

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023 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 SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: IANTHIA FISHER, DENNIS IVEY, ERNEST JACKSON, MARQUITA BEASLEY & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. DARRELL JONES WAS ABSENT.

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.)*

- John Jenkins – Expressed concerns about rule of law within the city
- Gene Caldwell – Called for resignation of council member Jones
- Diane Rhone – Called for resignation of council member Jones

1. REGULAR MEETING: AUGUST 21, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 Regular session. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 10, GARBAGE AND TRASH OF THE CROCKETT CODE; AMENDING SECTION 10-29, RATES, TO CHANGE THE RATES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas amending Chapter 10, Garbage and Trash of the Crockett Code; amending Section 10-29, Rates, to change the rates; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the appointment of Mayor Fisher to serve on the Board of Directors for Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

4. AWARD BID: BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES

Mr. Angerstein informed the council that the city had received one (1) response to the Request for Proposals. Council member Beasley made a motion to award the bid for bank and depository services to Prosperity Bank. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

5. AWARD BID: GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL

Mr. Angerstein informed the council that the city had received two (2) responses to the Request for Proposals.

- Crockett Farm & Fuel
 - Reg Unleaded – Rack Avg + \$0.40
 - Ethanol Free Unleaded – Rack Avg + \$0.40
 - Off-Road Diesel – Rack Avg + \$0.20
 - On-Road Diesel – Rack Avg + \$0.40

- Sun Coast Resources
 - Reg Unleaded – Rack Avg + \$0.0773
 - Ethanol Free Unleaded – NO BID
 - Off-Road Diesel – Rack Avg + \$0.11
 - On-Road Diesel – Rack Avg + \$0.11

Mr. Angerstein explained that while Crockett Farm & Fuel had the higher bid, their willingness to provide emergency fuel supplies on short notice and their location within the city limits were very important to city services. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to award the bid for gasoline and diesel fuel to Crockett Farm & Fuel. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, LICENSED AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 13-1 OF THE CROCKETT CODE TO PROVIDE EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF MIXED BEVERAGES AND MALT BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas, amending Chapter 13, Licensed and Business Regulations, Article I, Section 13-1 of the Crockett Code to provide extended hours for the sale of mixed beverages and malt beverages for on-premises consumption; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-1. Council member Ivey opposed the motion.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, OF THE CROCKETT CODE TO ADD SECTION 13-2 TO PROVIDE EXTENDED HOURS FOR PRIVATE CLUBS FOR THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas, amending Chapter 13, Licenses and Business Regulation, Article I, of the Crockett Code to add Section 13-2 to provide extended hours for private clubs for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-1. Council member Ivey opposed the motion.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2023 CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the Resolution for amendments to Fiscal Year 2023 Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation budget. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget for the Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve payment of invoices from Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING FIRE ENGINE AND LADDER TRUCK AND AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF TO SEEK PROPOSALS

Chief Frizzell informed council that the Crockett Fire Department ladder truck was out of service for its intended purpose after a recent inspection found several defects in various systems on the truck. The truck has been in service with the City for 23 years. The cost of repairing the defects would be approximately \$100,000. The cost of a frame-off refurbishment would be approximately \$600,000 - \$700,000. The cost of replacing the truck is approximately \$1,300,000. Chief Frizzell recommends the refurbishment option which should allow the city to get another 20+ years of service from the truck. Council member Ivey made a motion to give Chief Frizzell the authority to request proposals for

the refurbishment of the ladder truck. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

Chief Frizzell also informed council members that he was requesting quotes for replacing our 30-year-old fire engine. Council member Ivey amended his previous motion to include requesting quotes for replacing the fire engine. Council member Jackson seconded the amended motion. Motion passes 4-0.

12. DISCUSSION REGARDING POLICE VEHICLE FLEET AND AUTHORIZING POLICE CHIEF TO SEEK PROPOSALS

Chief Smith informed the council that the current police vehicles are reaching the end of their useful life and experiencing more downtime due to increased wear and tear. He asked council for approval to seek bids for two (2) new police vehicles. Council member Beasley made a motion to authorize Chief Smith to seek proposals for two (2) new vehicles. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

13. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EXTENSION AND INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

Mr. Eldon Monk presented his proposal to build a new residential subdivision called "The Lakes" on the north side of Loop 304 within the City of Crockett roughly located between Highway 19 and the Consolidated Water offices. The development would consist of approximately 120-150 residential lots. Mr. Angerstein explained the need for council to consider sharing the cost of water and sewer line upgrades to serve this area. Mr. Angerstein estimated that the subdivision would produce approximately \$155,000 in additional utility revenue and approximately \$250,000 in additional ad-valorem tax revenue once fully developed. Chapter 212 of the Tax Code allows cities to subsidize up to 30 percent of the cost of public improvements in residential developments if funding is available and local ordinances are amended. The city's share of utility improvements would be approximately \$380,000 and the city's share of constructing public improvements would cost approximately \$800,000 if council approved the full 30% share. The City Council was united in their support for this project and directed Mr. Angerstein to move forward with research into ordinance amendments and allocation of funding for the development.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary