

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 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, DARRELL JONES, NATRENIA HICKS, ELBERT JOHNSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the Regular 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.)*

- John Jenkins – Concerns about his property on S. 4th Street
- David Park – Concerns about CEIDC and transparency
- Sherald Wood – Statement about bribery concerns
- Tammie McKnight – Concerns about relative’s water bill
- Berta Harris – Appealed for resolution to CEIDC issues
- Dianne Rhone – Complimented Crockett PD for response for recent issue
- Virginia Lewis – Urged council to move forward and restore Crockett
- Sam James – Comments about conduct of council members regarding CEIDC
- Mayor Fisher – Spoke of how well the morning budget workshop was handled.
- Natrenia Hicks – Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the weekend festivities

BUSINESS

1. GOV. CODE 551.071- CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OF THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney on Internal Affairs Review and Corrective Action Plan of the Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation.

Time was 6:28 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 8:24 P.M.

2. PRESENTATION OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INTERNAL AFFAIRS REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Council member Hicks made a motion to waive attorney-client privilege and engage with special counsel to implement the corrective action plan and to hold a joint meeting between the Crockett City Council and CEIDC Board of Directors on July 8, 2024 to engage special counsel and discuss James Gentry's employment contract. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh and Council member Ivey voted against. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh stated that the issue of Mr. Gentry's contract was not discussed in the executive session and shouldn't be included in the motion. Council member Hicks amended her motion to remove mention of Mr. Gentry's contract. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

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

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve the payment of invoices from Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Council member Hicks made a motion to have a discussion about James Gentry's employment contract on the July 8th meeting agenda. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh and Council member Ivey voted against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary