

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF MAY 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, GENE CALDWELL, DARRELL JONES, ERNEST JACKSON, MARQUITA BEASLEY & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, CITY ATTORNEY BILL PEMBERTON, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL AND FIRE MARSHAL LEE STANDLEY

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.*)

- Virginia Lewis – Concerns about CEIDC investigation.
- Sarah Davis – Concerns about recognition of minority-owned businesses in Crockett.
- Natrina Hicks – Concerns about Precinct 1 city council candidate eligibility.
- Harry Fred Scott – Concerns about redistricting.
- Joe Martin – Concerns about conditions of Ann, Grace and Twin streets.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL SESSION – APRIL 25, 2023

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 Special Session and April 3, 2023 Regular Session. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

2. CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS

Mayor Fisher and all members of the city council canvassed the election returns from Early Voting and the May 6, 2023, General Election. After review, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Marsh to approve the canvass of the votes as follows:

		<u>Early Votes</u>	<u>Ballot by Mail</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pct. 1	Connie Strban	88	1	64	153
	Ianthia Fisher	60	32	52	144
	Samantha Wiley	42	1	36	79
	Dennis Ivey	83	2	66	151
	Joe Don James	24	0	14	38
Pct. 2	Connie Strban	26	0	21	47
	Ianthia Fisher	94	0	46	140
	Darrell Jay Jones	85	9	35	129
	Gene Caldwell	35	0	30	65
Pct. 3	Connie Strban	6	0	2	8
	Ianthia Fisher	52	0	49	101
Pct. 4	Connie Strban	0	0	1	1
	Ianthia Fisher	20	0	26	46
Pct. 5	Connie Strban	57	0	40	97
	Ianthia Fisher	80	0	39	119

Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL

City Administrator John Angerstein administered the Oath of Office to Dennis Ivey, Darrell Jones, and Ianthia Fisher. Mr. Angerstein thanked Gene Caldwell for his service and Dennis Ivey took his seat as Precinct 1 Council member.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE TEXAS FILM FRIENDLY POLICY

Liza Clark and Wade Thomas presented information about the Texas Film Friendly Policy. Council member Jones made a motion to approve the Texas Film Friendly Policy. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO THE KEEP CROCKETT BEAUTIFUL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carolyn Ivey, Catina Brice, Samantha Wiley, and James Henry were nominated for the Keep Crockett Beautiful Board of Directors. Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the nominations to the board. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Angerstein presented his proposal for the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget calendar. Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CIVIL RIGHTS RESOLUTION NO. R-05B-23
ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

1. Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures
2. Excessive Force Policy
3. Fair Housing Policy
4. Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures
5. Code of Conduct Policy

AND AFFIRM ITS COMMITMENT TO CONDUCT A PROJECT-SPECIFIC ANALYSIS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

6. SECTION 3 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
7. LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
8. ACTIVITY TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

Mr. Angerstein noted this resolution and policies are a requirement by the State to be eligible for CDBG funding. These policies are currently in place; the City also adopts a proclamation declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Council member Beasley made a motion to approve Civil Rights Resolution No. R-05B-23 and affirm its commitment to conduct a project-specific analysis and comply with program requirements. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. 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

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh 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. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-3. Council members Jones, Jackson and Beasley voted against the motion. Council member Jackson made a motion to table the item until the city could meet with Crockett ISD and discuss the matter. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council member Ivey and Mayor Pro Tem Marsh voted against the motion.

9. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPAIRS TO WATER WELL #1 AT COLLEGE HILL AND APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE TO BE PAID FROM UTILITY RESERVES

Mr. Angerstein explained the extent of the damage to water well #1 and the steps necessary to repair the well. Council member Jackson made a motion to approve the repairs to water well #1 at College Hill and approve the expenditure to be paid from utility reserves. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

10. 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. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BIDS FOR MOWING OF CROCKETT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROPERTIES

Mr. Angerstein presented three bids that were received for mowing the CEIDC properties:

Justin Jansky Pasture Mowing

- Finish Mowing - \$725
- Pasture Mowing - \$2650
- Right of Way Mowing - \$450

Munsinger Custom Hay Baling & Mowing

- Finish Mowing - \$525
- Pasture Mowing - \$1,700
- Right of Way Mowing - \$400

Larry Robbins

- Finish Mowing - \$980
- Pasture Mowing - \$5,115
- Right of Way Mowing - \$350

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to accept the bid from Munsinger Custom Hay Baling and Mowing for mowing of Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation properties. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR APRIL 2023

Police Chief Smith reported for the month of April 2023; 15 total manpower, 2754 total manpower hours, 506 total calls and 6 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packets. Chief Smith also reiterated that the investigation of Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation is still ongoing.

13. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2023

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of April 2023 the following: 52 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packets. He stated that the increased number of calls in the city was due to the severe storms during the month.

14. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mr. Angerstein provided an update on all current and scheduled street construction and other major projects within the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. GOV. CODE 551.074 - PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSIDER DUTIES OF FIRE MARSHAL

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per: Gov. Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters. Consider Duties of Fire Marshal.
Time was 7:50 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 8:15 P.M.

Council member Beasley made a motion to move building official duties to the Fire Marshal, adjust his pay rate to level of LE9 and grant an employment agreement. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary