

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2014

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a special session at 4:00 p.m. Monday the 3rd, day of February, 2014 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said meeting in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the presence of the following Aldermen: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Lyle Fogleman, Jr., and Laurita Pete were absent.

Alderman Elliot Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Steven Premeaux gave the invocation.

The following call was read:

January 27th, 2014

City of Crowley
Special Council Meeting Notice:

You are hereby notified that a Special Council Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley will be held on Monday February 3rd, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, LA.

The purpose of said meeting will be to consider:

1. To ratify and confirm the Emergency Proclamations for Extreme Winter Weather Conditions declared on Thursday January 24, 2014 and Monday January 27, 2014.
2. To consider the authorization to prepare plan and specifications for the FEMA GOHSEP project at the Waste Water Treatment Facility Plant; and
3. Adjournment.

S/ Greg A. Jones, Mayor

- In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Judy L. Istre at (337) 788-4103, describing the assistance that is necessary.

- The Notice of Call was posted at City Hall on January 27th, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

- The call was circulated on January 27th, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Bryan Borill	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Elliot Doré	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Lyle Fogleman	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Vernon Martin	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Mary T. Melancon	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Laurita Pete	unable to contact
Steven Premeaux	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Kitty Valdetero	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Thomas K. Regan	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail

Tim Mader	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
K. P. Gibson	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Judy L. Istre	on January 27 th , 2014 at 1:30 p.m. by personal service
K.S.I.G.	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
K.A.J.N.	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Crowley Post Signal	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Daily Advertiser	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:25 p.m. by facsimile
The Advocate	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
K.A.T.C. Channel 3	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
K.L.F.Y Channel 10	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail
Chamber of Commerce	on January 27 th , 2014 at 3:05 p.m. by e-mail

AGENDA TOPIC:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF JANUARY 23, 2014, DECLARING A WEATHER EMERGENCY EXISTED ON JANUARY 24, 2014, AND THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF JANUARY 27, 2014, DECLARING A WEATHER EMERGENCY EXISTED ON JANUARY 28, 2014, AND JANUARY 29, 2014 DUE TO EXTREME WINTER WEATHER, SNOW, SLEET, FREEZING RAIN AND HARD FREEZES CREATING HAZARDOUS WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, declared a state of emergency exists in the State of Louisiana as a result of the extreme cold weather and hazardous conditions threatening the lives and properties of the citizens of the State of Louisiana from Friday, January 24, 2014, to Saturday, February 22, 2014, unless ended sooner; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued watches for Winter Weather Conditions and Winter Storm Warnings of extreme cold, snow, sleet and freezing rain causing hazardous weather conditions beginning late night Thursday, January 23, 2014, and extending through midmorning Friday, January 24, 2014, with hard freeze warnings for the parishes across the State of Louisiana causing extremely hazardous driving conditions for more than 24 hours and extreme cold winter weather threatening the lives and properties of citizens of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Crowley issued an Emergency Proclamation dated January 23, 2014, effective Friday, January 24, 2014, due to the National Weather Service Winter Weather Advisory, hazardous winter weather and Hard Freeze Warnings making driving conditions extremely hazardous and creating hazardous winter weather conditions in the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 27, 2014, the National Weather Service issued Winter Storm Watches and Winter Storm Warnings due to snow, sleet, freezing rain, ice, below freezing temperatures and hard freeze warnings from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2014, extending through 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2014, creating extremely hazardous driving conditions making travel extremely hazardous or impossible and creating hazardous winter weather conditions threatening the lives and properties of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, including Acadia Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Crowley issued an Emergency Proclamation dated January 27, 2014, declaring an emergency existed in the City of Crowley due to the extreme cold winter weather, snow, sleet, freezing rain, ice and hard freeze conditions for Tuesday, January 28, 2014, and Wednesday, January 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the emergency declarations authorized the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief to undertake any activity authorized by law which they may deem necessary and appropriate in response to the declarations, authorized all departments and offices of the City of Crowley to close except for emergency employees and emergency operations as determined by department heads and authorized all department heads of the City of Crowley to cooperate with emergency departments and other emergency agencies and to perform any actions deemed necessary in response to the declarations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in special session duly convened that they do hereby ratify the Emergency Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency issued by the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, dated January 23, 2014, declaring an emergency on Friday, January 24, 2014 and the Emergency Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency issued by the Mayor of the City of Crowley dated January 27, 2014, declaring an emergency on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, and Wednesday, January 29, 2014, authorizing the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and other department heads to take such emergency actions and acts as may be authorized and deemed necessary and to perform all actions necessary to effectively respond to the storm and authorized all departments, offices and agencies, except for emergency departments, to close; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions taken in furtherance thereof by the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, the Honorable K.P. Gibson, Chief of Police, the Honorable Jody Viator, Fire Chief, and any other department heads of the City of Crowley be and they are hereby ratified and confirmed and any and all expenditures for overtime pay, fuel, food, materials and equipment expenses be and they are hereby approved and the payment of all bills resulting from said emergency is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all necessary steps to apply for state and federal assistance to the Louisiana Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which may be and/or become available and file all necessary applications and supporting documents required for financial assistance as may be available from state and federal governments resulting from the emergency.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session pursuant to notice thereof duly published and called in accordance with law duly convened on the 3rd day of February, 2014, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after notice thereof having been properly posted, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman and Laurita Pete

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Alderman Steven Premeaux offered a motion to authorize Mader Engineering to prepare the plan and specifications for the FEMA GOHSEP project at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on February 4th, 2014 at 8:05 a.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on February 4th, 2014 at 8:05 a.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on February 4th, 2014 at .m.

Publish in newspaper on February , 2014