

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 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:, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor, and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Bryan Borill was absent.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

City Attorney, Tom Regan, opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1474, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

Tom Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1474. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1474 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1474 was closed.

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

Alderwoman Ezora Proctor moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Ezora Proctor 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.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Tim Monceaux  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Ezora Proctor  
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of structural engineering consultant Huval and Associates, Inc. to perform an interim inspection in May for the Avenue G Bridge at the lump sum cost of \$1,000. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve a new 2016 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit and a new 2016 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit for Abv Jasmin, Inc. dba K & L Grocery located at 1510 West Hutchinson Avenue. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to allow Chief Viator to explore funding to purchase radio communication equipment with the city's share in the amount of \$1823. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

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

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to accept the property and casualty insurance proposal effective May 11, 2016 to May 11, 2017 as presented by Landry, Harris and Company. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Tim Monceaux  
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Ezora Proctor and Kitty Valdetero

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to co-sponsor Assist Agency Summer Food Service Program in the amount of \$7161 to fund a director and a facilitator salary. Motion carried.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Steven Premeaux  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré  
Members – Aldermen Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Tim Monceaux and Ezora Proctor

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor to co-sponsor a Summer Youth Fest under the auspices of the National

Association of University Women with six activities to be held June 3, 10, 17 24, July 1, and August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Martin Luther King Center. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INTRODUCING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND CALLING FOR AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SAME.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal and the notice shall provide the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 12-14 TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION AS A HIRING CRITERIA FOR ALL CITY POLICE OFFICERS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the City Clerk shall publish the following notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 12-14 TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION AS A HIRING CRITERIA FOR ALL CITY POLICE OFFICERS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 10th day of May, 2016.

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

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

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY REPEALING SUBSECTION (23) SEVENTH STREET AND SPANN AVENUE, RENUMBERING THE SUBSECTIONS AND ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (30) TO DESIGNATE SEVENTH STREET AND JACOBS AVENUE AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (9) TO DESIGNATE SEVENTH STREET AND MANSFIELD AVENUE AS A THREE (3) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

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Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED DONATION OF PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY BEARING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 408 EAST 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON FROM ISLAND PLANTATION & CANAL, INC.; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, Island Plantation and Canal, Inc. has offered the City of Crowley a donation of property together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the building is more than fifty years old and has been used for various industrial purposes including storage and use of chemicals over the years as well as various manufacturing operations; and

WHEREAS, the age of the building indicates the materials used in the construction of the building (including paint) and the storage and use of chemicals and other substances represent a potential for hazardous environmental material and substances and/or combinations thereof which could create potential harmful exposure to humans of hazardous material; and

WHEREAS, federal and state environmental laws require abatement of hazardous substances and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the donation by the City could create substantial liability, the cost of a major clean up and abatement of environmental hazardous substances and conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to obtain an environmental inspection, testing and reports prior to accepting the donation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to retain the necessary expertise and services, including entering into a contract for environmental inspection, testing and reporting as may be necessary and required in his sole discretion to determine the potential for and/or confirm the existence of any hazardous environmental substances, materials and/or conditions which may require remediation and to obtain an estimate of the potential cost therefor and report to the Board of Aldermen a final recommendation prior to accepting the proposed donation of the property bearing a municipal address of 408 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to Island Plantation & Canal, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, is authorized, empowered and directed to incur the necessary expenses as may be deemed necessary and proper in his discretion to obtain such services, inspection, testing and the contract services therefor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and the same is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents or instruments and to do any and all things as may be deemed necessary in the premises to complete said transaction.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY SUBMITTED BY THE ACADIANA PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING UNDER THE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM (RBDG) TO OPERATE A NEW COMMUTER BUS TRANSIT SERVICE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has a population of 13,265 of whom 32.8 percent live in poverty and of whom 851 are Veterans and has 1,061 businesses according to the US Census; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is the Parish Seat of Acadia Parish which has a population of 62,577 according to the US Census and the city is the major business, employment, health services, governmental and educational center for the entire Parish; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has never had a public transit service and is in great need of this transportation service to enable residents with limited access to an automobile to access work, shopping and various services, for businesses to recruit employees who can arrive on time for work and for customers to more conveniently access a greater variety of businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization has designated the US Highway 90 Corridor as a primary commuter corridor in the Region, and the Project will provide coordinated transit connections to the regional center of Lafayette via US Highway 90; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby request, the United States Department of Agriculture, to approve a grant application submitted by the Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) for Federal Fiscal Year 2016-2017 RBGD state appropriated funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand & No/100 (\$250,000.00) Dollars for a period beginning on the date entered into and for not more than two (2) years thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Crowley agrees to work cooperate closely with the APC in the detailed planning process and shall prepare adequate bus stop and park-and-ride facilities for bus passengers at strategic locations within Crowley including the downtown, Parish Courthouse, City Hall, the middle school, two busy retail centers and Crowley General Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Crowley agrees to be responsible for all costs associated with providing and maintaining commuter park-and-ride facilities, constructing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk improvements and pedestrian crossing safety enhancements at bus stops, creating point of sales locations at City facilities for transit passes, and promoting the service to residents and visitors through printed and electronic media above the amount of the grant; and

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE:**

The following ordinance no. 1474 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Elliot Doré, seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and notice of public hearing having been published; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	2015-2016 Budget	Amendment	Amended 2015-2016 Budget
General Fund			
Transfers & Appropriations			
Police Salary App. from 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	320,525	127,665	448,190
Approp. To Employee Benefit	0	150,000	150,000
Motor Vehicle Facility Budget			
Motor Vehicle Reimbursement Fee	63,500	14,000	77,500
Youth Recreation Building Maintenance Budget			
Capital Outlays	0	32,589	32,589
LCDBG Budget			
LCDBG Grant	-	59,326	59,326
Capital Outlay	-	59,326	59,326
Employee Benefit Plan Budget			
Claims Expense	1,004,175	150,000	1,154,175
Gen. Oper. Approp. From Gen. Fund	0	150,000	150,000
Workmen's Compensation Budget			
Loss-Time	20,000	40,000	60,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2015-2016 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Greg A. Jones, is hereby authorized and in his sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as he may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora Proctor, and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bryan Borill

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Lavera P. George, who resides at 319 North Avenue C, spoke about activities held at Duson Park causing problems with traffic and noise.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:20 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:20 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:15 a.m.

Publish in newspaper on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016