

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12TH, 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 12th day of January, 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: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor, and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Tim Monceaux gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated on Lot 6 of Block 112 of the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 626 Western Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana belonging to Edmonia Moore. Ms. Rachel Moore was present to represent the property owner's interest in the property. The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated as Lot 7, Block 81, West Crowley having a municipal address of 417 West Hutchinson Avenue owned by Kelly J. Bourque. There was no one present for the property owners. Danny Hebert, City Inspector recommended that the property be condemned. Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

COUNCIL MEETING:

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to change the February council meeting from February 9th, 2016 to February 10th, 2016 due to the Mardi Gras holidays. Motion carried.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 8th, 2015 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Elliot Doré 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:

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Members – Aldermen Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, and Lyle Fogleman, Jr.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Change Order No. 5 to the contract with Guinn Construction, LLC for “Repairs to the Facultative Pond Levee and Ultra-Violet Disinfection Systems at the Waste Water Treatment Facility” in the amount of \$228,512.86 with an additional 60 days for completion. 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 Alderman Vernon Martin to approve an increase of \$500 a month for the Police Department. An amendment to this motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to decrease the initial \$500 a month raise to \$400.00 a month for the Police Department.

Mayor Jones called for discussion. After some discussion, Mayor Jones recognized Chief Gibson who stated that in order for the raises for patrolmen to have the intended effect; he believed the raise should be effective only after officers have served a minimum period after hiring and suggested at least 90 days as a provisional period before any raise would be given. Alderman Vernon Martin offered an amendment to the motion that newly hired police officers receive the salary increase after they have satisfactorily completed a 90 day provisional period, the motion was seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré. The Mayor recognized the motion as an amendment to the main motion and called for further discussion. After brief discussion, the Mayor called the question and the motion to amend carried.

Mayor Jones then opened the floor to discussion on the motion to amend the original motion to decrease the initial \$500 per month raise to \$400 per month. Alderman Borill then asked to withdraw his second to the amended motion which Mayor Jones recognized. Mayor Jones then asked whether any member wished to second Alderman Doré’s motion. Hearing none, the motion to amend died for lack of a second.

Mayor Jones then opened the floor for discussion on the main motion as amended to approve a salary increase of \$500 per month for probationary police officers to be effective after they have satisfactorily completed a 90 day provisional period. After a brief discussion, the question was called and the motion as amended carried with one nay vote.

A motion was offered by Ezora Proctor and seconded by Steven Premeaux that the Police Department salary increase be effective April 1st, 2016. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve the following 2016 beer and liquor license renewals:

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| 1. Sheryl Bartlett | 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| BZ Crawfish | |
| 1706 North Parkerson Avenue | |
| 2. Debbie Broussard | 2016 Class B Package Beer Permit |

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| South Crowley Pantry
904 South Parkerson Avenue | 2016 Class B Package Liquor Permit |
| 3. Rice City Chevron
Mauka Lacani
530 North Eastern Avenue as presented. | 2016 Class B Package Beer Permit
2016 Class B Package Liquor Permit
Motion carried. |

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve the following 2016 beer and liquor license renewal:

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| 1. Sam's Place
Sam Phillips
103 N Parkerson Avenue as presented. | 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit
2016 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit
Motion carried. |
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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 Alderman Jeff Doré to give authorize the Mayor to write a letter of agreement regarding SB 29 which addresses departmental and promotional seniority for Police Department. Motion Carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Ezora Proctor, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to authorize the Mayor to examine and enter into a contract with LAMATS for collection of delinquent property taxes and conducting property tax sales. Motion carried with Alderman Vernon Martin abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE HEARING ON
THE RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION
OF IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON LOT 6 OF
BLOCK 112 OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO BE
CONTINUED UNTIL ITS NEXT REGULAR MEETING
DATE AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS
RELATIVE THERETO;

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing regarding the above described property was called for the 12th day of January, 2016, and Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed properly addressed to the property owner c/o Agnes John which notice was received and signed for by Agnes John on December 22, 2015, as evidenced by the United States Postal Service Return Receipt No. 70150640000423641784; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Moore appeared at the hearing scheduled on January 12, 2016, and advised the property owner, Edmonia Moore, is deceased and the succession is unopened; and

WHEREAS, this matter should be continued and refixed for the regularly scheduled meeting on the 8th day of March, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the hearing be continued and reset for the 8th day of March, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and that notice hereof be provided to the property owner c/o Agnes John;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of January, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON LOT 7 OF BLOCK 81 OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, BEARING A MUNIICIPAL ADDRESS OF 417 WEST HUTCHINSON AVENUE, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 12th day of January, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed to the property owner, Kelly James Bourque, and was received by the said property owner on December 22, 2015, as evidence by the United States Postal Service Return Receipt No. 70150640000423641791; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building and the report of the City Inspector;

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 they DO HEREBY ORDER the building and/or structure situated on Lot 7 of Block 81 of the City of Crowley, being the property of Kelly James Bourque bearing a municipal address of 417 West Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned and IT IS ORDERED that the building and/or structure shall be brought up to building code requirements and/or demolished and/or removed, together with all trash and debris, within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the property owner shall obtain a building permit or demolition permit within seven (7) days of the date of receipt of this notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of January, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF MATERIALS RELATED TO THE "N AVE O DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" PROJECT.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Plans and Specifications for the furnishing and delivery of materials related to the "N AVE O DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" Project prepared by Mader Engineering are hereby approved and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advertisement(s) For Bids for said Project is/are hereby authorized, that bids will be received at Crowley City Hall on a date, or dates, that is/are in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Laws, at which time(s) the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date(s), time(s), and location may be amended as long as changes are processed in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 12th day of January, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

Greg A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin S. Cradeur, 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, APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE CROWLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley received a grant for the Crowley Fire Department to purchase replacements for outdated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); and

WHEREAS, the Crowley Fire Department has submitted specifications establishing the minimum requirements for the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus suitable for the needs of the Crowley Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, those specifications have been reviewed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen find the equipment specifications will meet all the mandatory national and state regulations, including NIOSHA standards, to be complied with by the manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, advertisement for bids is necessary;

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 they do hereby approve the bid specifications and direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for the bid specifications to advertise for bids for the Crowley Fire Department to purchase thirty-six (36) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus with accessories as per the specifications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Erin S. Cradeur, City Clerk of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized and directed to set the date for publication of the advertisement for bids in a manner prescribed by law and shall fix a date for receipt of bids in accordance with law and to do any and all things as may be meet and proper in connection therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and forms as may be meet and proper in connection herewith.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of January, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux, 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 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 ORDINANCE NO 833, NO. 1014 AND NO. 1193 OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, AS AMENDED, SECTION 11-21 OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REDEDICATE AND LEVY PERPETUALLY THE ONE-HALF OF ONE-PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING CITY EMPLOYEE SALARIES INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF INCREASED FRINGE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY OF CROWLEY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TAXES, FICA, MEDICARE, RETIREMENT, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SALARY INCREASES, AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE PROPOSITION APPROVED IN SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015, AND AS PROMULGATED BY THE PROCES VERBAL AND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY ADOPTED ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

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 10th day of February, 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 ORDINANCE NO 833, NO. 1014 AND NO. 1193 OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, AS AMENDED, SECTION 11-21 OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REDEDICATE AND LEVY PERPETUALLY THE ONE-HALF OF ONE-PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING CITY EMPLOYEE SALARIES INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF INCREASED FRINGE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY OF CROWLEY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TAXES, FICA, MEDICARE, RETIREMENT, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SALARY INCREASES, AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE PROPOSITION APPROVED IN SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015, AND AS PROMULGATED BY THE PROCES VERBAL AND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY ADOPTED ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

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 _____ day of January, 2016.

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of January, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on January 14th, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on January 14th, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on _____ p.m.
Meeting did not record on SD Card noted on January 14th, 2016
10 days passed without the Mayor's signature

Publish in newspaper on January 26th, 2016