MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026, 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, CHRISTOPHER PRICE, NATRENIA HICKS, ROCKY SIMON, AND HUDSON DUREN. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY SELENA ELEBY, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, FINANCE DIRECTOR LAURE MORGAN, AND CITY ATTORNEY DONNA GORDON

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open and Mayor Pro Tem Ivey gave the invocation. All joined in reciting the pledge.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Fisher recognized all visitors present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE *(At this time, members of the public 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 (3) minutes. CITY COUNCIL SHALL NOT SPEAK UNDER THIS ITEM. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council may not deliberate or take action on matters except as properly posted in accordance with law)*

There were no members of the audience who provided public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Council Member Hicks asked for a correction to the minutes by striking out the text on item 5 that she disagrees with the current City government structure and that she agrees with J.B. Sallas who was against the city manager form of government. During discussion, Mr. Angerstein reminded council that concerns about previous minutes can be reviewed before the meeting. City attorney Gordon stated that minutes are just a summary. Mrs. Hicks asked if minutes can be changed at any time, Mrs. Gordon stated it can be discussed prior to the meeting, so they do not have to be amended. Mrs. Hicks made a motion that we accept the minutes with her suggested corrections. Mr. Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

Chief Smith reported for the month of August 2026: 16 total manpower, 2785 total manpower hours, 435 total calls, and 6 total accidents. Chief Smith mentioned the calls and emails he has received concerning flock cameras. He stated we do not have flock cameras and added that he would like to discuss the current license plate readers on a future agenda item.

3. PRESENT UPDATED POLICY MANUAL FOR THE CROCKETT POLICE DEPT

Chief Smith explained the need to update and rewrite the current policy manual to ensure current legal updates aligned with constitutional law without redundancy. The assistance of Texas Best Practices and City Attorney Gordon made the policies tailored specifically to Crockett Police Department. Chief Smith explained that he would like the policy manual to be adopted in October. Mrs. Hicks requested a copy of the previous policy manual.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT

Chief Frizzell reported for the month of August 2026: 32 total calls with 18 inside the City, and 14 in County response area.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT OF WAY FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING OF DOWNTOWN CROCKETT.

Mr. Price made a motion to approve a resolution for the temporary closure of state right of way for Christmas lighting of downtown Crockett. Mr. Simon seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AWARDING A BID FOR THE REPAIR OF THE FIRE STATION BAY FLOOR USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

Mr. Angerstein presented three bids and pictures showing the need to repair the fire department bay floors and how they are disintegrating and not designed for the current weight and size of fire trucks. Mr. Angerstein requested council to approve a contractor. The bids were from CMOST/Crockett Construction for $81,900, Shoemake Welding for $80,000, and JAAY Concrete/Paving for $75,600. Mr. Angerstein recapped the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds, adding that repairing the bay floors was discussed previously. Mr. Duren made a motion to approve awarding the bid for the repair of the fires station bay floor using American Rescue Plan Act funds to Shoemake Welding. Mr. Ivey seconded the motion. Mrs. Hicks wanted clarification of the guidelines related to funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act, and any stipulations related to the funds. Mr. Angerstein explained that the funds must be used for governmental purposes. The motion passed 4-1 with Mrs. Hicks voting against.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CONDITION AT THE SOUTHSIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE AND DAMAGE OF A SECONDARY CLARIFIER; FINDING THAT THE IMMEDIATE REPAIR OF THE CLARIFIER IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND IS NECESSARY BECAUSE

OF UNFORESEEN DAMAGE TO PUBLIC MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §252.022(a)(2) AND (3); APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE CLARIFIER WITH A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ACTION TO COMPLETE THE EMERGENCY REPAIR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Angerstein explained that our current clarifier is obsolete and needs to be repaired. He found one contractor that is willing to rebuild it instead of replacing it. Currently, the south plant is only running on one clarifier when it is designed to run on two of them. He explained that this is why this agenda item is an emergency repair. Mr. Angerstein requested that the item be tabled until the estimated costs are available. Mr. Duren made a motion to table the item until all the estimate to repair the clarifier is available. Mr. Ivey seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Executive session recessed at 6:42 p.m. It was reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

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

Mr. Duren made a motion to move forward with negotiations with Circle T in the 10-year tax abatement for 100% for the first five years, and that it then be pro-rated down through years 6-10. Mr. Price seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with Mrs. Hicks voting against.

NEW BUSINESS - CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (New business items must be presented as a motion without discussion. If the motion receives a second and a majority vote, the item will be placed on a
future agenda for deliberation and possible action)

Mr. Price would like to place the use of license plate readers on a future agenda. Mrs. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Selena Eleby, Interim City Secretary