

CITY OF CROWLEY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a special session at 12:00 p.m. Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>, day of January, 2017 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said meeting in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the presence of the following Aldermen: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Tim Monceaux, Ezora Proctor, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin were absent. Alderman Steven Premeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Chief of Police Jimmy Broussard gave the invocation.

The following call was read:

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

City of Crowley  
Special Council Meeting Notice:

You are hereby notified that a Special Council Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley will be held on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Ave. F, Crowley, LA.

The purpose of said meeting will be to:

- 1) To consider a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the city of Crowley for the submission of 3 propositions for the renewal of tax millages for maintenance of wastewater disposal facilities, public recreation and parks and maintenance of youth recreation buildings and to make application to the state bond commission therefor
- 2) Beer and Liquor license renewals
- 3) To consider a resolution to introduce an ordinance setting franchise fees to be paid by entities providing cable and/or video service through state granted franchise authority and to schedule a public hearing therefor for consideration of adoption thereof"
- 4) Adjournment.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor

-In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Erin S. Cradeur at (337) 788-4103, describing the assistance that is necessary.

- The Notice of Call was posted at City Hall on January 19th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

- The call was circulated on January 19th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Greg A. Jones	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Elliot Dore'	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Jeff Dore'	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Lyle Fogleman	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tim Monceaux	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Steven Premeaux	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail

Kitty Valdetero	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Bryan Borill	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Vernon Martin	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Ezora Proctor	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Jimmy Broussard	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tom Regan	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tim Mader	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Crowley Post Signal	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K.S.I.G	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K.A.J.N.	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Daily Advertiser	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
KATC Channel 3	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
KLFY Channel 10	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Chamber of Commerce	on January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 9:05 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Erin S. Cradeur	on January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 at 1:45 o'clock p.m. by personal service

Heads of the City's Departments and individuals with a request to be notified of meetings were also sent the call.

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and adopted by roll call vote.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THREE (3) PROPOSITIONS FOR THE RENWAL OF TAX MILLAGES, TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION AND LEVY OF (1) A THREE & ONE-HALF (3.5) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES; (2) A THREE (3) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PARKS; AND (3) A ONE (1) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE; AND MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley currently collects a three and one-half (3.5) mill tax for the maintenance of the Wastewater Disposal Plant; a three (3) mill tax on all property situated in the City dedicated for Public Parks and Recreation; and a one (1) mill tax for Youth Recreation Building maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley was called to consider this Resolution to meet the deadline for submission to the State Bond Commission which special meeting was noticed to be held on January 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Criminal Justice Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, said notice having been posted at City Hall on January 19, 2017 and circulated to all members of the Board of Aldermen and other requesting notice on January 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said millage taxes represent a significant portion of the funding for maintenance of the wastewater disposal plant, maintenance of public parks and recreation and maintenance of youth recreation buildings, all of which will expire at the end of 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to renew the ad valorem millages and continue to levy and collect said taxes in order to provide revenue dedicated for the purposes of maintenance of the wastewater disposal plant, maintenance of public parks and recreation and maintenance of youth recreation buildings; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that:

SECTION 1: Under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, (the "Act"), a special election, be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, on April 29, 2017, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code of the State of Louisiana, at which election there shall be submitted to all registered voters of the City of Crowley, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following three (3) propositions, together with a simple and unbiased, concise **summary** in easily understood language which sets forth the substance of each proposition as required by Act 426 of 1993 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, to-wit:

### **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

#### **RENEWAL OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES TAX**

**SUMMARY: To authorize the City of Crowley to levy and collect a Three and One-Half (3.5) Mill Tax ("Renewal") annually for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of maintaining the wastewater disposal facilities.**

1. Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a Three and One-Half (3.5) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$255,050.74), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2018 and ending in the year 2027 for the purpose of maintaining the wastewater disposal facilities?

### **PROPOSITION NO. 2**

#### **RENEWAL OF PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION TAX**

**SUMMARY: To authorize the City of Crowley to levy and collect a Three (3) Mill Tax ("Renewal") annually for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of public parks and recreation.**

2. Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a Three (3) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$218,614.92), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2018 and ending in the year 2027 for the purpose of public parks and recreation?

### **PROPOSITION NO. 3**

#### **RENEWAL OF YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE TAX**

**SUMMARY: To authorize the City of Crowley to levy and collect a One (1) Mill Tax (“Renewal”) annually for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of youth recreation building maintenance.**

3. Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a One (1) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$72,871.64), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2018 and ending in the year 2027 for the purpose of youth recreation building maintenance?

**SECTION 2: Publication of Notices.** There shall be published in the Crowley Post Signal, newspaper published in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, having general circulation throughout the City, and being the official journal of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, Notice of Special Election and which notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as if it were set forth herein in full.

**SECTION 3: Canvas.** The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, the governing authority thereof (the "Governing Authority") shall meet in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Criminal Justice Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, on May 9, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said special election.

**SECTION 4: Polling Places.** Said election on each said date shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code at the following designated polling places in the City of Crowley, to-wit:

- Ward 6, Precinct 1(P) - North Crowley Middle School
- Ward 6, Precinct 2(P) - Notre Dame High School
- Ward 6, Precinct 3A(P) - North Crowley Kindergarten
- Ward 6, Precinct 3B(P) - North Crowley Kindergarten
- Ward 6, Precinct 4 – St. Michael’s Church Hall
- Ward 6, Precinct 6 - Old Ross High School
- Ward 6, Precinct 7(P) - Rice Festival Building
- Ward 6, Precinct 8(P) - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall
- Ward 6, Precinct 9 - South Crowley Elementary School
- Ward 6, Precinct 11(P) - Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
- Ward 6, Precinct 12(P) - School Board Media Center
- Ward 6, Precinct 13(P) - School Board Media Center
- Ward 6, Precinct 14(P) - Acadia Animal Clinic
- Ward 6, Precinct 15(P) - South Crowley Elementary School
- Ward 6, Precinct 16(P) - LSU Rice Experiment Station

and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

**SECTION 5: Election Commissioners and Voting Machines.** The officers shall be designated to serve as Commissioner in Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 18:434 and the compensation of said officers shall be fixed in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 18:424 and 18:425. The Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall appoint Commissioners of Election and alternate Commissioners for each precinct, all of whom shall meet the qualifications set forth in Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The Commissioner-in-Charge for each precinct shall be the Commissioner-in-Charge selected or appointed for such precinct under the provisions of Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. All registered voters of the City are entitled

to vote at the said election and voting machines shall be used in the conduct of said election. A compiled statement of qualified voters shall be provided to all polling places in the conduct of the election.

**SECTION 6. Officers.** The officers confirmed or designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:1287) shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and make due returns of said special election to the Honorable Secretary of State, the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, and the Honorable Clerk of Court of Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall promulgate the results of said election as provided in Section 3 hereof. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by R.S. 18:424 and R.S. 18:425.

**SECTION 7: Authorization of Officer.** The Clerk of the governing authority be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for the said special election, and to furnish to the said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election as provided by State and Federal Law.

**SECTION 8: Furnish Call to Election Officials.** Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State and Commissioner of Elections of the State of Louisiana, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Acadia, Chairman of the Board of Supervisor for the Parish of Acadia and to the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish of Acadia, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

**SECTION 9: Application to State Bond Commission.** Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided and in the event the Propositions carry, for the Commission's consent and authority to levy said taxes, as provided for in the Propositions above. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the City, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

**SECTION 10: Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. All orders, resolutions and ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing resolution was submitted to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

The Resolution was declared adopted in special session on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to notice thereof duly published and called in accordance with law and notice thereof having been properly posted, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CLERK

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve the following Beer and Liquor license renewal for 2017.

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| 1. El Dorado Mexican Restaurant          | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit |
| Alfredo Cortez                           | 2017 Class A Retail Liquor Permit      |
| 2307 N Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried. |  |

A motion was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve the following Beer and Liquor license renewal for 2017.

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| 1. BZ Crawfish                               | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit   |
| Sheryl Bartlett                              | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
| 1706 North Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried. |  |

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor, 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 FIXING AND SETTING THE FRANCHISE FEES TO BE PAID BY ANY ENTITY PROVIDING CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY A STATE GRANTED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA R:S. 45:1361 ET SEQ; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH EXCEPT FOR THOSE ORDINANCES IN EFFECT PROVIDING A CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISE

AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO  
PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE  
AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley will hold a public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, to receive comments on and consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND SETTING THE FRANCHISE FEES TO BE PAID BY ANY ENTITY PROVIDING CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY A STATE GRANTED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA R:S. 45:1361 ET SEQ; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH EXCEPT FOR THOSE ORDINANCES IN EFFECT PROVIDING A CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 24<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2017.

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in special session on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to notice thereof duly published and called in accordance with law and notice thereof having been properly posted, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:47 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017