

CITY OF CROWLEY
EXTRA-ORDINARY
EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2013

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in an extraordinary emergency session at 11:00 a.m. Thursday the 10th day of January, 2013 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Jones assumed the chair and presided with the following Aldermen present: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Mary T. Melancon, Steven C. Premeaux, and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Laurita D. Pete and Alderman Vernon Martin were absent. (due to illness)

Alderman Fogleman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Mayor Greg A. Jones gave the invocation.

The clerk read the following call:

January 10, 2013

CITY OF CROWLEY
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EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING:

You are hereby notified that an EXTRA-ORDINARY EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley will be held on Thursday January 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 N. Avenue F, Crowley, LA

The purpose of said meeting will be:

1. To discuss the flooding in the community.
2. Adjournment.

s/ Greg A. Jones
Greg A. Jones, Mayor

This meeting was called pursuant to the statutory provisions for extraordinary public safety emergency meeting. The purpose was to discuss the effect of flooding in the City of Crowley.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré, seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,
DECLARING AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY IN THE CITY
OF CROWLEY DUE TO THE EXTREME HEAVY AND
CONTINUOUS RAIN/WEATHER EVENT CAUSING FLOODING
OF STREETS, HOMES AND OTHER EFFECTS OF FLOODING
AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE IMMEDIATE
EMERGENCY ACTION TO PROTECT AND ENSURE PUBLIC
SAFETY AND HEALTH, TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
PROPERTY AND TO PRESERVE PEACE AND ORDER; AND TO
PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO..

WHEREAS, the flooding due to the extreme storm and the continuous downpour of rain for several days and has caused flooding and backwater flooding will occur and has interfered with the ability of the City of Crowley to provide for the public safety and flooding is preventing the restoration of normal services and will hamper the ability of the city agencies to provide services and to protect the public health safety and welfare and other public needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in special extraordinary emergency session pursuant to written notice duly posted and notification via telephone, facsimile, email and other communication methods to consider declaration of emergency due to the effects of the continuous rain and flooding caused therefrom; the effects on public health, safety and well being of those citizens who have been effected by the torrential rains;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in special extraordinary emergency session duly convened, they do hereby declare an extraordinary, public emergency within the City of Crowley due to the effects of the extreme heavy and continuous rain event and flooding caused thereby; and they do hereby authorize and invoke all emergency powers and necessary authorizations as may be required to ensure public safety and health; to provide communication; emergency public facilities; to assist and facilitate federal and state emergency services; to maintain public order; and to maintain essential public services as may be necessary, meet and proper under this emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, or his designated representative, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all necessary action, in his sole and complete discretion, and direct all department heads, employees and agents of the City of Crowley and other public bodies to provide personnel, buildings, facilities, equipment, care and other services, to protect public and private property and to expend the necessary funds to accomplish same as may be necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby authorized an emergency appropriation of funds from the general fund balance and from sales tax fund balance sufficient to pay necessary expenditures for employee wages and overtime, building and equipment operations, food, transportation and all other needs as may be necessary, meet and proper during this emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to file necessary applications and requests for assistance, submit necessary documents, contracts and information necessary to recover the expenditures from the appropriate federal and state agencies and that said applications and requests be and they are hereby fully authorized, ratified and approved by this Board of Aldermen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this emergency declaration be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and that they be furnished with all necessary documents as may be meet and property in the circumstances.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special extraordinary emergency session duly convened on the 10th day of January, 2013 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, after a roll call as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman and Mary T. Melancon, Steven C. Premeaux, and Kitty Valdetero.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Laurita D. Pete and Alderman Vernon Martin

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

There was a period of questions and answers from the people in attendance with many concerns being addressed.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on January 10, 2013 at 1:50 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on January 10, 2013 at 1:50 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on January 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

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