

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 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 REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: IANTHIA FISHER, DENNIS IVEY, CHRISTOPHER PRICE, NATRENIA HICKS, ELBERT JOHNSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, UTILITES SUPERINTENDENT GERALD COLTER, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, 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.)*

- Scott Sheley – Inquired about a neighborhood watch program.
- Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to place an item on the next agenda to consider the cessation of broadcasting of City Council meetings on YouTube. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Hicks voted against.
- Council member Price made a motion to place an item on the next agenda to discuss a neighborhood watch program. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.
- Council member Hicks requested information about placing items on the agenda for future meetings and made a motion to place an item on the next agenda for council to discuss adding “New Business” to future agendas. Council member Price seconded the motion. Mr. Standley stated that he would ask the City Attorney for a legal determination on the issue and no vote was taken. Mrs. Hicks also provided information about the possibility of Hwy 287 being designated as an interstate highway by the US Dept of Transportation in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes with a change in wording from “waste” to “misappropriation of funds.” Mayor Fisher informed council that the minutes could only be approved or rejected as written. Motion dies for lack of a second. Council member Price made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

BUSINESS

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DNRBSZ, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, FOR LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING LINCOLN LUMBER

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an engagement agreement with DNRBSZ, Attorneys at Law, for legal services regarding Lincoln Lumber. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Mayor Fisher then moved to Item #11 on the agenda and stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code Sec. 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney Regarding Lincoln Lumber. Time was 6:19 P.M.

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 6:47 P.M.

3. RECEIVE AS INFORMATION A PETITION FOR A GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mr. Angerstein informed council that a legal petition has been submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to request a Groundwater Conservation District in Houston County, Texas. He discussed the proposed temporary board members and the letters of recommendation that were submitted. He also stated that council could also approve a resolution of support for the project if they desired to do so.

4. RECEIVE AS INFORMATION PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S INITIAL REPORT OF ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Mr. Angerstein informed council that the City of Crockett zoning codes must be updated to meet current state laws and regulations, including those regarding accessory dwelling units, tiny homes & barndominiums. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public hearings on the proposed changes and present them to council for approval in the future.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS AND THE CITY OF CROCKETT FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 1505 SOUTH 4TH STREET

Mr. Angerstein explained that attorneys for both parties have signed off on a one-year lease agreement with an auto-renewal option each year. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Texas Workforce Solutions and the City of

Crockett for office space at 1505 South 4th Street. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. AWARD BID: GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL, CURBING AND GUTTERS

Mr. Standley explained that Requests for Proposals/Bids had been published by the city for gasoline/diesel fuel and concrete curb/gutter construction. Bids were due by 5:00 P.M., December 8, 2025 and eligible bids were opened on December 9, 2025.

One (1) bid was received from Crockett Farm & Fuel for gasoline and diesel fuel for city vehicles and equipment:

Gasoline and On-Road Diesel: Rack Price + \$0.50
Off-Road Diesel: Rack Price + \$0.30

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to award the bid for gasoline and diesel fuel to Crockett Farm & Fuel. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Two (2) bids were received for concrete curb & gutter construction:

Velazquez Brothers Construction: \$27.00 per linear foot (200ft minimum)
Site Utilities & Construction: \$25.00 per linear foot (400ft minimum)

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to award the bid for concrete curb & gutter construction to Velazquez Brothers Construction. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NO. 63201 ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH KSA ENGINEERS TO INCLUDE HOUSTON COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 IN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Angerstein explained that this was the result of council's desire to investigate the feasibility of taking over operation of Houston County Water Control and Improvement District #1 (WCID #1) instead of/in addition to drilling a new water well. Approval of this item would allow the city to get a better understanding of WCID #1's assets and the condition of those assets. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project No. 63201 Engineering Contract with KSA Engineers to include Houston County Water Control and Improvement District #1 in Asset Management Plan. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Hicks voted against.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR NEW STREET CONSTRUCTION BY PRECINCT

Mr. Standley informed council that \$544,042 was available for construction and maintenance of streets. Mr. Colter suggested using \$116,644.22 for maintenance of existing roads city-wide and ~\$425,000 to be allocated among all five precincts for new

construction. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to allocate the \$425,000 for new construction equally between all five precincts (\$85,000 per precinct). Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Hicks voted against.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DECLARED AS SURPLUS AND AUCTIONED OR TO BE SCRAPPED

Mr. Standley presented a list of city equipment/vehicles to be declared surplus. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the list of items to be declared as surplus and auctioned or scrapped. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 13, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, BY REPLACING AND RESTATING THE ENTIRE SPECIAL EVENTS AND BLOCK PARTY ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, DISTANCE AND IMPACT STANDARDS, CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, INSURANCE, INDEMNIFICATION, DENIAL AND REVOCATION PROCEDURES, PENALTIES, SEVERABILITY, A REPEALING CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chief Smith explained the city does not currently have an ordinance in place to regulate special events/block parties. The purpose of this ordinance is not to ban these events, but to establish guidelines for event organizers and keep the city aware of these events so relevant departments can be prepared in advance. Permits must be obtained at least 30 days in advance of the event and liability insurance must be obtained. There will be no fee for a permit under this ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Crockett, Texas, by the amendment of Chapter 13, Licenses and Business Regulations, by replacing and restating the entire Special Events and Block Party ordinance in its entirety; providing definitions, permitting requirements, distance and impact standards, conditions of approval, insurance, indemnification, denial and revocation procedures, penalties, severability, a repealing clause, and providing an effective date. Council member Price seconded the motion. Council member Hicks expressed concerns with the insurance requirement for event organizers. After much debate, Mayor Pro Tem Marsh moved the previous question to end the discussion and vote on the original motion. Council member Price seconded the motion to end the discussion. Motion passes 4-1. Council member Hicks voted against. Vote on the original motion passes 4-1. Council member Hicks voted against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. GOV. CODE SEC. 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING LINCOLN LUMBER

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

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary