

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

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 9th day of September, 2008 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the following Aldermen present: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Steven Premeaux and Todd Whiting were absent.

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Elliot Doré gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION:

The following proclamation was presented to each member of the Crowley Girls 18 and under Fast Pitch Softball Team, Head Coach Bryan Huval, Assistant Coaches Fern Hebert and Roxanna Huval and to Business Manager Charles Trahan.

Proclamation

Whereas, at all levels, girls' athletics are effective avenues to develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence, and leadership skills; and

Whereas, Crowley Girls 18 and under Fast Pitch Softball Team captured the 2008 Fast Pitch National runner-up position in the tournament held in Harlingen, Texas on Sunday, August 3, 2008; and

Whereas, special commendation and honor is to team members, Amy Lynn Abshire, Amber Lynn Broussard, Mandy Maria Burke, Courtney Paige Hebert, Kaleigh Allison Helo, Shelbe'e Marie Hoffpauir, Loralyn Brooke Huval, Mandy Leigh Johnston, Chelsea Elizabeth Meaux, Charbra Tiffany Trahan, and Mara Celes Weekley, to Head Coach Bryan Huval, to Assistant Coaches Fern Hebert and Roxanna Huval and to Business Manager Charles Trahan; and

Whereas, the City of Crowley is proud of the record the Crowley Girls 18 and under Fast Pitch Softball Team have earned and the fine publicity they have brought to our community by their good sportsmanship and inspired team play; and

Whereas, recognizing all of the team members as ambassadors representing the Crowley area, promoting community pride and family participation in youth sports activities, while gathering memories of a lifetime and in celebrating this accomplishment with these remarkable and talented young people and wish being this team all of the best in the future; and

Now, Therefore, I, Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, do hereby declare Tuesday, September 9, 2008 as

Crowley Girls 18 and under Fast Pitch Softball Team Day

and call upon the citizens of Crowley to join me in extending congratulations to the players and coaches of this outstanding team.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused the Great Seal of the City of Crowley to be affixed this the 9th day of September 2008.

S/ Greg A. Jones
Greg A. Jones, Mayor
CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1388, the ordinance “amending the budgets for the fiscal year, beginning September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2008” was read by title.

Mr. Thomas Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1388. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1388 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1388 to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 12th, 2008 regular council meeting. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 30th, 2008 special council meeting. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 31st, 2008 special council meeting. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Greg A. Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend since fiscal 1992. He also gave updates on the cleanup after Hurricane Gustav and the tracking of Hurricane Ike.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Alderwoman Mary Melancon, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Quality Construction Specialist for the FY 2007-08 Annual Crack Repair Project in the amount of \$36,089.64. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to Le Talley Ho for the FY 2007-08 Annual Street Repair project in the amount of \$44,545.57. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Change Order No. 3, the Final Contract Change Order, for the Le Talley Ho Contract for the FY 2007-08 Annual Street Repair project in the reduced amount of \$50,721.52. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION: Alderman Elliot Doré, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a Home Occupancy to have a drapery finishing business on property of Lots 11-12-13, Block 41 City of Crowley located at 626 East Third Street owned by Melissa J. Williamson. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Alderman Jeff Doré, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to allow the International Rice Festival Association to extend the 2008 carnival to Sunday as a family day from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. No alcohol will be permitted during this event and the Festival will provide security and clean-up. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES: Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize payment and to amend the Fiscal 2009 General Fund Budget of Capital Outlay account in Public Building for City Hall's Generator and Transfer Switch up to \$32,000.00. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to authorize payment and to amend the Disaster Expense account in Fiscal 2009 General Fund Budget for Hurricane Gustav expenses in the estimated amount of \$25,000.00. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize payment and to amend the Disaster Overtime accounts in Fiscal 2009 budget for General Fund and Utility Fund for Hurricane Gustav in the estimated amount of \$76,000.00. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF TERMINATION

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a Notice of Termination for Le Talley Ho Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, pertaining to the substantial completion of the contract for "2007 – 2008 City-Wide Street Repair " for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, Le Talley Ho Construction Co., Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed "2007 – 2008 City-Wide Street Repair " for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to accept the completed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Notice of Termination for and on behalf of the City of Crowley accepting the work as being substantially completed, and that the Mayor be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED: September 9, 2008

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTED THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA); AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION NECESSARY THEREFOR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, including Acadia Parish, has been declared a "Federal Disaster Area" by the President of the United States under the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288 as amended; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared in the City of Crowley on the 30th day of August, 2008 by resolution of the Board of Aldermen in anticipation of the landfall of Hurricane Gustav; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley incurred expenses, charges and costs for overtime pay, equipment rental, sandbags and other matters related to the anticipated landfall and continuing emergency operations thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley sustained significant physical damage to public facilities, infrastructure, buildings and loss of equipment and material which required replacement and repair; and

WHEREAS, local public bodies in Acadia Parish are eligible for federal assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and

WHEREAS, a formal application for public assistance is required by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, including all necessary documentation, attached itemizations, forms, clarifications and

information required to determine eligibility of recovery of various expenditures, damages and losses related to or resulting from Hurricane Gustav;

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 Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to make application for public assistance funds to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, to execute all applications, documents and forms, to submit all required documentation and information as may be required and to do and perform any and all things necessary, including preliminary damage assessments, participation in surveys, obtain cost estimates, coordinate insurance coverage, identify special considerations including but not limited to historic preservation, environmental protection, hazard mitigation and other such matters as may be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to submit applications for assistance and reimbursement as may be meet and proper in his sole discretion, to identify all expenditures, costs, losses and damages as may be required and to submit same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things and to execute any and all documents as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 9th day of September, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1388

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and notice of public hearing having been published; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 9th day of September 2008 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 9th day of September, 2008 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Amendment	Amended 2007-2008 Budget
Revenues		
General Fund		
Grants & Loans	(295,000)	453,610
Other Revenues	96,000	942,820
1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Street Improvement		
Other Revenues	36,000	1,466,000
Youth Recreation Operation		
Other Revenues	22,985	183,735
Industrial Inducement		
Other Revenues	5,740	20,740
Utility Fund - Sewage		
Grants & Loans	104,000	514,000
Other Revenues	21,000	1,463,500
Employee Benefit Plan		
Other Revenue	80,900	878,040
Collision & Loss		
Other Revenue	2,500	9,000
Total Revenue Amendments	<u>74,125</u>	
Expenditures		
General Fund		
Street		
Capital Outlays	(289,000)	1,523,975
Non Departmental		
Other Expense	(55,000)	360,285
1 & 1/2 Cent Sales Tax		
Operational Expense	(100,000)	63,400
Motor Vehicle Facility		
Operational Expense	1,500	19,600
Youth Recreation Building Maintenance		
Repairs & Supplies	(12,750)	89,600
Rice City Civic Center		
Other Expense	8,575	30,560
Utility Fund		
Utility Administrative		
Other Expense	(19,250)	90,625
Sewage Budget		
Repairs & Supplies	(14,000)	131,600
Operational Expense	(15,000)	11,000
Other Expense	(15,650)	4,800
Employee Benefit Plan		

Operational Expense	(12,150)	202,100
Other Expense	(39,300)	843,590
Collision & Loss		
Operational Expense	3,400	16,400
Other Expense	8,275	111,775
Total Expenditure Amendments	<u>(550,350)</u>	
Other Financing Uses - Operating Transfers Out		
1 & 1/2 Cent Sales Tax		
Transfers & Appropriations	20,000	4,671,550
Utility Fund		
Transfers & Appropriations	36,775	544,425
Total Transfers & Appropriations Out	<u>56,775</u>	
Other Financing Sources - Operating Transfers In		
Rice City Civic Center		
Transfers & Appropriations	10,000	85,000
Utility Fund		
Transfers & Appropriations	36,775	616,525
Collision & Loss	10,000	130,000
Total Transfers & Appropriations In	<u>56,775</u>	

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2007-2008 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Greg A. Jones, is hereby authorized and in his sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as he may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 9th day of September, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on September 10th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on September 10th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on September 11, 2008 at .m.