

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 8TH, 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 8th day of November, 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, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor, and Kitty Valdetero. Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin were absent.

Alderman Elliot Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderwoman Ezora Proctor gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

City Attorney, Thomas Regan, opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1481, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (10) TO DESIGNATE J.D. MILLER DRIVE AND MARCEL THOMAS 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.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1481. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1481 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1481 was closed.

Thomas Regan, City Attorney, opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated on North ½ of Lots 13-14 of Block 8 of South Crowley Addition bearing a municipal address of 404 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, and Lot 17 of Block 23 of Original City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 408 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to Unopened Successions of Paul Benoit, Absentee Defendant. Mr. Clay Lejeune appeared and delivered a letter confirming he was representing the interest of the estate of Paul Benoit (property owner) in the said property. Mr. Glen Howie waived his presence which was also confirmed in the written letter. Mr. Lejeune concurred in the statement of Mr. Tony Duhon and the City Inspector's Office that the condition of the property was deplorable and the cost of repairs would likely exceed the value of the improvements and advised the estate would not contest the condemnation of the property. Mr. Lejeune asked for sixty (60) days in which to begin repairs or demolish the property. The public hearing was closed.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman Elliot Doré offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a resolution ordering the Condemnation of property situated on North ½ of Lots 13-14 of Block 8 of South Crowley Addition bearing a municipal address of 404 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, and Lot 17 of Block 23 of Original City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 408 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to Unopened Successions of Paul Benoit, Absentee Defendant. Seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Aldерwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 11th, 2016 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Aldерwoman Ezora Proctor and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Jones recognized a group of University Louisiana Lafayette students who are members of a political science class where they were required to observe a council meeting and submit a report on the meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Aldерwoman Ezora Proctor to schedule a public hearing on the 7th day of December at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, to receive comments on the proposed Ordinance and to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 12-21 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR AUTHORITY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE, IN HIS DISCRETION, TO WAIVE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESERVE 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Aldерwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$387,910.37 to Cecil Perry Improvements, LLC for “Restoration of the Rock Filter at the Waste Water Treatment Facility”. 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 Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to refer to the Revenue and Finance Committee the purchase of two police units. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the following 2017 beer and liquor license renewals:

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| 1. Nelson Arceneaux | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| American Legion Post 506 | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 628 West Third Street | |
| 2. Randy J. Nickel | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| dba Bayou Bend Golf Club | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 427 Hoyt Avenue | |
| 3. 4 Bells Inc. | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit |
| E Crowley I-10 Chevron | 2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 731 Oddfellows Road | |
| 4. Suzette Ardoin | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| Geaux Cup | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 19033 Crowley-Eunice Hwy | |
| 5. LA C-Store Management | |
| Associates, LLC | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit |
| Crowley Truck Stop | 2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 9002 South Highway 13 | |
| 6. 4 Bells Inc. | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| Bell's Sports Bar | |
| 731B Oddfellows Road | |
| 7. 4 Bells Inc. | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| E Crowley I-10 Chevron | |
| Daiquiri Shop | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 731A Oddfellows Road | |
| 8. Samuel Reggie, III | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| Reggie's Downtown | |
| Crowley, LLC | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 218 North Parkerson | |
| 9. John Dan Gielen | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit |
| Tobacco Plus #14 | 2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 1563 North Parkerson Avenue | |
| 10. John Dan Gielen | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit |
| Shop Rite # 1 | 2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 525 South Parkerson Avenue | |
| 11. John Dan Gielen | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit |
| Shop Rite #72 | 2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 2597 North Parkerson Avenue | |
| 12. Econo Mart #7 | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit |
| Econo Inc. of Kaplan | 2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 703 S. Eastern Avenue | |
| 13. Jaswinger S. Thind | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit |
| More 4 Less | 2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 726 East 2 nd Street | |
| 14. Brinker Louisiana, Inc. | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| Chilli's Grill & Bar | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 827 Oddfellows Road | |

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| 15. R. J. Chavez
El Paso
165 Oddfellows Road | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit
2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 16. WalMart Louisiana
WalMart #36
729 Oddfellows Road | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 17. Richard Retail Investments, Inc.
LaGrange Foodmart
620 South Eastern Avenue | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 18. William Boulet, Jr.
Super Foods
222 East 2nd Street | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 19. Winn Dixie Montgomery
Winn Dixie #1490
2004 North Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried. | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to approve the following 2017 beer and liquor license renewals:

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| 1. Naser Farhud
Alliance Raceway, Inc.
2435 N Parkerson Ave | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 2. Trenton Leonards
Crowley Town Club Inc.
625 Crowley Rayne Hwy | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit
2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 3. Chad Monceaux
City Bar of Crowley
123 E. 1 st Street | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit
2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 4. Walgreen Louisiana Co., Inc.
Walgreens #10399
806 Odd Fellows Road | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 5. Econo Inc. of Kaplan
Econo Mart #7
703 S. Eastern Avenue | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 6. Rice Palace, Inc.
Rice Palace
2015 N Cherokee Drive | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 7. Tiffanie Banks
Sassy's Daiquiris
108 E Mill Street. Motion Carried. | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit
2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill, 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, AUTHORIZING AN EXCEPTION OR EXEMPTION TO THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD TO PERMIT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH OF ACADIA TO SERVE ON THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD PROVIDED THEY RESIDE WITHIN AND ARE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE PARISHES SPECIFIED HEREIN AND ARE ELECTED BY THEIR PEERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH

LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 33:2476; AND TO PROVIDE
FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board of the City of Crowley is governed under the provisions of LA R.S. 33:2476 for municipalities with populations ranging between 13,000 and 250,000 residents which provides for a five (5) member Civil Service Board, three of which are to be appointed and two of which are to be elected from the classified service; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of LA R.S. 33:2476 require the two members elected to the Board shall be residents of the Parish in which the municipality is situated and be registered voters for a period of five (5) years prior to the date of their election to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Subsection C of LA R.S. 33:2476 authorizes the governing authority to approve an exception to the residency requirements by resolution duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of law allow the governing authority to designate the Parishes other than the Parish of Acadia in which the City of Crowley is domiciled from which members of the classified service may reside in order to serve on the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board; and

WHEREAS, many of the members of the City of Crowley Fire and Police Departments are not residents of the Parish of Acadia and are therefore ineligible to serve on the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief that there are an insufficient number of employees residing within the Parish of Acadia to provide a reasonable pool of applicants from which employees may be elected to serve on the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen, Chief of Police and Fire Chief concur that it is in the best interest of the City of Crowley, in order to obtain adequate representation on the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board, that the residency requirements for elected members be extended to residency in parishes outside of the Parish of Acadia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen acting in its capacity as the governing authority deem it appropriate to designate a reasonable geographic area specifying those parishes from which members of the classified service may reside and be eligible to serve on the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board;

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 find it is necessary and reasonable to expand the geographical area and designate additional parishes from which the members of the classified service may reside and be eligible to serve on the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board and that those employees of the classified service residing in the following parishes shall be exempt from the residency requirement specified in LA R.S. 33:2476(b) and are hereby declared eligible to serve as members of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board as follows, to-wit:

- a) Cameron Parish
- b) Calcasieu Parish
- c) Jefferson Davis Parish
- d) Allen Parish
- e) Evangeline Parish
- f) St. Landry Parish
- g) Lafayette Parish
- h) Vermilion Parish
- i) St. Martin Parish

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 8th day of November, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora Proctor and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman and Vernon Martin

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 THE NORTH ½ OF LOTS 13-14 OF BLOCK 8 OF SOUTH CROWLEY ADDITION AND LOT 17 OF BLOCK 23 OF ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 8th day of November, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was hand delivered to the Court appointed attorney, Glenn Howie, on the 25th day of October, 2016, after said attorney having waived service of process; and

WHEREAS, Mr. J. Clay Lejeune, Attorney at Law, appeared and presented a letter confirming he is representing the estate of Paul Benoit, waiving he presence of Glen Howie, the attorney appointed to represent the unopened succession and stated his clients concurred in the opinion of the City Inspector's office that the cost of repairs to the property would likely exceed the value of the improvements due to the condition of the property and that the estate would not contest the condemnation of the property and Mr. Lejeune requested sixty (60) days in which to repair and/or demolish the improvements; and

WHEN AFTER considering the testimony of the City Inspector and the letter and statements of Mr. Lejeune on behalf of the Unopened Succession of Paul Benoit

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 ORDER the building and/or structure situated on the North ½ of Lots 13-14 of Block 8 of South Crowley Addition bearing a municipal address of 404 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, and Lot 17 of Block 23 of the Original City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 408 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, being the property of the Unopened Succession of Paul Benoit, 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 sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of this notice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 8th day of November, 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

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance no. 1481 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on October 11th, 2016, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on November 8th, 2016. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (10) TO DESIGNATE J.D. MILLER DRIVE AND MARCEL THOMAS 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.

WHEREAS, citizens have expressed concern regarding the number of vehicles and the speed of traffic on J.D. Miller Drive at its intersection with Marcel Thomas Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a traffic survey was conducted by the Chief of Police and he has recommended the intersection be designated as a three-way stop intersection; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 8th day of November, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the Criminal Justice Building at 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENEED THAT:

SECTION 1: That Section 14-23(d) of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted by adding thereto Subsection (10) to designate Seventh Street and Stagg Avenue as a three (3) way stop to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec.14-23. Right-of-way streets; three-way stop intersections.

(d) *Three-way stop intersections.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein provided, the following described intersections shall be three-way stop intersections and each operator of a motor vehicle, upon approaching such intersection, shall bring such driver's vehicle to a complete stop and shall remain stopped until any vehicle previously stopped at the intersection has proceeded through such intersection and, thereafter, the drivers of vehicles on the intersecting streets shall, after stopping, alternate in proceeding through such intersection:

- (1) AVENUE F AND TWELFTH STREET
- (2) EAST FIFTEENTH STREET AND AVENUE G
- (3) WESTERN AVENUE AND MILL STREET
- (4) NORTHERN AVENUE AND WILLIAM EGAN AVENUE
- (5) TEXAS STREET AND HUVAL STREET
- (6) TEXAS STREET AND STUTES STREET
- (7) HOCKADAY STREET AND WRIGHT AVENUE
- (8) FOURTEENTH STREET AND AVENUE B
- (9) SEVENTH STREET AND STAGG AVENUE
- (10) J.D. MILLER DRIVE AND MARCEL THOMAS AVENUE

SECTION 2: 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.

SECTION 3: 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 8th day of November, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora Proctor and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman and Vernon Martin

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 Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on November 9th, 2016 at 4:15 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on November 9th, 2016 at 4:17 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on November 9th, 2016 at 4:17 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on November 24th, 2016

Revised and approved at December 13th, 2016 meeting.