

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 200 NORTH FIFTH IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS AT 12:00 P.M.

THE COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL 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, AND CITY ATTORNEY DONNA GORDON.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open and Council member Ivey 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.)*

BUSINESS

1. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HOUSTON COUNTY

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the election services contract with Houston County. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR SOUTH FIFTH STREET AND BELL AVENUE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINS, AND ADDITIONAL CURB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION WITH FUNDING FROM UTILITY FUND RESERVES

Mr. Angerstein explained that due to the age and fragility of the storm drainage system under the streets in question, additional repairs and construction would be needed to complete the storm drain and curb/gutter repairs for that project. The extra cost has been tabulated at \$77,339 and would be paid from utility reserves. Council member Ivey made a motion to approve the change order for South Fifth Street and Bell Avenue construction of storm drains, and additional curb and gutter construction with funding in the amount of \$77,339 to be paid from utility fund reserves. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

3. 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

Mr. Angerstein explained that this item was brought back at the request of council. Council member Hicks 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 Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ERIKA NEILL, PLLC FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE WOODROW J. JONES LAWSUIT CAUSE NO. 25-015-3

Mr. Angerstein explained that the city had twenty (20) days to respond to the lawsuit after it was filed, and that the Texas Municipal League (TML) would not provide legal coverage for breach of contract lawsuits. As a result, the city was required to retain outside legal representation for this matter. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the engagement agreement with Erika Neill, PLLC for legal representation in the Woodrow J. Jones lawsuit cause No. 25-015-3. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Fisher spoke of a meeting that she and Council member Hicks had attended with representatives from the United Methodist Army and lauded their efforts in helping the elderly and disabled citizens in Crockett. She urged anyone who knew of people in need to contact them if they needed assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary