

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 JOINT SESSION WITH THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD 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, AND CITY ATTORNEY DONNA GORDON.

#### OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open and Council member Hicks gave the invocation. All joined in the pledge.

#### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Fisher recognized all visitors present and announced the joint meeting with Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors.

**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.)*

- Gerald Bruner – Requested council members use their microphones more effectively.
- Diane Rhone – Expressed concerns about pending litigation.
- Mayor Fisher – Complimented council member Ivey and city officials for recent roundtable meeting in Precinct 1 and encouraged citizens to attend upcoming meetings in their precincts.
- Council member Ivey – Thanked everyone who attended the roundtable meeting in Precinct 1.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 1. REGULAR SESSION: JANUARY 27, 2025

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session on January 27, 2025. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

#### BUSINESS

##### 2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS IN PRECINCTS 1, 2 AND MAYOR IN AND FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS

Council member Jones made a motion to approve a Resolution calling for the regular election of council members in Precincts 1, 2 and Mayor in and for the City of Crockett, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HOUSTON COUNTY

Council member Hicks requested the Houston County Elections Administrator to come and explain the process to council. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh expressed concerns over the cost and would like to know how much the county is charging other entities for the same services. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to table the item until these questions could be answered. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NOMINATING A CANDIDATE TO FILL POSITION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT UPON THE RESIGNATION OF MR. W.F "RED" KITCHEN

Mr. Angerstein explained that the Houston County Appraisal District has requested taxing entities to present nominations to fill the position vacated by Mr. Kitchen. Council member Hicks made a motion to nominate Gwendolyn Spurlock as a candidate to fill position for the Board of Directors for the Houston County Appraisal District. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Ivey and Marsh voted against.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROCKETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND DEEP EAST TEXAS LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC. DBA WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS DEEP EAST TEXAS AT 1505 SOUTH FOURTH ST, CROCKETT TEXAS

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve a month-to-month lease agreement between Crockett Economic Development Corporation and Deep East Texas Local Workforce Development Board, Inc. DBA Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas at 1505 South Fourth St, Crockett, Texas. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-3. Council members Ivey, Jones and Marsh voted against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. GOV.CODE 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING JAMES GENTRY LAWSUIT AND WOODROW JONES LAWSUIT AND REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WIND UP

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code 551.071: Consultation with Attorney Regarding James Gentry Lawsuit and Woodrow Jones Lawsuit and Regarding Matters Related to Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation Wind Up. Time was 6:51 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 8:52 P.M.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT TEXAS ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A TERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS PLAN FOR THE CEIDC; APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CEIDC; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE CEIDC WINDUP AND DISSOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution of the city council of the City of Crockett, Texas accepting and approving a termination and distribution of assets plan for the CEIDC; approving an interlocal agreement with the CEIDC; authorizing the preparation and execution of all documents necessary to accomplish the CEIDC windup and dissolution in accordance with state law. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-3. Council members Jones, Hicks and Johnson voted against.

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh stated that a lawsuit would have to be filed against the City of Crockett to bring the issue to a court of law for resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary