

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2013

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 8th day of January, 2013 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: Bryan Borill, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen J. Elliot Doré and Laurita Pete-(due to illness) were absent.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Reverend Proctor gave the invocation.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Bryan Borill moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 11, 2012 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve Partial Payment No. 4 to Elliot Construction Company to release the retainage on the contract for the “Pavement Reconstruction on Cedar Street at East and West Andrus Streets” project in the amount of \$22,639.90. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to CEC for “Piling Repairs at the Pine Street Bridge across Bayou Blanc” project in the amount of \$25,200. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to accept the Preliminary and Final

Plat to re-subdivide the Wilson Living Trust described as Lots 3, 6, 7, 8 and parts of Lots 2 & 9 Broussard Subdivision contingent upon the approval of the City Attorney and receipt of indemnification from the Police Jury. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE :

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize the Mayor to negotiate an agreement to remove the plaster and make the necessary repairs at the Central Fire Station. Motion carried.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to accept the recommendation from Mark Landry of Landry, Harris and Company to renew the city's program of self insurance for worker's compensation in the amount of \$84,409 from Safety National Casualty Company with policy term effective from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA, A *NOTICE OF TERMINATION* FOR C.E.C., INC. PERTAINING TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT FOR "TIMBER PILE REPAIRS TO THE W. PINE STREET BRIDGE" 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 December 31 , 2012 by Huval and Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, C.E.C., Inc., as Contractor, has since substantially completed the "Timber Pile Repairs to the W. Pine Street Bridge" in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley, LA wishes to accept the completed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley that the Mayor 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: January 8, 2013

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation(s) of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Violations has been issued to the property owner, James Clement, by the City Inspector's office dated October 9, 2012, for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lot 4 of Block 114 of the original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 718 North Avenue A, Crowley, Louisiana, which was received by the said owner on the 18th day of October, 2012, as evidenced by the US Postal Service Return Receipt No. 70112970000281132482; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing for the condemnation of the said property;

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 the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to James Clement for a public hearing to show cause why the improvements on the property situated on Lot 4 of Block 114 of the original City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 718 North Avenue A, should not be condemned, to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 13th day of February, 2013, in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of January, 2013 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation(s) of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Violations has been issued to the property owner, Estella D. Dartez et al, by the City Inspector's office dated May 18, 2012, for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on 50'x100' W by Eastern Ave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 30'x100' and 80'x108.7' N by Vernice Hargrave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 70'x76.72' and 20'x132' N by Merle Spell SBY Wilson Trahan & Francis Morgan in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; and Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Block 1 of Andrus Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 907 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, which was received by the said owner on the 19th day of May, 2012, as evidenced by the US Postal Service Return Receipt No. 70112970000281205667; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing for the condemnation of the said property;

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 the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Estella D. Dartez et al for a public hearing to show cause why the improvement situated on 50'x100' W by Eastern Ave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 30'x100' and 80'x108.7' N by Vernice Hargrave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 70'x76.72' and 20'x132' N by Merle Spell SBY Wilson Trahan & Francis Morgan in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; and Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Block 1 of Andrus Addition to the City of Crowley, bearing a municipal address of 907 South Eastern Avenue should not be condemned, to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 13th day of February, 2013, in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of January, 2013 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

A discussion was held on the time in which garbage bins, etc. may be placed at curbing for pick-up. A model ordinance will be requested from Louisiana Municipal Association.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on January 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on January 11th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on January 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

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