

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13TH, 2014

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 13th day of May, 2014 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, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Alderwomen Mary Melancon and Laurita Pete (illness) were absent.

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chief of Police K. P. Gibson gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman Jeff Doré offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider a Proclamation for “Cleanest City Contest Day”. Seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 8th, 2014 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Jones announced to the public the following “Notice of Public Meeting” relative to setting the millage rates for the City of Crowley’s 2014 Ad Valorem tax year.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Revised Statute 42:19.1 that a public meeting will be held by the City of Crowley in the City Council Chambers at 426 N. Avenue F, Crowley, LA. on June 17, 2014 at 4:00 pm to adopt the 2014 Assessment District millage.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall hear any comments concerning the levying of the following ad valorem tax millages on all property subject to taxation within the City of Crowley.

<u>Ad Valorem Millage 2014</u>		
General Alimony Tax (Corporation Tax)	7.00	Mills
Streets Maintenance Tax	5.00	Mills
Public Buildings & Drainage Tax	5.00	Mills

Public Recreation & Parks Tax	3.00	Mills
Wastewater Disposal Facility Maintenance Tax	3.50	Mills
Cemetery Maintenance Tax	.75	Mills
Youth Recreation Building Tax	1.00	Mills
Fireman & Policeman Salary Tax	<u>5.00</u>	<u>Mills</u>
Total	30.25	Mills

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 17th day of June, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, for the purpose of:

1. Adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2014.

SIGNED on May 13th, 2014 at Crowley, LA.

Greg A Jones, Mayor

PROCLAMATION:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to approve following Proclamation for “Cleanest City Contest Day”. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, City of Crowley held its first Community Cleanup awareness event in the spring of 2005; and,

WHEREAS, City of Crowley has organized a Keep Crowley Beautiful Task Force to work with the city administration whose mission is to develop and sustain a clean and green Crowley by engaging individuals to take pride in the community year-round. The task force focus areas are: litter prevention, recycling, beautification and to improve individual responsibility through education and awareness and by working together with civic clubs and organizations, schools, scout organizations and other youth groups to engage volunteers. The long-term goal is to reduce litter and improve the overall appearance and quality of life throughout the community; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the city administration and council to promote a clean and welcoming city to residents and visitors alike; and,

WHEREAS, Crowley was invited to participate in the 2014 Cleanest City Contest sponsored by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation; and,

WHEREAS, thanks to the generosity of the of the Crowley Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce, were entered into the district level VII competition and judged on April 1, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, City of Crowley is proud to compete in the Louisiana Garden Club Cleanest City Contest to instill civic pride in the individual citizens thus, improving the appearance of Crowley and bring awareness to the importance of living in a litter free community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg A. Jones, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Crowley, Louisiana do hereby proclaim May 16, 2014 as the

"Cleanest City Contest Day"

and encourage all citizens of Crowley to clean their properties in preparation for the judging, which will take a critical look at the cleanliness of streets, sidewalks, post & neutral grounds, vacant lots, residential areas, schools, parks & recreation areas, municipal buildings, business establishments and more.

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 16th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.

Greg Jones, Mayor
City of Crowley, Louisiana

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 Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment No. 8 in the amount of \$421,201.60 to Coastal Bridge Co. for the FY 2012-2013 Street Improvements Project. Motion carried

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Change Order No. 4 to grant Coastal Bridge Co. an additional 96 calendar days of contract time for the FY 2012-2013 Street Improvements Project. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to authorize the City Inspector to proceed with demolition of the property situated at 100 x 400' NBY Stakes SBY Continuation of 8th Street located at 1214 West 8th Street owned by unopened Succession of Andrew Goodwill. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to authorize the City Inspector to proceed with demolition of the property situated at Lot 7, Block 7, Duson 4th Addition located at 917 East 6th Street owned by Verna Marx Estate. 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 Bryan Borill to approve a variance for placement of a modular home described as Lot 12, Belle Mae Subdivision located at 715 West Andrus. 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 Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to authorize Deanna Pappilion with Liberty National Insurance Company to participate in open enrolment insurance benefits year 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to accept the following. Motion carried.

1. Property and casualty insurance proposal as negotiated by Mayor Jones with Landry, Harris and Company effective May 11, 2014 to May 11, 2015 for a total annual premium of \$528,647.55
2. Continue with FARA as Third Party Administrator for the liability insurance as recommended by Mark Landry
3. To authorize Mayor Jones to sign the contracts

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to line and paint a field at MLK King Center to play football. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, 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, John Arthur Harry (Aerole), by the City Inspector's office dated April 1, 2014, for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lots 1 and 2 of Block 60 of West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 428 West 4th Street, Crowley, Louisiana; 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 John Arthur Harry (Aerole) for a public hearing to show cause why the improvements on the property situated on Lots 1 and 2 of Block 60 of West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 428 West 4th Street, should not be condemned, to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of

June, 2014, 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 13th day of May, 2014 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 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, Willie Jerry, by the City Inspector's office dated March 24, 2014, for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lot 7 of Block 4 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 1201 West 7th Street, Crowley, Louisiana, which Notice was received by the property owner on March 26, 2014 as evidenced by the US Postal Service Return Receipt #70131710000077272485; 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 Willie Jerry for a public hearing to show cause why the improvements on the property situated on Lot 7 of Block 4 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 1201 West 7th Street, should not be condemned, to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of June, 2014, 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 13th day of May, 2014 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 motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to call for a public comment meeting on June 10th, 2014 5:30 p.m. to add a school zone for slow reducing traffic on East 17th Street. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on May 14th, 2014 at 11:45 a.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on May 14th, 2014 at 1:05 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on May 14, 2014 at .m.

Publish in newspaper on May 21st, 2014