

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF JULY 2023 IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 200 NORTH FIFTH IN THE CITY OF CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY TEXAS AT 9:00 A.M.

THE COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: IANTHIA FISHER, DENNIS IVEY, ERNEST JACKSON & MARQUITA BEASLEY. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL & POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH. DARRELL JONES AND MIKE MARSH NOT PRESENT.

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.)*

➤ Mayor Fisher - commended all involved with all the events in the city

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR SESSION: JUNE 5, 2023 & SPECIAL SESSION: JUNE 16, 2023

Council member Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Regular Session and the June 16, 2023 Special Session. Council member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR MAY 2023

Chief Smith reported for the month of May 2023: 15 total manpower, 2,628 total manpower hours, 514 total calls and 6 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal reports is included in the packet.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR MAY 2023

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of May 2023 the following: 34 total calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

4. FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Angerstein opened the workshop with a brief overview of his budget process and outlined some of the capital requests from department heads:

REQUESTED POSITIONS

- Funding for 2 additional firefighters at an annual cost of \$125,200 to provide 24/7 coverage of at least one firefighter on nights and weekends, along with one firefighter to assist the fire chief and fire marshal during the day.

CAPITAL REQUESTS

- Two Police Vehicles - \$126,649.19
- Police and Fire Radio Systems - \$466,908.34
- Fire Engine - \$730,000.00
- 5-inch fire supply hose - \$13,500.00

FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- This draft budget allows for estimated operations of an animal shelter for the use of city enforcement and animal control but does not provide for personnel or other operational costs to expand its use for public service.
- It is anticipated that the city will construct a pool during the upcoming year, but this draft budget does not address the estimated revenues and expenses of a municipal pool in the event that it is completed within the FY2024 budget year.

COLA AND SALARY INCREASES

This budget does not provide for any changes in salaries such as one-time merits or COLAs.

TAX RATE

The proposed ad valorem tax rate is unknown until the Houston County Appraisal District certifies property values and can provide the city with its No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval-Revenue rates. For purposes of discussion, it is estimated that this year's tax rate will remain the same or less than the tax rate of \$0.6813/\$100 from our previous year. The proposed FY24 ad valorem levy provides approximately \$66,000 more revenue than FY23 based solely on new or increased property values. The estimated ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6813/\$100 or less will adequately fund the proposed budget as presented.

After the department heads made their requests, Mr. Angerstein asked the council to decide which, if any, of these requests they would like to prioritize for the upcoming budget and to let him know if there were any additional projects he should consider. Council member Jackson made a motion for the City Administrator to bring some numbers for what new budget will look like to next budget workshop. Council member Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0. After some discussion, the workshop was concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 11:51 A.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary