



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, August 05, 2024 at 6:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 200 North Fifth, Crockett, TX 75835

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

Dennis Ivey, Council Member
Darrell Jones, Council Member
NaTrenia Hicks Council Member
Elbert Johnson, Council Member
Mike Marsh, Mayor Pro Tem

John Angerstein, City Administrator
Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary
William Pemberton, City Attorney
Clayton Smith, Police Chief
Jason Frizzell, Fire Chief

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the City Council of Crockett to be held on **MONDAY, AUGUST 05, 2024 at 6:00 PM** at City Hall – Council Chambers, 200 North Fifth, Crockett, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE OR COUNCIL *(At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on City related matters only; no personal matters or matters under litigation will be allowed. The length of time may not exceed three (3) 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.)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. GOV.CODE 551.071: CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING JAMES GENTRY LAWSUIT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. REGULAR SESSION: JULY 9, 2024 AND JULY 15, 2024

BUSINESS

3. FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET UPDATE
4. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSED TAX RATE
5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE BID FOR NORTH WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER SAND BLASTING AND COATING
6. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REMOVING PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE STATUS OF CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
8. CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICES FROM CROCKETT ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Crockett will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 24 hours prior to the meetings. Please contact Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary, at 936-544-5156.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the August 5, 2024 agenda of items to be considered by the Crockett City Council was posted for viewing at Crockett City Hall on August 01, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary

I certify that the agenda items to be considered by the City Council was removed from the City Hall window on the ____ day of _____, 2024. _____ Title _____

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9th 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 JOINT SESSION WITH CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: IANTHIA FISHER, DENNIS IVEY, DARRELL JONES, NATRENIA HICKS & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, CITY ATTORNEY BILL PEMBERTON, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY AND POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH. ELBERT JOHNSON NOT PRESENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the joint 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.)*

- D. Park – ask council to do what is right concerning the CEIDC contract
- L. Minter – spoke against CEIDC contract
- J. Jenkins – spoke on different topics
- D. Rhone – spoke against Gentry contract
- J. James – spoke against Gentry contract
- K. Cross – spoke against Gentry contract
- J. Garner – spoke against Gentry contract
- S. Wells – spoke against Gentry contract
- B. Townsend – spoke against Gentry contract

Mr. Jones stated that there are other officials in the City that have the same or similar contracts.

BUSINESS

1. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF DENTON, NAVARRO, RODRIGUEZ, BERNAL, SANTEE AND ZECH, P.C. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO IMPLEMENT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN APPROVED AT THE JULY 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve engaging the services of Denton, Navarro, Rodriguez, Bernal, Santee and Zech, P.C. as special counsel to implement the Corrective Action Plan approved at the July 1, 2024 Council Meeting and to include City council and Economic director and board of directors. Mayor Fisher told Council member Hicks that was not the correct motion. Mr. Angerstein stated this is just engaging

the firm to implement the plan. Council member Hicks stated she just wanted to make sure everyone was involved. Council member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF THE CROCKETT ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to reject the employment agreement and direct that no agreement will be considered until the corrective action plan is finished, the bylaws are changed, the new policies are put in place and the Economic Director’s lawsuit is dismissed or dropped. Council member Ivey seconded the motion. Council member Jones and Council member Hicks voted against the motion. Mayor Fisher broke the tie voting for the motion. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CROCKETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th 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, NATRENIA HICKS, ELBERT JOHNSON & MIKE MARSH. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN ANGERSTEIN, CITY SECRETARY MITZI STEFKA, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE STANDLEY, POLICE CHIEF CLAYTON SMITH AND FIRE CHIEF JASON FRIZZELL. DENNIS IVEY AND DARRELL JONES WERE NOT PRESENT.

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Fisher called the regular session open and gave the invocation. 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.)*

- There were no public comments.

ADDENDUM

1. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REMOVING FROM THE TABLE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS FOR THE EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE RENAISSANCE TREEHOUSE ACADEMY, A QUALIFYING CHILD-CARE-FACILITY UNDER THE TEX. TAX CODE ANN. 11.36 (2024)

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve removing from the table a Resolution of the City of Crockett, Texas for the exemption of municipal property taxes for the Renaissance Treehouse Academy, a qualifying child-care-facility under the Tex. Tax Code Ann. 11.36 (2024). Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS FOR THE EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE RENAISSANCE TREEHOUSE ACADEMY, A QUALIFYING CHILDCARE-FACILITY UNDER THE TEX. TAX CODE ANN. 11.36 (2024)

Council member Hicks made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Crockett, Texas for the exemption of municipal property taxes for the Renaissance Treehouse

Academy, a qualifying child-care-facility under the Tex. Tax Code Ann. 11.36 (2024). Mayor Pro Tem Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION: JULY 1, 2024 - 9:00 A.M. AND JULY 1, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2024 – 9:00 A.M. Regular session and the July 1, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. Regular session. Council member Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT MANPOWER & CRIMINAL INCIDENT REPORT FOR JUNE 2024

Chief Smith reported for the month of June 2024: 16 total manpower, 2,539 total manpower hours, 452 total calls and 12 total accidents. A breakdown of the criminal report is included in the packet.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY & STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2024

Fire Chief Frizzell reported for the month of March 2024 the following: 47 calls. A breakdown is included in the packet.

BUSINESS

4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD GRANT/LOANS

Mr. Angerstein explained that the city had received notice of approval for grant funding and low/zero interest loans from the Texas Water Development Board to refurbish our north wastewater treatment plant and help fund the construction of water wells. Mr. Ben Rosenberg of US Capital Advisors, LLC presented details of the funding requirements to the council.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF SALE; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO

Mr. Angerstein explained that these Certificates of Obligation are necessary to purchase a new pumper truck for the fire department, fund the refurbishment of a ladder truck at the fire department and purchase three new vehicles for the police department. Mr. Rosenberg explained the procedure for borrowing money under a Certificate of Obligation and presented property tax impacts based on expected property values to be

provided by the Houston County Appraisal District. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve a Resolution by the City of Crockett, Texas, authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; authorizing the preparation of a preliminary official statement and notice of sale; and approving other matters incidental thereto. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Marsh made a motion to approve payment of invoices from Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation. Council member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Angerstein presented council with a draft budget that included items approved by council in the previous budget workshop, such as COLA for city employees, funding for animal shelter operations, adding a new water office clerk and promoting the current water office clerk. Mr. Angerstein explained that the recent corrective action plan recommends that the city should seek to enter rental/reimbursement agreements with organizations that use city properties to be compliant with laws that govern the use of public resources, such as CEIDC and Crockett Chamber of Commerce. He then discussed the reorganization and consolidation of the city planning & zoning, building official, facilities & maintenance, animal control, community relations (civic center/ag arena), library and economic development into a department under the Assistant City Administrator. Mr. Angerstein informed council that the Water Control District and Piney Woods Sanitation have issued rate increases for the upcoming fiscal year. Mayor Pro Tem Marsh requested that representatives from the two entities come to council to explain those rate increases. Mr. Angerstein discussed the issue of certificate pay for city employees which would require council to approve a policy change. Quotes for satellite phones were presented to council at the request of Council member Jones. Council member Hicks requested several agenda items related to placing items on the council agenda, the number of council meetings per month, a decorum policy for public comments, removal/appointment of CEIDC board members, and relocation of CEIDC offices.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mitzi Stefka, City Secretary