

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2008

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 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, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting. Alderman Lyle Fogleman Jr., was absent.

Alderman Todd Whiting led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Vernon Martin gave the invocation.

**APPEARANCES:**

Mr. Gill Pinac came before the assembly to make it known that his intentions are to serve as Public Service Commission of District 4. The election will be held on April 4, 2009.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of Property on Lot 14 of Block 5 Walker Addition, having a municipal address 926 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana belonging to Earl Grant, Jr. Mr. Glen Howie, the attorney appointed to represent the interest of the heirs to the property, was present. Mr. Danny Hebert, City Inspector, gave a report of the unacceptable conditions of the property.

Mayor Jones called the public hearing to a close.

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

Alderman Elliot Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 regular council meeting. Seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Greg A. Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend since fiscal 1992.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS: Alderwoman Mary Melancon, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to Quality Construction Specialist for the FY 2007-08 Annual Crack Repair project in the amount of \$17,433.63. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete to approve Change Orders No. 2, 3 & 4 to the Contract with Merrick Construction Company for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to approve Partial Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$218,905.25 to Merrick Construction for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete to approve partial Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$8,800 for Release of Retainage to CEC for the North Avenue D Bridge at North Ditch Piling Repair Contract. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with R. Cloud Construction Company for Parkerson Avenue Median at B.N.S.F. Mainline in the amount of \$47,802. Motion carried.

**UTILITY: Alderman Vernon Martin, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize Mr. Regan to send a demand letter to Southwind Nursing Home that would rescind the conditional approval of their sanitary sewerage system because they have not taken actions necessary in order to receive their DHH Certificate. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Alderman Todd Whiting, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to demolish the dwelling/building(s) described as Lots 5-6-7, Block 55, West Crowley Addition owned by Robert Lee & Emma Williams. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to demolish the dwelling/building(s) described as Lot 13, Block 4, Walker Addition owned by Beatrice Douglas, Et. Al. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to demolish the dwelling/building(s) described as Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 6, SWE Stutes Addition owned by Chester Winn Wilkerson. Motion carried.

**ZONING & ANNEXATION: Alderman Elliot Doré, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat Showing Property Owned by Clement Properties, LLC and Deland and Harwood Crowley Partnership to be Subdivided into Lot A and Lot B. Motion carried.

**REVENUE & FINANCES: Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to enter into contract with CourtMoney.Com to accept credit card payment for bill payment, subject to Mr. Regan's approval of the contract. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize the repair work (flowable fill) at Parkerson Avenue & First Street in the amount of \$4,000. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to authorize the transfer of the Mayor's truck to the City Marshall and to purchase a new truck for the Mayor in the amount of \$19,993. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to declare as surplus and to authorize the advertisement of bids for the sale of 13 aerators. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE AVENUE H BRIDGE CROSSING BAYOU BLANC WITHIN THE CITY OF CROWLEY

WHEREAS, the Avenue H Bridge crossing Bayou Blanc was recently closed due to significant structural deficiencies found during an inspection by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley thereafter retained the services of a structural engineer to inspect the bridge, present options regarding the repair or replacement of the bridge, and to also prepare opinions of probable cost for each respective option which range from \$300,000 to \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, the cost to complete even the minimum required repairs in order to reopen the bridge will cause undue stress on the current funds of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the City of Crowley to maintain a bridge at this location in order to continue the flow of vehicular traffic from the north side of Bayou Blanc to the south side and vice versa between areas both inside and outside the City of Crowley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in regular session duly convened, that the City of Crowley hereby requests financial assistance from the Acadia Parish Police Jury to repair or replace the Avenue H Bridge crossing Bayou Blanc in the City of Crowley and/or include this project in the Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement Program at the earliest possible date.

ADOPTED: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and duly resolved 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 of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owners, Ophelia Mary T. Guidry and Angela Renee Guidry, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lots 1 & 2 of Block 7 of West Side Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 1804 Grace Pete Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on 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 Ophelia Mary T. Guidry and Angela Renee Guidry for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 at 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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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly 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, 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 of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Elmo Davis, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on the North ½ of Lot 14 of Block 16 of Duson 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 559 Valien Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on 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 Elmo Davis for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 at 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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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly resolved 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 of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Pamela Victoria, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lots 15, 16 & 17 of Block 27 of West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 625 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on 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 Pamela Victoria for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 at 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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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly resolved 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 of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Felton J. Brisco, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on the North 1/3 of Lot 10, Lot 14 and the North 1/2 Lot 15 of Block 58 of West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 616 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on 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 Felton J. Brisco for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 at 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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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and duly resolved 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 of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Dolores Johnson, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on the East 1/2 of Lot 5 & 6 of Block 6 of Standard Subdivision to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 127 Senagal Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on 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 Dolores Johnson for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 at 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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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RESCINDING, RECALLING AND AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF THE NOTICE OF HEARING AND THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON THE W/2 OF LOT 15, LOTS 16, 17 AND 18 OF BLOCK 6, KELLER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation was issued by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008. against the property described as the W/2 of Lot 15, Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Block 6 of the Keller Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Constance Hanks and Dwayne Hanks; and

WHEREAS, a condemnation hearing was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, after which the building(s) and/or structure(s) situated on W/2 of Lot 15, Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Block 6 of the Keller Addition to the City of Crowley were ordered condemned; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has demolished the building and/or structure and has removed the debris and trash from the property as required by the Code of Ordinances and the Order of Condemnation; and

WHEREAS, in consideration thereof and upon payment of all costs and charges of notification and recording incurred by the City of Crowley, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to cancel said Notice and Order of Condemnation recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court;

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 they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel the Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation of the W/2 of Lot 15, Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Block 6 of the Keller Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Constance Hanks and Dwayne Hanks recorded on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008 under Original Act No. 783177 in Mortgage Book 794 at page 63 and in Conveyance Book P-63 at Page 90; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby rescind and recall the Order of Condemnation of W/2 of Lot 15, Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Block 6 of the Keller Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Constance Hanks and Dwayne Hanks and do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel same recorded on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 under Original Act No. 784691 in Conveyance Book S-63 at Page 835; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon payment of all costs and charges of notices of violations, service thereof, recordation and certification, the Honorable Judy L. Istre, City Clerk of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution authorizing the cancellation of the Notice of Rule to Show Cause and the Order of Condemnation to the above named property owner or representative.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux, duly seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting, and duly resolved 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 14 OF BLOCK 5 OF WALKER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested 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 14 of Block 5 of Walker Addition to the City of Crowley, being the property of Earl Grant Jr., having a municipal address of 916 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the said building and/or structure be brought up to building code requirements or demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall have five (5) days in which to obtain a building permit and shall commence renovations within ten (10) days of the date of receipt of notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 at 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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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS BY THE DEVELOPER AND ITS CONTRACTOR OF ACADIA OAKS ESTATE SUBDIVISION PHASE II; TO RELEASE THE BOND AND SECURITY THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF A WARRANTY BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700.00; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.



WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the City Engineer and the Planning Commission of the City of Crowley, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen approved the plans and specifications of Acadia Oaks Estate Subdivision Phase II and required a cash bond to be posted by the Developer in favor of the City of Crowley to ensure the completion of the infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the improvements have been certified by the design engineer as complete and meet the requirements of the plans and specifications and the City Engineer has recommended acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to accept the improvements of Acadia Oaks Estate Subdivision Phase II for public use and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Developer post a one (1) year warranty bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the value of the improvements (\$1,700.00).

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an Act of Acceptance of the infrastructure improvements of Acadia Oaks Estate Subdivision Phase II for public use and maintenance thereof by the City of Crowley and do hereby authorize the release of the Developer from further obligations for the construction; and do hereby authorize the cancellation and release of the cash bond (Certificate of Deposit) posted by Acadia Oaks Estate L.L.C. in favor of the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and meet proper in the premises; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Developer shall post a warranty bond in the amount of ten (10%) of the value of the improvements (\$1,700.00) in the form of a Certificate of Deposit which shall be issued for a term of one (1) year in the name of the City of Crowley and Acadia Oaks Estate L.L.C. and endorsed as security for the bond.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, 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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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux, duly seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR A GRANT TO ASSIST IN THE RENOVATION OF THE RESTROOM FACILITIES OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE MATCHING FUNDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Center was constructed in the 1960's and has not been substantially renovated or upgraded since that time; and

WHEREAS, the restroom facilities are in deplorable conditions and are not handicap accessible; and

WHEREAS, in order to better serve the needs of the community and to become ADA compliant, substantial renovations to the restroom facilities are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the renovations will be approximately \$60,000.00 of which \$50,000.00 is sought as a grant for assistance and the City will provide matching funds in the amount of \$10,000.00;

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute and submit an application for a grant to assist in the renovation of the restroom facilities in the Martin Luther King Community Center to the Louisiana Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize the commitment to provide local matching funds of \$10,000.00 to fund the estimated construction cost of \$60,000.00 and said local match shall be included in the grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents and to provide any and all information as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:05 a.m.  
Presented for Mayor's signature on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:05 a.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.