

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Alderwoman Laurita Pete (illness) was absent.

Alderman Elliot Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Bryan Borill gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1465, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF AND ABANDON THAT PORTION OF AVENUE D SOUTH OF THE BNSF RAILWAY PROPERTY BETWEEN PROPERTY BELONGING TO LOUISIANA RICE MILL, L.L.C. (FORMERLY BELONGING TO SUPREME RICE MILL INC) AND BLOCK FIVE (5) OF THE W.W. DUSON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA AS PER PLAT OF THE W.W. DUSON ADDITION TO THE INTERSECTION OF MILL STREET EXCEPT FOR THE RESERVATION OF ALL MINERALS, MINERAL RIGHTS AND MINERAL ROYALTIES TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE OR PERTAINING THERETO.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1465. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1465 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1465 was closed.

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

Alderman Bryan Borill moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman 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.

The City of Crowley's regular scheduled council meeting for November will fall on the legal holiday of Veterans Day, as provided that meeting will be held on the next legal day which is Wednesday November 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**APPEARANCE:**

Florette Bergeron and Connie John spoke to the assembly in appreciation for being allowed to attend a workshop program in Ocean Springs, Mississippi on behalf of the City. They reported that it was very useful and will help them in their duties as members of the Crowley Historic District as well as the Main Street Board.

The Taste of Crowley will be on November 6, 2014 at City Hall from 6 to 9 p.m. This event is a function of the Crowley Main Street board.

**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 Public Hearing will be held on November 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the repeal of the parking stalls on East Hutchinson between the Court Circle and Avenue G.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 13 in the amount of \$146,109.30 to Coastal Bridge Co. for the FY 2012-2013 Street Improvements Project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to rescind Change Order No. 6 to the contract with Coastal Bridge Co., Inc. for the FY 2012-2013 Street Improvements Program for parking stalls in the median on East Hutchinson Avenue. Motion carried.

**UTILITY COMMITTEE:**

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve Partial Payment #1 to Louisiana Testing & Inspection in the amount of \$20,095 for the Severe Storms and Flooding Project at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, contingent upon funding. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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

Police Chief K. P. Gibson stated that the location of 3rd Street between Western Avenue and Avenue E will be monitored for 30 days for consideration of 4 way stop signs and the results will be brought back to council.

Police Chief K. P. Gibson did not recommend 4 way stop signs on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Jacob Avenue due to fact that there are 4 way stop signs on the next block.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve the following Beer and Liquor license renewals for 2015:

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| 1. Nelson Arceneaux<br>American Legion Post 506<br>628 West West 3rd Street        | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit<br>2015 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit   |
| 2. Randy J. Nickel<br>Bayou Bend Golf Club<br>427 Hoyt Avenue                      | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit<br>2015 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit   |
| 3. 4 Bells Inc.<br>Bell's Sports Bar<br>731B Oddfellows Road                       | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit  |
| 4. Dora Byers<br>C & G Food Store<br>803 West Hutchinson                           | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit   |
| 5. Trmmco, LLC<br>Cajun Mart<br>109 South Eastern Avenue                           | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 6. Dardean Cook<br>Cajun Mart Deli<br>815 Hargrave                                 | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit   |
| 7. John Dan Gielen<br>Chevron Food Mart #20<br>2600 North Parkerson Avenue         | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 8. Barbin Enterprises, Inc.<br>Crawfish Nest & Market<br>805 West 2nd Street       | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 9. Riverbend Truckstop<br>Crowley Casino<br>9002 S Hwy 13                          | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit<br>2015 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit   |
| 10. 4 Bells Inc.<br>E Crowley I-10 Chevron<br>731 Oddfellows Road                  | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 11. 4 Bells Inc.<br>E Crowley I-10 Chevron Daiquiri Shop<br>731A Oddfellows Road   | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit<br>2015 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit   |
| 12. Norma L. Weekley<br>Golden D-lite of Crowley, Inc.<br>518 South Eastern Avenue | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit   |
| 13. Sacre Coeur Inc. K of C Council 5499<br>KC 5499<br>621 South Avenue E          | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit   |
| 14. Burnell Martin<br>Martin's Tavern<br>102 North Avenue F                        | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit<br>2015 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit   |
| 15. Jaswinder Thind<br>More 4 Less<br>726 E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street                | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 16. John Dan Gielen<br>Shop Rite # 1<br>525 South Parkerson Avenue                 | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 17. John Dan Gielen<br>Shop Rite #72<br>2597 North Parkerson Avenue                | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 18. William Boulet, Jr.<br>Super Foods<br>222 East 2nd Street                      | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 19. John Dan Gielen<br>Tobacco Plus #14  | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit<br>2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |

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| 1563 North Parkerson Avenue           |   |
| 20. Valero Corner Store #378          | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit   |
| 1764 North Parkerson Avenue           | 2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 21. Winn Dixie Montgomery             | 2015 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit   |
| Winn Dixie #1490                      | 2015 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 2004 North Parkerson. Motion carried. |   |
| 22. Suzette Credeur                   | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit    |
| Geaux Cup                             | 2015 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit  |
| 19033 Crowley Eunice Hwy              |   |

**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 Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve and confirm the following police personnel for employment and/or promotions. Motion carried with an abstention from Alderman Lyle Fogleman.

Police Personnel Actions

Donald Vail - Captain

10/1/1992 - Probational Captain To Permanent Captain

Janet Kneeland - Captain

3/16/1990 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

7/1/1991 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal

10/1/1995 - Probational Sergeant To Permanent Sergeant

2/16/1997 - Probational Lieutenant To Permanent Lieutenant

12/15/2000 - Probational Captain To Permanent Captain

8/1/2006 - Permanent Lieutenant To Permanent Police Captain

Troy Hebert - Captain

7/16/1993 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

10/28/1994 - Probational Patrolman First Class To Permanent Police Officer (Pfc Rank Abolished)

7/16/1996 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal

1/12/2003 - Probational Lieutenant To Permanent Lieutenant

8/1/2006 - Permanent Police Lieutenant To Probational Police Captain

2/12/2007 - Probational Captain To Permanent Captain

Chris Osborne - Captain

Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Probational Corporal To (Confirmed) Permanent Corporal

7/14/2005 - Probational Police Sergeant To (Confirmed) Permanent Sergeant

10/16/2008 - Probational Police Lieutenant To Permanent Lieutenant

5/10/2010 - Permanent Police Lieutenant To Provisional Police Captain

06/19/2010 - Provisional Police Captain To Probational Captain

Probational Captain To Permanent Captain

Tammy Mallet - Lieutenant

3/1/2001 - Police Officer Recruit To Probational Police Officer

Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

7/14/2005 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal

2/12/2008 - Probational Sergeant To Permanent Sergeant

9/17/2009 - Permanent Sergeant To Probational Lieutenant

9/17/2010 - Probational Lieutenant To Permanent Lieutenant

Scott Fogleman - Lieutenant

Police Officer Recruit To Probational Police Officer

Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
4/12/2007 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal  
1/12/2009 - Probational Sergeant To Permanent Sergeant  
6/22/2010 - Permanent Sergeant To Probational Lieutenant  
6/22/2011 - Probational Lieutenant To Permanent Lieutenant

Patrick Beniot - Lieutenant

2/13/2008 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
12/07/2009 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal  
12/7/2010 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal  
1/15/2012 - Permanent Corporal To Probational Sergeant  
7/15/2012 - Probational Sergeant To Permanent Sergeant  
10/21/2012 - Permanent Sergeant To Probational Lieutenant

Francis Wayne Perry - Sergeant

10/16/1994 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
12/15/2000 - Probational Sergeant To Permanent Sergeant  
6/12/2005 - Provisional Lieutenant To Permanent Police Sergeant (Provisional Expired)  
4/10/2008 - Probational Lieutenant To Permanent Lieutenant

Gerald Hoffpauir - Sergeant

Hired 2/11/2009 - Provisional Police Officer  
6/10/2009 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
3/13/2010 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
7/17/2011 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal  
Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal  
12/8/2013 - Permanent Police Corporal To Probational Police Sergeant

Bart Habetz - Sergeant

3/14/2006 - Provisional Police Officer To Emergency Probational Police Officer  
5/30/2006 - Emergency Probational Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
2/15/2007 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal  
Permanent Police Corporal To Probational Police Sergeant  
2/27/2012 - Probational Police Sergeant To Permanent Sergeant

Jeremy Abshire - Sergeant

2/12/2005 - Termination Of Provisional Appointment  
2/16/05 - Police Officer Recruit  
5/12/05 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer  
7/15/2006 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
2/12/2008 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal  
2/27/2011 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal  
2/27/2012 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal  
10/21/2012 - Permanent Police Corporal To Probational Police Sergeant

Mikeal Dartez - Sergeant

Hired 1/12/2009 - Provisional Police Officer  
6/10/2009 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
3/12/2010 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
7/17/2011 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal  
Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal  
10/21/2012 - Permanent Police Corporal To Probational Police Sergeant

Reginald Guidry - Corporal

2/22/2007 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
12/27/2007 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal  
11/8/2010 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal

David Melancon - Corporal

Hired 11/7/2011 - Provisional Police Officer  
1/15/2012 - Provisional Police Officer To Recruit  
3/24/2012 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer  
3/24/2013 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
12/8/2013 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal

Seth Cormier - Corporal

Hired 1/4/2010 - Provisional Police Officer  
3/11/2010 - Provisional Police Officer To Recruit  
3/13/2010 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer  
1-4-2011 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
4/21/2012 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal  
4/21/2013 - Probational Corporal To Permanent Corporal

Malissa Withers - Corporal

Hired 4/27/2010 - Provisional Police Officer  
6/4/2010 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
6/4/2011 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
10/21/2012 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal

William Brown - Corporal

Hired 7/22/2011 - Provisional Police Officer- Civil Service Record  
10/19/2011 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
10/19/2012 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
11/2/2013 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal

Bronston Drew - Corporal

Hired 12/20/2010 - Provisional Police Officer  
3/20/2011 - Provisional Police Officer (Renewal)  
6/18/2011 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
12/20/2011 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer  
11/2/2013 - Permanent Police Officer To Probational Police Corporal

Konrad Kirsch - Patrol Officer

8/10/2007 - Provisional Police Officer (Renewal)  
8/27/2007 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
5/12/2008 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Jacob Landreneau - Patrol Officer

Hired 1/31/2010 - Provisional Police Officer  
2/1/2010 - Provisional Police Officer  
2/3/2010 - Provisional Police Officer To Probational Police Officer  
1/31/2011 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Robert Thibodeaux - Patrol Officer

Hired 5/30/2012 - Probational Police Officer  
Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Vincent Vizina - Patrol Officer

Hired 8/20/2012 - Provisional Police Officer  
10/21/2012 - Provisional Police Officer To Recruit  
3/23/2013 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer  
3/23/2014 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Brian Caudill - Patrol Officer

Hired 10/26/2012 - Probational Police Officer  
10/26/2013 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Byron Romero - Patrol Officer

Hired 11/26/2012 - Provisional Police Officer

2/23/2013 - Provisional Police Officer To Provisional Police Officer (Renewal)

3/29/2014 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Dwane Schexnider - Patrol Officer

Hired 2/3/2013 - Provisional Police Officer

4/9/2013 - Provisional Police Officer To Recruit

Richard Roberts II - Patrol Officer

Hired 7/8/2013

3/29/2014 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer

Skeat Thibodeaux - Patrol Officer

Hired 7/8/2013

3/29/2014 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer

Joseph Walker - Patrol Officer

Hired 9/23/2013

11/2/2013 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer

Dylan Istre - Patrol Officer

Hired 09/30/2013

11/10/2013 - Provisional Police Officer To Recruit

David Taylor - Patrol Officer

Hired 1/26/2014 - Provisional Police Officer

Christopher Roberts - Patrol Officer

Hired 8/24/14

Ethan Smith - Patrol Officer

Hired 7/15/2012 - Provisional Police Officer

10/12/2012 -Provisional Police Officer To Recruit Police Officer

10/27/2012 - Recruit To Probational Police Officer

10/27/2013 - Probational Police Officer To Permanent Police Officer

Devin Hebert - Patrol Officer

Hired 8/24/14

Rachael Trahan - Secretary

Hired 1/30/2012 - Provisional Secretary To The Chief

11/2/2013 -Probational Secretary To The Chief

Stephanie Chappuis - Record Clerk

Hired 1/2/2012 - Probational Police Records Clerk

1/2/2013 - Probational Police Records Clerk To Permanent Police Records Clerk

Cathy Mcdougle - Record Clerk

Hired 1/17/2012 - Probational Police Records Clerk

1/17/2013 - Probational Police Records Clerk To Permanent Police Records Clerk

Shelia Lewis - Dispatcher

10/17/2007 - Provisional Police Communication Officer To Probational Police Com. Officer

10/17/2008 - Probational Communication Officer To Permanent Police Communication Officer

Regina Bertrand - Dispatcher

Hired 7/06/2007 - Provisional Appointment (To An Unclassified Position)

10/17/2007 - Provisional Police Communication Officer To Probational Police Com. Officer

10/17/2008 - Probational Communication Officer To Permanent Police Communication Officer

Nicole Hoffpauir - Dispatcher

Hired 8/11/13

11/9/2013 - Provisional Police Communication Officer (Renewal)

11/10/2013 - Provisional Police Communication Officer To Probational Police Com. Officer

Daisy Jeanise - Dispatcher

Hired 6/28/2010 - - Provisional Police Communication Officer

9/25/2010 - Probational Police Communication Officer (Renewal)

12/22/2010 - Provisional Police Communication Officer To Probational Police Com. Officer

12/22/2011 - Probational Communication Officer To Permanent Police Com. Officer

### **REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré

Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero

Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Laurita Pete, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to authorize the Mayor to receive quotes for the surveillance camera equipment for the Recreation Department. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION:**

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MADER ENGINEERING, INC. TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS and AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY FOR THE “FOREST DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION” PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Forest Drive roadway surface and base was recently and suddenly severely damaged by a dirt hauling operation to build up a residential lot located just outside the City Limits of Crowley on Forest Drive approximately 1500 feet from LA Hwy 13 and;

WHEREAS, approximately the first 1200 feet of this damaged roadway located west of LA. Hwy 13 lies within the City Limits and;

WHEREAS, such damage has rendered the pavement structure in need of complete reconstruction and;

WHEREAS, maintaining the temporary limestone surface that was recently placed thereon to provide interim ingress and egress for the residents along this section of Forest Drive is expensive and not cost effective, and;

WHEREAS, a portion of the damaged section of Forest Drive lies outside the City Limits, and;

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury has requested that the City reconstruct the damaged portion of Forest Drive that lies outside the City Limits within the scope of a City construction contract for said reconstruction of all of Forest Drive that lies within the City Limits, contingent upon the Acadia Parish Police Jury reimbursing the City for all costs associated with such construction work that lies outside the City Limits:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Mader Engineering, Inc. is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary Plans and Specifications for the reconstruction of approximately 1500 linear feet of Forest Drive that was recently and suddenly severely damaged by a dirt hauling operation to build up an

empty residential lot thereon; and to procure a construction contract for said improvements as soon as is legally possible within the provisions of the state bid law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Acadia Parish Police Jury within the spirit and intent of this Resolution for the reconstruction of Forest Drive.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Aldermen Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and adopted with an abstention from Alderman Vernon Martin.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE “REPAIRS TO THE FACULTATIVE POND LEVEE AND ULTRA-VIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEMS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY” PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SAID PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley’s Wastewater Treatment Facility suffered significant damage to its facultative pond levee and ultra-violet disinfection systems during the storm which occurred in January of 2013 and;

WHEREAS, the United States Government declared an emergency disaster with regard to this storm for several parishes including Acadia and made Federal disaster assistance available through FEMA’s Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program and;

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley submitted a request for assistance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding assistance to repair the damaged facultative pond levee and ultra-violet disinfection systems under their Public Assistance Program, and;

WHEREAS, FEMA has approved the obligation of said funds to assist in performing these repairs and;

WHEREAS, the firm of Mader Engineering, Inc. has upon the request of the City of Crowley developed plans and specifications for these repairs within the guidelines of the Public Assistance Program and submitted same to FEMA for their review and;

WHEREAS, FEMA has reviewed said plans and specifications and deemed them in accordance with their guidelines and directives set forth for the design and;

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has received said plans and specifications and hereby deems them to be in accordance with the directives set forth for the design;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said plans and specifications for the “Repairs to the Facultative Pond Levee and Ultra-Violet Disinfection Systems at the Wastewater Treatment Facility” are hereby approved, that the Advertisement For Bids for said Project is hereby authorized, that bids will be received at Crowley City Hall, located at 425 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA 70527, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date and time shall be established in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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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 Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE "INSTALLATION OF FLOATING AERATORS AT THE CROWLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY" AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SAID PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley prepared an application for funding assistance under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program to install floating aerators at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility and;

WHEREAS, funding for the project was obligated under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and;

WHEREAS, the firm of Mader Engineering, Inc. has upon authorization by the City of Crowley developed the plans and specifications for the aerators within the guidelines of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, and received authorization from the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program to bid the project and;

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has received said plans and specifications and hereby deems them to be in accordance with the directives set forth for the design;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said plans and specifications for the "Installation of Floating Aerators at the Crowley Wastewater Treatment Facility" are hereby approved, that the Advertisement For Bids for said Project is hereby authorized, that bids will be received at Crowley City Hall, located at 425 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA 70527, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date and time shall be established in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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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 Jeff 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, 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 AND RE-ENACT ARTICLE VI OF APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1059, AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 6.4. OFFSTREET DRIVE-IN/DRIVE-THRU DRIVEWAY VEHICLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRYWAYS AND DRIVEWAYS; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS THEREFOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE OR PERTAINING 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, 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 ARTICLE VI OF APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1059, AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 6.4. OFFSTREET DRIVE-IN/DRIVE-THRU DRIVEWAY VEHICLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRYWAYS AND DRIVEWAYS; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS THEREFOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE OR PERTAINING 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

**ORDINANCE:**

The following ordinance no. 1465 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1465

AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF AND ABANDON THAT PORTION OF AVENUE D SOUTH OF THE BNSF RAILWAY PROPERTY BETWEEN PROPERTY BELONGING TO LOUISIANA RICE MILL, L.L.C. (FORMERLY BELONGING TO SUPREME RICE MILL INC) AND BLOCK FIVE (5) OF THE W.W. DUSON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA AS PER PLAT OF THE W.W. DUSON ADDITION TO THE INTERSECTION OF MILL STREET EXCEPT FOR THE RESERVATION OF ALL MINERALS, MINERAL RIGHTS AND MINERAL ROYALTIES TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE OR PERTAINING THERETO.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) and BNSF Railway Company for the closing of the railroad crossing over Avenue D and abandonment of the right of way across BNSF property from Front Street south to the south property line of BNSF property; and

WHEREAS, the present owner of the adjacent property, Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C., concurs the road is no longer needed for public purposes and has requested the City consider abandoning that portion of Avenue D so it will become a private road under its private ownership and control; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C., has requested the City of Crowley abandon the hard surface roadway consisting of concrete and asphalt surfaces from Mill Street north to the BNSF property and has agreed to assume ownership thereof "as is" in its present condition and without any warranty of fitness for use whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineers have provided a record of field observations showing that portion of Avenue D to be abandoned, identifying the locations of all known utility and drainage servitudes to be reserved and subdivides and identifies each property contiguous and adjacent to that portion of Avenue D and showing the present ownership of said properties; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance abandoning the right of way over the BNSF property for the Avenue D crossing was duly adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014; and

WHEREAS, after having examined the plat of W.W. Duson Addition and considering the closure of the rail crossing over Avenue D from Front Street (the portion of Avenue D south of the BNSF property to Mill Street), the Board of Aldermen find that portion of Avenue D is no longer needed for public purpose except for reservation of minerals, mineral rights and mineral royalties to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, all known utility franchisees and public works and wastewater utilities have been contacted and have responded as to their needs; and

WHEREAS, no reservations for drainage or utility servitudes are necessary for public purposes on either side of the existing roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen find it desirable to abandon that portion of Avenue D south of the BNSF Railway Company property between property belonging to Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C. (formerly belonging to Supreme Rice Mill, Inc.) and Block Five (5) of the W.W. Duson Addition to the City of Crowley as per plat of W.W. Duson Addition to the City of Crowley, reserving unto the City of Crowley, itself, its successors and assigns all of the oil, gas and minerals, in, on and appertaining thereto;

WHEREAS, in the event Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C. executes an acceptance of the existing hard surface roadway from Mill Street north to the BNSF property "as is" in its present condition accepting all responsibility therefor and waiving any implied warranties as to its fitness for use whatsoever and indemnifying the City of Crowley therefor, the hard surface roadway shall be abandoned in place;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENED, THAT:

SECTION 1: That portion of Avenue D south of the BNSF Railway Company property between property belonging to Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C. (formerly belonging to Supreme Rice Mill, Inc.) and Block Five (5) of the W.W. Duson Addition to the City of Crowley as per plat of W.W. Duson Addition to the City of Crowley is no longer needed for public purposes except utility and drainage servitudes.

SECTION 2: The dedication and donation of that portion of Avenue D south of the BNSF Railway Company property between property belonging to Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C. (formerly belonging to Supreme Rice Mill, Inc.) and Block Five (5) of the W.W. Duson Addition to the City of Crowley as per plat of W.W. Duson Addition to the City of Crowley on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Acadia Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby revoked and set aside and all rights, title and interest to the City of Crowley in and to the property thereunder be and the same is hereby abandoned and relinquished, reserving unto the City of Crowley, itself, its successors and assigns all of the oil, gas and other minerals in, on and appertaining thereto.

SECTION 3: All the area covered by and embraced by the said property to the centerline thereof shall revert to the present owner or owners of said lands contiguous and adjacent thereto being Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C. and in the event Louisiana Rice Mill, L.L.C. executes an acceptance of the existing hard surface roadway from Mill Street north to the BNSF property "as is" in its present condition accepting all responsibility therefor and waiving any implied warranties as to its fitness for use whatsoever and indemnifying the City of Crowley therefor, the hard surface roadway shall be abandoned in place.

SECTION 4: 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 and phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect; and

SECTION 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Laurita Pete

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Halloween will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Witchy Way will be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Trick or Treat will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:45 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014