

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF JANUARY 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, ELBERT JOHNSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL, 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 Hicks 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.)*

- Kat Cross – Urged council to keep broadcasting the meetings for people who cannot attend in person and complimented the new ‘Welcome to Crockett’ signs on highway entrances.
- Bobby Bowlin – Urged council to keep broadcasting the meetings for people who cannot attend in person.
- Jean Lovelady – Concerns about the railroad leaving boxcars parked on the tracks, the condition of Austin Street and stray dogs in her neighborhood.
- James Dancer – Addressed an individual council member with explicit language and was escorted out of meeting due to risk of physical violence and disturbing a public meeting.
- Council member Hicks – Concerns about charter review committee and proposed amendments to the city charter.
- Mayor Fisher – Informed the audience that local churches have begun participating in a security program and urged people to ask her for more information if they are interested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: DECEMBER 15, 2025

Council member Hicks requested a change to show she abstained from a vote rather than voted against. Council member Price made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025

Chief Smith reported for the month of October 2025: 15 total manpower, 2,420 total manpower hours, 423 total calls and 8 total accidents. He reported for the month of November 2025, 15 total manpower, 2,218 total manpower hours, 396 total calls and 10 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025

Chief Frizzell reported for the month of October 2025 the following: 34 calls. He reported for the month of November 2025 the following: 45 calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

BUSINESS

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ADOPTING A CITY COUNCIL AGENDA POLICY REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, AS PRESENTED IN THE PROPOSED DRAFT

Council member Hicks objected to the wording of the draft proposal and made a motion to table the item until the wording has been changed. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. During discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Marsh asked that this item be included in a broader policy on council conduct and Mr. Standley affirmed that such a policy could be addressed in the future. Motion passes 5-0.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE WHETHER TO TELEVISION AND/OR LIVE STREAM REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Council member Hicks made a motion to continue to televise and/or livestream regular and special meetings of the City Council. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Council member Hicks insisted that streaming and posting recordings of the meetings was necessary for transparency since many people cannot attend the meetings in person due to a variety of reasons. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh argued that the actions of one council member have been embarrassing to the city as a whole and providing the recordings online is damaging the city's reputation. Council member Price explained that he saw both sides of the issue, but the benefits of broadcasting the meetings outweigh the negative attention they attract. Council member Ivey stated that the city has only been providing the live stream for the last few years and prior to that, the public relied on the newspaper to get information about the meeting if they were unable to attend. He saw no

harm in discontinuing the broadcast and reverting to the previous methods. Council member Johnson said that in the current day and age, we should continue streaming the meetings. Motion passes 3-2. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh and Council member Ivey voted against.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS WITHIN THE CITY OF CROCKETT

Chief Smith informed council that Neighborhood Watch programs are not overseen or regulated by the police department. They are basically organized by residents of a neighborhood to monitor activity on a voluntary basis, and citizens are free to participate if they choose. If a neighborhood watch program is organized, there are volunteer organizations that can assist with advice and planning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. GOV.CODE SEC. 551.071 - CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING RECAPTURE OF LINCOLN LUMBER TAX ABATEMENT

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code Sec. 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney Regarding Recapture of Lincoln Lumber Tax Abatement. Time was 6:48 P.M.

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

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT AND TERMS FOR THE RECAPTURE OF TAX ABATEMENTS AND INCENTIVES FROM LINCOLN LUMBER, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 7:05 P.M.

Council member Ivey made a motion to accept the settlement amount and terms for the recapture of tax abatements and incentives from Lincoln Lumber and authorize the Mayor and/or City Attorney to execute any necessary settlement documents. Council member Price seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary