

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 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, ERNEST JACKSON, MARQUITA BEASLEY & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL AND FIRE MARSHAL/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LEE STANDLEY. DARRELL JONES WAS ABSENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal 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.)*

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

1. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Angerstein discussed a variety of street and infrastructure projects around the city and entertained questions from council.

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023

Chief Smith reported for the month of December 2023: 16 total manpower, 2,627 total manpower hours, 472 total calls and 11 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the months of November and December 2023 the following: 30 and 58 total calls respectively. A breakdown is included in the packet.

BUSINESS

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM SHANNON PARRIS ON BEHALF OF FEMME TRIBE TOURS & TRAVEL, LLC, FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 CITY CENTER SHOPPING DISTRICT FOR TWO ADJOINING PROPERTIES CURRENTLY HAVING ADDRESSES OF 103 S. 2ND STREET AND 112 EAST GOLIAD, CROCKETT, TEXAS 75835, AND IDENTIFIED BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS PARCELS 4299 AND 25499, RESPECTIVELY, AND WHICH BORDER THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH 2ND STREET BETWEEN EAST HOUSTON AVENUE AND EAST GOLIAD AVENUE. LEGAL DESCRIPTION BEING AS FOLLOWS:

TRACT 1 (PARCEL 4299): ALL OF LOT NO. NINETY-THREE (93) OF BLOCK TWENTY-FIVE (25) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF CROCKETT

TRACT 2 (PARCEL 25499): A PART OF LOT NO. 94 IN BLOCK 25 ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, EXCLUDING A STRIP 100 FEET LONG AND 5 FEET WIDE ALONG THE EXTREME WEST SIDE OF SAID LOT

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. Shannon Parris presented a brief overview of her plans for the properties. Greg Ritchie spoke on behalf of the Crockett Chamber of Commerce in support of Ms. Parris' plans. With no further comments, Mayor Fisher closed the public hearing.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A REQUEST FROM SHANNON PARRIS ON BEHALF OF FEMME TRIBE TOURS & TRAVEL, LLC, FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 CITY CENTER SHOPPING DISTRICT FOR TWO ADJOINING PROPERTIES CURRENTLY HAVING ADDRESSES OF 103 S. 2ND STREET AND 112 EAST GOLIAD, CROCKETT, TEXAS 75835, AND IDENTIFIED BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS PARCELS 4299 AND 25499, RESPECTIVELY, AND WHICH BORDER THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH 1 2ND STREET BETWEEN EAST HOUSTON AVENUE AND EAST GOLIAD AVENUE. LEGAL DESCRIPTION BEING AS FOLLOWS:

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Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the request from Shannon Parris on behalf of Femme Tribe Tours & Travel, LLC for a zoning change from C-2 Commercial District to C-3 City Center Shopping District for two adjoining properties currently having addresses of 103 S. 2nd Street and 112 East Goliad, Crockett, Texas 75835, and identified by the Houston County Appraisal District as parcels 4299 and 25499,

respectively, and which border the west side of South 1 2nd street between East Houston Avenue and East Goliad Avenue. Legal description being as follows:

Tract 1 (Parcel 4299): All of Lot No. Ninety Three (93) of Block Twenty-Five (25) of the original town of Crockett.

Tract 2 (Parcel 25499): A part of Lot No. 94 in Block 25 according to the original plat of the City of Crockett, excluding a strip 100 feet long and 5 feet wide along the extreme west side of said lot.

Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

6. AWARD BID: ENGINEERING SERVICES, LEGAL ADVISOR SERVICES AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FY 2023-2024 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mr. Angerstein noted that the following bids were received and were scored by the committee:

Engineering: KSA Engineers, SPI Engineers and HR Green Engineers.

Bond Counsel: Bracewell, LLC and Norton, Rose, Fullbright, LLC

Financial Advisor: US Capital Advisors, LLC

Based on the scoring, Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to award bids for engineering services, legal advisor services and financial advisor services for wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer improvements for the FY 2023-2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program sponsored by the Texas Water Development Board to KSA Engineers, Bracewell, LLP and US Capital Advisors, LLC respectively. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

7. AWARD BID: ENGINEERING SERVICES, LEGAL ADVISOR SERVICES AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES FOR WATER WELL, TRANSMISSION MAIN AND TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE FY 2023-2024 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Bids received: Engineering: KSA Engineers, SPI Engineers and HR Green Engineers.

Bond Counsel: Bracewell, LLC and Norton, Rose, Fullbright, LLC

Financial Advisor: US Capital Advisors, LLC

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to award bids for engineering services, legal advisor services and financial advisor services for water well, transmission main and treatment facilities for the FY 2023-2024 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program sponsored by the Texas Water Development Board to KSA Engineers, Bracewell, LLP and US Capital Advisors, LLC respectively. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHARTER REVIEW AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT/HIRING OF PERSONNEL AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Angerstein discussed conflicting issues within the current city charter and possible solutions to those issues that could be addressed during the charter revision project. Mr. Angerstein recommended that the charter include language that gives the City Council the authority to hire/fire the Fire Chief, Police Chief, City Administrator, City Secretary, City Judge and City Attorney. Those department heads would have the authority to hire and fire any staff within their organizations. He also recommended that boards and commissions be removed from the charter and have them created/managed by ordinance. Council member Beasley made a motion to allow the city administrator and the attorney to adopt policy whereby the city council will hire/fire the key personnel listed above and those personnel will hire/fire the employees within their respective department and to remove boards and commissions from the charter to be created/managed by ordinance. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

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

Council member Beasley 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary