

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2003

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday the 11th day of February, 2003, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Isabella L. de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero.

Police Chief Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Reverend James Proctor gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the improvements located at 1014 East Cedar, Lots 2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 of Block 23, Andrus Addition belonging to Mark Anthony & Wyla V. Crosby should not be condemned.

City Inspector, Danny Hebert, explained that a demolition permit for 1014 East Cedar had been sold to Mr. Hayden Crosby. Mr. Hayden Crosby came forward to speak of his intentions to demolish or bring the property up to code if economically feasible. There was no action taken by council.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

PRESENTATIONS OR APPEARANCES:

Nominations for Crowley Pride awards are accepted at any time and are presented on a quarterly basis. Mrs. Joellen Hindman nominated by the members of the Three Ten Club of Crowley, Mrs. Donna Sue Jagneaux Gaudet and Mrs. Barbara Jagneaux Mouton nominated by Mrs. Hattie Hemmen, Dr. Stacy S. Poulard nominated by Mr. Timothy Villemarette and Mrs. Ezora Proctor nominated by Alderwoman Laurita Pete were honored as the first recipients of a Crowley Pride Certificate of Appreciation for their outstanding contributions above and beyond the call of duty.

Ms. Wadie Bias, recipient of the Living Legend Award, thanked the Mayor and City Council for honoring her with a celebration for that occasion.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 14, 2003 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor presented the Sales Tax Report and User Fee Report that compare current collections to collections from previous years. The Recap of all Funds Report compares actual revenues and expenditures for the five months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderdwoman Melancon moved to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids to purchase a bucket truck and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderdwoman Melancon moved to approve Work Order No.1 under the 2002-03 Annual Materials and Street Repair Work Contract with Emulsified Asphalt Products (Patching, Leveling, etc.); and with Quality Construction Specialists, Inc. (Crack Routing, Cleaning, Sealing, etc.) in accordance with Attachment C of the Engineer's Report for Crowley Public Works Committee Meeting February 5, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderdwoman Melancon moved to authorize the Advertisement for Bids for Drainage Improvements, Curbing, and Pavement Crack Repair on Northview Lane, Drainage Improvements on Eastern Avenue (eastside from 7th Street to 8th Street), Drainage Improvements on 3rd Street (south side from Avenue G to Avenue H) and Drainage Improvements on 3rd Street between Avenue K & Avenue L such that bid prices are received on the entire project with an alternate proposal to delete the Northview Lane improvements. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 8 to B & K Construction Company for the "North Crowley Pump Station and Collection Line Upgrade" project in the amount of \$72,465.52. Seconded by Alderdwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to authorize the Mayor to engage the service of Poche'-Pruett and Associates for engineering services required for the preparation of plans and specifications for a new lighting system along I-10 at Hwy 13. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new application from Jeramy Matte for a 2003 Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit for The Hype located at 120 North Avenue F, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderdwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new application from Andy Van Nguyen for a 2003 Class B – Retail Package Beer and 2003 Class B – Retail Package Liquor Permit

located at 702 East 12th Street, Crowley, LA., contingent upon approval of variance for that location. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new application from Michael Corumia for a 2003 Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit for Westend Store located at 579 Dr. F. L. Johnson Avenue, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF AN ACT OF LEASE FROM
FIVE-H FARMS, INC. OF TWO ACRES, MORE OR
LESS, FOR USE AS A POLICE FIRING RANGE

WHEREAS, the Lease of the Police Firing Range from Five-H Farms, Inc. has expired;
and

WHEREAS, the Lessor has agreed to extend the Lease annually for ONE (\$1.00)
DOLLAR per year up to ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the Lessor has requested certain conditions and terms in the Lease,
including but not limited to the following:

That the site be cleaned, properly maintained, fenced with a lockable chain link fence, the entry gate at West Hutchinson Avenue remain locked when the Range is not in use, the Lease may be canceled on thirty (30) days written notice, the City adopt regulations and procedures for use of the Firing Range requiring the Chief of Police limit and control access to the facility; with the understanding that persons presently using the Range will be accommodated upon the request of Lessor at times which will not interfere with training, qualification of Police officers or previously scheduled events; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
a Lease be authorized containing the aforesaid terms and conditions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the
City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby
authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of
Crowley to execute a Lease of two (2) acres, more or less, situated in Irregular Section 37,
Township 10 South, Range 1 East from Five-H Farms, Inc. for use as a Police Firing Range and
Training Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of
Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that such Lease contain the following specific conditions to-
wit:

1. The Lease shall be for a term of one (1) year, to renew automatically on each anniversary date, for a period of up to ten (10) years. The consideration shall be ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR per year.
2. The City shall cleanup and maintain the site, all improvements which are attached as permanent structures shall remain the property of the Lessor, without compensation therefore, unless agreed to in writing that they may be removed; erect a chain linked fence with lockable gate and the entry gate at West Hutchinson Avenue shall remain locked unless the Range is in use.
3. Adopt procedures and regulations for use of the facility as a Firing Range and Police Training Facility requiring that the Chief of Police limit and control access to the Range subject to accommodating the present users of the Range as requested by Lessor at such times which will not interfere with the training or qualifications of Police Officers or previously scheduled events.
4. A Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement in favor of Five-H Farms and insurance coverage naming Five-H Farms, Inc., its officers and directors and principals as additional insured's at no cost to Lessor and such other usual terms and conditions as may be meet in proper under the circumstances.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of February, 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to introduce a resolution to amend the ordinance to install a "No Parking" sign on the east side of South Avenue D between Mill and Elm Street. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE

TRANSFER OF COMPUTER MODEMS TO THE
SHERIFF OF ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Acadia Parish maintains a computerized link or access to the Louisiana State Police Criminal Information Database which provides Law Enforcement officers with real time information directly in their police units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Police Department presently operates six (6) Police units