

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2010

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010 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: J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting.

Alderman Jeff Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Lyle Fogleman gave the invocation.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:**

Alderman Steven Premeaux offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the recommendation for the Street Commissioner position. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:**

Alderswoman Kitty Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderswoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman J. Elliot Doré moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderswoman Kitty Valdetero and duly adopted.

**APPEARANCES:**

Mr. Horace Lewis came before the assembly with a request to demolish the property located at 1318 West Hutchinson. He was informed that Mr. Danny Hebert has gone to see the property and will be going through the process to either have the owners bring the property up to standards that will meet codes or to have the property condemned.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Greg A. Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderswoman Mary Melancon,  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderswoman Laurita Pete  
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderswoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderswoman Kitty Valdetero to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Acadia

Abstractors to provide the courthouse research needed to complete right of way plans and acquisition process. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Change Order No. 21 in the amount of (negative) -\$114,168.71 to the Merrick Construction Company contract for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment project for the final adjustment of Pay Quantities for Non-Enhancement Funding Items. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve Change order No. 19 in the amount of (negative) -\$11,280.20 to the Merrick Construction Company contract for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment project for the final adjustment of Pay Quantities for Enhancements Funding Items. Motion carried.

#### **UTILITY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero  
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Jeff Doré

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to approve the Final Plans and Specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Facultative Pond Levee Improvements Project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to M. Matt Durand L.L.C. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Rock Filter Rehabilitation project for work completed through April 11<sup>th</sup>, the official contract end date to complete the punch list, in the amount of \$263,794.00. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded Alderman J. Elliot Doré to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of (negative) -\$6,924.87 to the M. Matt Durand L.L.C. contract for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Rock Filter Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Todd Whiting  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.  
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve a new 2010 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit for Gielen Development, Inc. d/b/a Gattis Pizza located at 2218 N Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried.

#### **ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin  
Members – Aldermen Kitty Valdetero, Laurita Pete and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for a plat approval for the Gall Properties described as Lot 7, 8, 9 of Block 1, Kilmer Addition divided into Lot

A & Lot B, located in T 9 S, R 1 E, Section 33 of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to call for a Public Hearing to revise the minimum parking requirements for one and two family dwellings. Motion carried

**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE :**

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman, Steven Premeaux  
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Todd Whiting and Mary Melancon

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc for the repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Building in the amount of \$87,690.78. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize and direct the Mayor to execute a Notice of Termination for E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. pertaining to the completion of the contract for the repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Building, to accept the work as being substantially completed in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents and to have a copy of the Notice recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to approve Partial Payment No. 4 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc for the repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Building in the amount of \$ 19,100.52. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderwoman Laurita Pete  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré  
Members – Aldermen Todd Whiting, Kitty Valdetero and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve the renewal of the health & medical insurance proposal effective May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 as presented and recommended by Mark Landry representing Landry, Harris & Company. The Third Party Administrator is Meritain Health, the Reinsurer is Mutual of Omaha and the Contract Type (MED/RX) is 24/12. The Specific Deductible is \$50,000 and the Aggregating Specific Deductible is \$55,000. The Census consists of 144 employees and 11 families. The Annual Fixed Cost is \$241,428.36. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Gilbert Onezine as Street Commissioner. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, 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 M. Matt Durand, L.L.C., Contractor, pertaining to the

completion of the contract for "Rock Filter Rehabilitation" in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, a final inspection on the above referenced project was performed on April 6, 2010 and the attached punch list consisting of incomplete miscellaneous work items were identified; and

WHEREAS, M. Matt Durand, L.L.C., as Contractor, has substantially completed the "Rock Filter Rehabilitation" 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 that the Mayor of said City 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 he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Notice recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED: April 13, 2010

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DECLARING HANDHELD AND VEHICLE RADIOS AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY ROAD DIVISION BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Crowley Police Department recently purchased and installed a new communication system with new handheld portable units and vehicle radios which are operating at a different frequency than the present system; and

WHEREAS, certain Kenwood radio units and portable radios are not compatible with the new equipment and are therefore no longer needed by the Crowley Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to declare the radios and equipment to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury have expressed interest in purchasing the radio units and it is necessary to authorize the sale of the radios and equipment to the Acadia Parish Police Jury by Intergovernmental Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the equipment has been valued at a price between \$250.00 per unit;

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 declare that the following radio units and portable radios are no longer needed for use by the Crowley Police Department and are hereby declared to be surplus property, to-wit:

- 1) One (1) Kenwood TK-980; Serial #20700521 w/microphone
- 2) One (1) Kenwood TK-980, Serial #20500338 w/microphone
- 3) One (1) Kenwood TK-480, Serial #50600616 w/microphone and charger
- 4) One (1) Kenwood TK-480, Serial #50401324 w/microphone and charger

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to offer for sale of the radio equipment described above "As Is and Without Any Warranty Whatsoever" to the Acadia Parish Police Jury for the sum of \$250.00 each and to satisfactorily conclude said transaction by execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Acadia Parish Police Jury with the description of the surplus equipment and the amount sold therefor, to acknowledge receipt for the price of same and to do and perform all things necessary as may be required in conclude said transaction as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DECLARING PORTABLE HANDHELD RADIOS AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME TO THE TOWN OF CHURCH POINT BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Crowley Police Department recently purchased and installed a new communication system with new handheld portable units and vehicle radios which are operating at a different frequency than the present system; and

WHEREAS, certain Kenwood portable radios are not compatible with the new equipment and are therefore no longer needed by the Crowley Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to declare the radios and equipment to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Church Point has expressed interest in purchasing the radio units to be used by the Church Point Police Reserves and it is necessary to authorize the sale of the radios and equipment to the Town of Church Point by Intergovernmental Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the equipment has been valued at a price of \$100.00 per unit;

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 declare that the following radio units and portable radios are no longer needed for use by the Crowley Police Department and are hereby declared to be surplus property, to-wit:

- 1) One (1) Kenwood TK-480; Serial #50600608 w/microphone & charger
- 2) One (1) Kenwood TK-480, Serial #50600613 w/microphone & charger
- 3) One (1) Kenwood TK-480, Serial #50600617 w/microphone & charger
- 4) One (1) Kenwood TK-480, Serial #50400040 w/microphone & charger
- 5) One (1) Kenwood TK-480, Serial #41100963 w/microphone & charger

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to offer for sale of the radio equipment described above "As Is and Without Any Warranty Whatsoever" to the Town of Church Point for the sum of \$100.00 each and to satisfactorily conclude said transaction by execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Church Point with the description of the surplus equipment and the amount sold therefor, to acknowledge receipt for the price of same and to do and perform all things necessary as may be required in conclude said transaction as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux, 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, DECLARING AS SURPLUS A 1995 CHEVROLET CHEYENNE TRUCK CHASSIS WITH AMBULANCE BODY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the 1995 Chevrolet Cheyenne truck chassis, is more than fifteen (15) years old and is not considered reliable for emergency response for fire and rescue; and

WHEREAS, the increasing likelihood of future repairs, the increasing cost of maintenance and the present condition of the unit renders the apparatus unsuitable for fire and rescue purposes by the Crowley Fire Department and it is no longer needed by the City of Crowley and should be declared surplus; and

WHEREAS, the unit should be dispose at the City's annual sale of surplus equipment unless otherwise requested by another governmental agency;

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 declare that certain 1995 Chevrolet Cheyenne truck chassis with Ambulance body bearing VIN #1GBKC34F5SJ116439 is no longer needed for public use by the City of Crowley and is hereby declared surplus equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize the surplus equipment be sold at the City's annual surplus equipment auction sale unless otherwise requested by another governmental agency prior to the sale; and

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 14, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.  
Presented for Mayor's signature on April 14, 2010 at 1:15 p.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April 14, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.