

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 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, DENNIS IVEY, MARQUITA BEASLEY & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA AND CITY ATTORNEY BILL PEMBERTON. COUNCIL MEMBERS DARRELL JONES & ERNEST JACKSON WERE NOT PRESENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the formal session open, 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.)*

- Michael Anthony – Concerns about Agenda Item 10.
- Bobby Bowlin – Concerns about CEIDC investigation
- Natrina Hicks – Concerns about council member eligibility

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR SESSION – MAY 15, 2023

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Regular Session. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV. CODE 551.071(1)(b) - CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code 551.071(1)(b) – Consultation with Attorney. Time was 6:07 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 6:29 P.M. No action.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM YOLANDA LANG FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 303 S. MILLSIDE AVENUE, CROCKETT, TX, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 9863 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. Yolanda Lang spoke in support of her permit application. There were no objections to the request and Mayor Fisher closed the public hearing.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM YOLANDA LANG FOR A MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 303 S. MILLSIDE AVENUE, CROCKETT, TX, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 9863 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the request for a specific use permit from Yolanda Lang for a mobile home to be located at 303 S. Millside Avenue, Crockett, TX, also identified as Parcel 9863 by the Houston County Appraisal District. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM DAVID BAKER FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM AR – AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C2 – COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 0.950 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 2402 N. 4TH STREET, AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 3029 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Fisher opened the public hearing. James Carter Hall voiced concerns about the request but expressed his support after discussion with Mr. Angerstein. There were no objections and Mayor Fisher closed the public hearing.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM DAVID BAKER FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM AR – AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C2 – COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 0.950 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 2402 N. 4TH STREET, AND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 3029 BY THE HOUSTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the request from David Baker for a zone change from AR – Agricultural/Residential District to C2 – Commercial District for an approximately 0.950 acre parcel located at 2402 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and identified as Parcel 3029 by the Houston County Appraisal District. Council Member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CITY OF CROCKETT HOSTING AN INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW “FREEDOM OVER CROCKETT” ON SATURDAY, JULY 1ST, 2023 IN FRONT OF THE CIVIC CENTER AND ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH PYRO SHOWS OF TEXAS INC.

Mr. Angerstein explained that after a 4-year hiatus, the city had received many requests to resume our annual Independence Day fireworks show. After obtaining financial commitments from several local businesses and private donors, the city was able to retain the services of Pyro Shows of Texas, Inc to hold a fireworks show in partnership with the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce at the Crockett Civic Center with no expenditure of public funds. Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the City of Crockett hosting an Independence Day fireworks show “Freedom Over Crockett” on Saturday,

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in front of the Civic Center and enter into a contract with Pyro Shows of Texas, Inc. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, LICENSED AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 13-1 OF THE CROCKETT CODE TO PROVIDE EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF MIXED BEVERAGES AND MALT BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas, amending Chapter 13, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article I, Section 13-1 of the Crockett Code to provide extended hours for the sale of mixed beverages and malt beverages for on-premises consumption; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-1. Council member Ivey voted against the motion.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, OF THE CROCKETT CODE TO ADD SECTION 13-2 TO PROVIDE EXTENDED HOURS FOR PRIVATE CLUBS FOR THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas, amending Chapter 13, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article I, of the Crockett Code to add Section 13-2 to provide extended hours for private clubs for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-1. Council member Ivey voted against the motion.

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; ADDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 15-1 OF THE CROCKETT CODE TO REQUIRE PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; TO IMPOSE A PERMIT FEE; TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FROM REQUIRED PERMITS; TO REQUIRE INSURANCE AS A CONDITION OF PERMIT ISSUANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION OF PERMITS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After lengthy discussion with Mr. Angerstein and Chief Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Crockett, Texas, amending Chapter 15, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions; adding Article III, Section 15-1 of the Crockett Code to require permits for special events; to impose a permit fee; to provide exemptions and exceptions from required permits; to require insurance as a condition of permit issuance; to provide revocation of permits; providing a severability clause; containing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date. Mr. Marsh's motion

included the stipulation that special events in residential areas must be concluded by 12:00 P.M. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-1. Council member Beasley voted against the motion.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH POWELL LAW GROUP TO ASSIST THE CITY IN REDISTRICTING ITS PRECINCT BOUNDARIES, IF NECESSARY, SECONDARY TO THE U.S. 2020 CENSUS AND ENCUMBER THE NECESSARY FUNDING FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve the engagement agreement with Powell Law Group to assist the city in redistricting its precinct boundaries, if necessary, secondary to the U.S. 2020 Census and encumber the necessary funding from contingency funds. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

12. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Council member Beasley made a motion to reappoint Spencer Burke, Chris Jones, Lindsey Rice, Larry Robbins, David Tyer, Jo Denman and Kimberly Marrs to the Parks and Recreation Board for two-year terms. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

13. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS COMMISSION

Council member Beasley made a motion to reappoint Bill Holcomb, Michael Brenner, Jo Denman, David Tyer, Samantha Wiley, Lois Ball, and Karla Popoca to the Board of Adjustments Commission for two-year terms. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

14. 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. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary