

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 AND MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND CITY ATTORNEY BILL PEMBERTON.

#### 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 and thanked them for their attendance.

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.)*

- Bobby Bowlin – Expressed displeasure with council members Hicks and Jones and called for them to resign.
- Tammy Wells – Expressed concerns about CEIDC and its leadership.

#### REPORTS

##### 1. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024

Chief Smith reported for the month of August 2024: 15 total manpower, 2,755 total manpower hours, 443 total calls and 8 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet.

##### 2. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of August 2024 the following: 35 calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

## BUSINESS

3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION R-09-24 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD THROUGH THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO

Ben Rosenberg of U.S. Capital Advisors explained that the Texas Water Development Board has approved the city's application for funding and the next step is to issue notice to the public that the city intends to borrow money from TWDB. TWDB approved \$11.6M, of which \$7.3M will be in the form of a grant, \$3.1M will be in the form of a 0% interest loan, and \$1.1M will be a below-market interest loan. The loans will be repaid from water & sewer revenue. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve Resolution R-09-24 by the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation in connection with the receipt of financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and approving other matters incidental thereto. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION R-09B-24 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve Resolution R-09B-24 by the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation in connection with the receipt of financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; and approving other matters incidental thereto. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION R-09C-24 FOR AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

Mr. Angerstein explained a variety of budget amendments that need to be approved as the 2023-2024 FY budget comes to a close at the end of the month. Overall, the city will realize a surplus of approximately \$300,000 that will primarily be appropriated to the utility reserve fund. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve Resolution R-09C-24 for amendments to fiscal year 2024 budget. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE STREET SIGN DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Angerstein explained that street signs with logos can be purchased at the same cost as our current street signs. Council member Hicks made a motion to approve replacing street signs citywide as needed with new street signs that feature the Crockett ISD 'Bulldog' logo as chosen by Crockett ISD administration. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Council member Ivey made a motion to approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program Grant application to the Texas General Land Office. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING OR REJECTING THE DECISION TO HIRE A NEW EMPLOYEE FOR THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Council member Jones made a motion to ratify the decision to hire a new employee for the Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation at the rate of \$6000 per month (\$72,000 annually) plus benefits and make a budget amendment to reflect the same. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion fails 2-3. Council members Ivey, Johnson and Mayor Pro Tem Marsh voted against. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to reject the hiring of the new employee for CEIDC and pay the current employee hired by the executive director for his services to date at the offered rate of \$31.25 per hour and issue a 1099 for tax purposes. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Jones and Hicks voted against. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve payment of \$3,250 to the CEIDC employee for services rendered. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-2. Council members Jones and Hicks voted against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. GOV. CODE 551.074 - PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSIDER ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGARDING RECENT EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, AND TAKE NECESSARY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, IF ANY

Mayor Fisher stated Council would convene into Executive Session per Gov. Code 551.074: Personnel Matters. Consider Actions of The Executive Director of the Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation Regarding Recent Employment and Financial Matters, and Take Necessary Disciplinary Actions, if any. Time was 7:36 P.M.

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

Mayor Fisher reconvened the meeting into open session. Time was 8:38 P.M.  
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 8:44 P.M.

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Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary