

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8th 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, ERNEST JACKSON, MARQUITA BEASLEY & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH. DENNIS IVEY AND DARRELL JONES WERE ABSENT.

#### OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open and welcomed the Crockett ISD School Board; Council member Jackson gave the invocation, and all joined in the pledge.

#### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Fisher recognized all visitors present. Crockett ISD School Board President Karen Norman opened the Crockett School Board meeting.

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.)*

- Mayor Pro Tem Marsh inquired about the status of South 5<sup>th</sup> Street and expressed concerns over the lack of progress on its reconstruction.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 1. REGULAR SESSION: DECEMBER 18, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular session. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

#### BUSINESS

##### 2. PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING NEW PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINES

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience. Harry Fred Scott expressed concerns about the new precinct lines. With no other comments, Mayor Fisher closed the public hearing.

##### 3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CITY'S SINGLE-MEMBER COUNCIL PRECINCTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINES BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA FOR THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS; MAKING VARIOUS

FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Angerstein explained the need for redistricting due to the 2020 census data and previous litigation that mandated the city precinct lines coincide with the Crockett ISD district lines. Attorneys for the city explained the reasoning behind the changes in our precinct lines. Council member Beasley inquired about which ethnic groups were considered minorities for this survey. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City council of the City of Crockett, Texas, approving the redistricting of the city's single member council precincts (Exhibit B) and establishing new precinct boundary lines based on 2020 census data for the City of Crockett, Texas city council elections; making various findings and provisions related to the subject and providing for an effective date. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-1. Council member Beasley voted against the motion. Council member Beasley made a motion to keep the precinct boundaries the same. Motion fails for lack of a second.

The Crockett ISD School Board voted to adopt Exhibit B establishing school boundary lines.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD UNDER ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution by the City council of the City of Crockett, Texas requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board under eligible programs, including the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD UNDER ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution by the city council of the City of Crockett, Texas requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board under eligible programs, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

6. 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 3-0

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:49 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary