

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023 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 AND CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA. DENNIS IVEY AND DARRELL JONES WERE ABSENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open; Council member Jackson 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: OCTOBER 2, 2023 & SPECIAL SESSION: OCTOBER 6, 2023

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 regular session and October 6, 2023 special session. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

REPORTS

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

Chief Smith reported for the month of September 2023: 16 total manpower, 2,808 total manpower hours, 460 total calls and 8 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packet.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of September 2023 the following: 39 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

BUSINESS

4. DISCUSSION ON SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE VARIANCES AND ISSUES BETWEEN CURRENT CHARTER AND CURRENT OPERATIONS

Mr. Angerstein explained that the current charter for the City of Crockett has not been updated or revised in many years and several key parts of the charter have been rendered unconstitutional or unenforceable due to changes in state and federal law. As a result, the city often has no choice but to ignore or violate the charter during the normal course of business. He informed the council that it is imperative that the city work with a specialist to update our charter and help guide us through the process to bring those changes to the public via a regular election. The first steps of this process are to hire a consultant and form a citizen review committee to study our current charter and propose necessary amendments.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, DETERMINING THE NEED FOR A FORMAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S HOME RULE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR QUALIFICATIONS RELATED TO THE MEMBERS OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION; ANNOUNCING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO SELECT AND APPOINT THE CHARTER COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 9.004; ANNOUNCING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION WITH THIS PROCESS; AUTHORIZING THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONERS TO CAREFULLY STUDY THE CURRENT CHARTER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO AMENDMENTS TO THAT DOCUMENT IN A TIMELY WAY AND PRIOR TO THE CITY'S REGULAR ELECTION DATE IN MAY, 2024; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, determining the need for a formal review of the City's Home Rule Charter; providing for qualifications related to the members of a charter review commission; announcing the city council's intent to select and appoint the charter commissioners pursuant to local government code Section 9.004; announcing the city council's decision to hire a consultant to assist the charter review commission with this process; authorizing the charter review commissioners to carefully study the current charter and make recommendations as to amendments to that document in a timely way and prior to the city's regular election date in May, 2024; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM JUANITA STOUT FOR A ROLLERSKATING RINK AND ARCADE TO BE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF E. HOUSTON AVENUE AND N. 5TH STREET, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 500 E. HOUSTON AVENUE, CROCKETT, TX 75835, AND ALSO

IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 16010 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. No comments for or against. Mayor Fisher closed the hearing.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM JUANITA STOUT FOR A ROLLERSKATING RINK AND ARCADE TO BE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF E. HOUSTON AVENUE AND N. 5TH STREET, WITH AN ADDRESS OF 500 E. HOUSTON AVENUE, CROCKETT, TX 75835, AND ALSO IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 16010 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the request for a specific use permit from Juanita Stout for a roller-skating rink and arcade to be located on the second floor of the commercial building at the northeast corner of E. Houston Avenue and N. 5th Street, with an address of 500 E. Houston Avenue, Crockett, TX 75835, and also identified as Parcel 16010 by the Houston County Appraisal District with the stipulations that the permit shall be issued only after Ms. Stout completes the purchase of the property, the permit will only be valid while she owns the property and all code compliance issues must be resolved. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Council member Jackson made a motion to appoint Jeff Darst to fill the vacancy on the Library Advisory Board. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

9. AWARD BID: CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Mr. Angerstein informed council that Velasquez Brothers Construction was the only respondent to our RFP for concrete construction services. Velasquez Brothers Construction has completed several projects in the city over the past year and their work has been very well done. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to award the bid for concrete construction services to Velasquez Brothers Construction. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

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

Council member Jackson made a motion to approve payment of invoices from Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation contingent on a review of the lease agreement with Texas Workforce Commission. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary