voted against the motion.

At this point, Mayor Pro Tem Marsh exited the meeting and did not return.

REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR APRIL 2024

Chief Smith reported for the month of April 2024: 16 total manpower, 2,671 total manpower hours, 481 total calls and 10 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet. Council member Johnson asked Chief Smith if a breakdown of arrests by race/gender could be included in future reports. Mr. Johnson was then informed of the annual racial profiling report and withdrew his request.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2024

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of March 2024 the following: 46 calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

BUSINESS

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET CALENDAR

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 budget calendar as presented by Mr. Angerstein. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the appointments of Lois Ball, Pam Wells and Brenda McKnight to the Charter Review Commission. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CITY OF CROCKETT AND CROCKETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW "FREEDOM OVER CROCKETT" ON SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2024 IN FRONT OF THE CIVIC CENTER AND COVER ANY SHORTFALL NOT COVERED BY DONATIONS, IF NECESSARY

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the City of Crockett and Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce hosting the Independence Day fireworks show “Freedom over Crockett” on Saturday, June 29th, 2024, in front of the Civic Center and cover any shortfall not covered by donations, if necessary. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Council member Ivey questioned the city covering the shortfall if not covered by donations, city streets need to be priority. Mr. Angerstein stated he feels confident the donations will come in and cover all expenses of the show. Motion passes 3-1. Council member Ivey voted against the motion.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE EMERGENCY REPAIR TO NORTH WASTEWATER PLANT CLARIFIER WITH FUNDING FROM UTILITY RESERVES

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve emergency repair to north wastewater plant clarifier with funding from Utility Reserves. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

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

Council member Hicks made a motion to not approve any payment of invoices from Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Fisher stated these invoices are Economic Development invoices and there is a legal requirement to pay these bills. After discussion, Council member Ivey 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary