

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 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, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderman Jeff Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Tim Monceaux gave the invocation.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider a co-sponsorship with the Assist Agency for the Summer Food Service Program and provide \$7,580.00 to fund the salary of a site director, a facilitator and sports equipment/games/etc. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted after a unanimous vote with an abstention from Alderman Martin.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider the donation of 6 surplus bullet proof vests to the Village of Morse. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Steven Premeaux offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider a 2015 Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2015 Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for El Dorado Mexican Restaurant, LLC located at 2307 North Parkerson Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

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

Alderman Bryan Borill moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Tim Monceaux  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Ezora Proctor  
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to award the materials contracts for FY 2014-15 to the following lowest responsible bidder as per the recommendation of Mader Engineering, Inc. based upon the evaluation of the bids for responsiveness and compliance with specifications. Motion carried.

Acadiana Shell and Limestone is awarded

Proposal No. 1 - Surface Coarse Aggregates, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
37.30	31.00	1	Gray Limestone #610 (3000 lbs. per cu. yd.), per ton
38.90	32.00	2	Gray Limestone #57 (2600 lbs. per cu. yd.), per ton

No Bids Recieved

Proposal No. 2 – Asphalt Cold Mix, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
N/A	N/A	1	Cold Mix, per ton

Forbay Contracting

Proposal No. 3 - Crack Routing, Cleaning, and Sealing Pavement Cracks

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
1,500.00	N/A	1	Mobilization for Routing, Cleaning and Sealing Pavement Cracks, per each
1.25	N/A	2	Routing Pavement Cracks, per ln. ft.
2.50	N/A	3	Cleaning and Sealing Pavement Cracks, per ln. ft.

Design Precast

Proposal No 4- Concrete Pipe and Arch Pipe, Furnish Only  
(Prices shall include cost of Flexible Watertight Gaskets), 8 Joints

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
10.50	10.35	1	15" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
15.00	14.88	2	18" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
22.71	22.30	3	24" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
33.00	32.75	4	30" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
43.00	42.50	5	36" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
53.00	52.40	6	42" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
67.19	67.00	7	48" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
82.77	82.00	8	54" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
101.00	100.00	9	60" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
141.00	140.00	10	72" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
17.39	16.92	12	11" X 18" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
19.22	18.64	13	13" X 22" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
27.00	26.83	14	18" X 28" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
32.34	32.00	15	23" X 36" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
44.20	44.00	16	27" X 24" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
57.42	57.00	17	31" X 51" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
73.50	73.00	18	36" X 58" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
90.00	89.50	19	40" X 65" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
110.90	109.97	20	45" X 73" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.

Coastal Culvert and Supply

Proposal No 5- Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
8.82	8.50	1	15" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
12.64	12.60	2	18" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
32.50	32.50	5	27" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.

Acadiana Shell and Limestone is awarded

Proposal No 5- Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
21.00	21.00	3	21" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
21.00	21.00	4	24" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
28.60	28.60	6	30" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
44.40	44.40	7	36" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.

Port Aggregates, Inc. is awarded

Proposal No.6 - Portland Cement Concrete & Flowable Fill, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
110.00	106.00	1	Portland Cement Concrete, per cu. yd.
100.00	96.00	2	Flowable Fill, per cu. yd.

**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 Alderman Lyle Fogleman to accept the City Attorney’s recommendation to conclude the DEQ proceedings against the city with the dismissal of all the claims and causes of action against the city in exchange for a payment of \$12,400. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to renew a 2015 Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2015 Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Rice Palace d/b/a Rice Palace located at 2015 North Cherokee Road. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to renew a 2015 Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2015 Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for El Dorado Mexican Restaurant, LLC located at 2307 North Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to table the donation of 6 surplus bullet proof vest to the Village of Morse until the next committee meeting. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderwoman Ezora Proctor  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré  
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Vernon Martin, and Kitty Valdetero

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to refer the retiree contribution for coverage of major medical insurance from \$400 to \$50 per month until Medicare eligible and send to Revenue & Finance Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to accept the resignation of Probationary Police Officer Seth Cormier effective January 29, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to accept the resignation of Permanent Corporal William Brown effective February 7, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to confirm Malissa Withers from Permanent Police Corporal to Probational Sergeant effective February 15, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to confirm Robert Thibodeaux from Permanent Police Officer to Probational Corporal effective February 15, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to confirm Garreth Louviere to Provisional Police Officer effective February 11, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to confirm Tate Thibodeaux to Provisional Police Officer effective February 11, 2015. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Tim Monceaux  
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Ezora Proctor and Kitty Valdetero

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to approve to co-sponsor a series of spring concerts in Levy Park, along with Greetings from Levy Park, LLC, with the use of city's liquor license. For this event the road closure of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street at the corners of Avenue I and Avenue J from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 5, March 26, April 16, and May 7 2015 is authorized. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor to approve to co-sponsor, with the Assist Agency, the Summer Food Service Program and provide \$7,580.00 to fund the salary of a site director, a facilitator and sports equipment/games/etc. Motion carried with an abstention from Alderman Vernon Martin

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

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to accept the financial report for the year ended August 31, 2014 as presented by Rob Carter with Kolder, Champagne and Slaven Company. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve the city's contribution of 50% of the cost for single coverage of a retiree's major medical insurance with an effective date of April 1, 2015; this is for retirees that have 20 years of employment with the city and have been on the city's insurance for 10 consecutive years at the time of retirement. Motion carried

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Alderman Elliot Doré moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adjourn and go into Executive Session based on pending litigation in the lawsuit captioned "*William Baker vs. the City of Crowley*" bearing Docket No. 2013-11054 of the 15th Judicial District Court. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen returned to the chamber from executive session with a motion by Alderman Steven Premeaux and a second by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to reconvene.

Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting and the roll was called with the following Aldermen present: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderman Elliot Doré made a motion to approve the recommendation of City Attorney Tom Regan and Mayor Jones to offer a \$75,000 settlement agreement to William Baker to resolve the lawsuit captioned "*William Baker vs. the City of Crowley*" bearing Docket No. 2013-11054 of the 15th Judicial District Court. Mayor Jones is authorized to sign all necessary documents. Seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION:**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY CERTIFYING  
TO DOTD THAT THE CITY WILL COMPLY WITH ALL  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2014-2016 TRANSPORTATION  
ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE PARKERSON  
AVENUE SIDEWALK SAFETY AND REVITALIZATION-  
PHASE II.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley was recently notified by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that the Parkerson Avenue Sidewalk Safety and Revitalization- Phase II project has been selected to be included in the Transportation and Enhancement Program; and

WHEREAS, DOTD requires the City of Crowley to provide certain certifications regarding responsibilities under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to provide the required certifications and proceed with the aforementioned project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Crowley hereby certifies that it will assume full responsibility for:

1. the local match of 20% of the construction cost; and
2. 100% of the cost of design engineering, construction administration and testing, and managing and maintaining the project; and
3. any legal liability incurred as a result of the project

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, 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 Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, and adopted.

#### MWPP RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has directed the City of Crowley, Louisiana to perform a Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) audit on its Wastewater Treatment Facility located on Conrad Road and;

WHEREAS, The City of Crowley, Louisiana has prepared and reviewed the attached MWPP audit and;

WHEREAS, The MWPP audit has noted a potential problem with an increase in maximum flows being reported at the treatment facility and in the collection system and;

WHEREAS, It is noted that the City recently located and repaired three major points in inflow that should significantly reduce I/I flow rates during the next reporting cycle and;

WHEREAS, The City's partial rehabilitation of the rock filter appears to have assisted in ultimately lowering pollutants being discharged to the receiving stream but more work on the rock filters is needed and;

WHEREAS, The City has received a low interest loan from the SRF Program along with FEMA funding to help complete the rehabilitation/restoration of the rock filters and;

WHEREAS, The City of Crowley, Louisiana wishes to guard the public health and assure discharge compliance;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City of Crowley, Louisiana hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) that it has set forth through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the following actions necessary to attain and maintain permit discharge compliance contained in LPDES Permit Number LA0041254:

- 1) The City of Crowley expects to continue the rehabilitation of public leaks through an ongoing smoke testing/repair maintenance crew.
- 2) The City has a notification program for private leaks. Private individuals are notified of defects on their property and the repairs are monitored and cataloged.
- 3) With the increase of flows being experienced at the treatment facility, the City will increase its efforts toward combating I/I.
- 4) The City has also requested a higher allowable flow rate for the new permit based on the improvements completed and contemplated at the treatment facility. They have received approval of the requested flow increase.
- 5) The City will pursue the completion of the rehabilitation of the rock filter in 2014 and 2015 assuming adequate funding for the project is secured.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, 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 Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) OF ALL CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDERS, NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTIES, ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROCEEDINGS PENDING AGAINST THE CITY OF CROWLEY; TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF A PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED & NO/100 (\$12,400.00) DOLLARS TO DEQ; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued Compliance Orders & Notice of Potential Penalties under Enforcement Numbers WE-CN-06-0271, WE-CN-06-0271A, WE-CN- 06-0271B, WE-CN-06-0271C, WE-C-10-01410 and WE-C-11-00789; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley responded to the above reference Compliance Orders and Notice of Potential Penalties with various defenses, denials and mitigating circumstances and requested the matters be referred to Administrative Law proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Administration, Administrative Law Court docketed the various orders and subsequently, upon joint motion of DEQ and the City of Crowley, the above referenced actions were consolidated for the purpose of hearing and trial in the pending proceedings; and

WHEREAS, DEQ and the City of Crowley subsequently agreed to suspend the Administrative Law proceedings and refer the matter to Alternative Dispute Resolution in order to mediate the claims and actions and continued the litigation without a trial date; and

WHEREAS, DEQ continued to file additional Compliance Orders and Notices of Potential Penalty during the Alternative Dispute Resolution, all of which were incorporated into the pending Administrative Law proceedings and the Alternative Dispute Resolution for mediation; and

WHEREAS, a formal meeting/conference was held with DEQ officials, DEQ engineers, head of DEQ Enforcement Division, City officials, City Attorney, City Engineers and other participants and an agreement in principal to settle all the Compliance Orders, Notices of Potential Penalty and enforcement action in an in globo settlement was reached; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley proposed certain improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, including rehabilitation of the Rock Filter, the Lemna pond, the ammonia nitrogen cell and the ultraviolet light system, repair, renovation and enhancement of the levee system and proposed matrix penalties to be paid for various violations alleged by DEQ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley obtained a loan in the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Thousand & No/100 (\$1,900,000.00) Dollars to improve the Wastewater Treatment Facility, has a pending grant application to FEMA for additional funds to repair damages to and enhance the levee system for approximately One Million Six Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven & No/100 (\$1,361,711.00) Dollars and has submitted a proposed time table for those improvements to DEQ; and

WHEREAS, DEQ officials agreed to accept the proposal by the City with a penalty to be paid by the City in the amount of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred & No/100 (\$12,400.00) Dollars and to refer the matter to the Louisiana Attorney General's Office for concurrence and approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineers and the City Attorney have reviewed the settlement and recommended the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley accept the settlement and submit the matter to the Louisiana Attorney General's Office for concurrence and approval as the just and proper resolution of the proceedings pending against the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, after examining the proposed settlement, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find the terms and conditions thereof suitable and in the best interest of the City of Crowley to resolve this matter as the settlement will resolve all the proceedings listed above as well as all pending claims and enforcement actions, including the dismissal of all the Administrative Law claims pending against the City of Crowley, upon final concurrence and approval by the Louisiana Attorney General and upon payment of the amount of the penalty as aforesaid;

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 approve the in globo settlement of all pending claims, causes of action, Consolidated Compliance Orders, Notices of Potential Penalty, enforcement actions and Administrative Law proceedings pending against the City of Crowley subject to final concurrence and approval by Louisiana Attorney General's Office and they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a Settlement Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) dismissing DEQ's claims against the City of Crowley under Enforcement Numbers WE-CN-06-0271, WE-CN-06-0271A, WE-CN- 06-0271B, WE-CN-06-0271C, WE-C-10-01410 and WE-C-11-00789 filed with the Division of Administrative, in globo, including the payment of a penalty in the amount of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred & No/100 (\$12,400.00) Dollars by the City of Crowley to DEQ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement shall be submitted to the Louisiana Attorney General's Office for concurrence and approval and shall become final only after and in the event the public comment period has fully expired after due advertisement as required by law; 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 other documents or attachments and/or provide additional information as may be deemed necessary in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, 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 Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 OFFICER "KARO"; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE K-9 OFFICER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, K-9 Officer "Karo" has provided valuable law enforcement service to the Crowley Police Department and the citizens of the City of Crowley in the performance of his duties; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Officer "Karo" has earned the right to retire from the strenuous duties of a K-9 Officer and it is appropriate to retire K-9 Officer "Karo"; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Officer "Karo" is a live canine but is technically an asset owned by the City of Crowley although he is considered a member of the Crowley Police Department and it is necessary to provide for his continued care, custody and control during his retirement until his death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley does not have an appropriate or suitable facility and means to provide for the K-9 during his retirement and the sale and/or transfer of the K-9 Officer to third parties is problematic due to his law enforcement training; and

WHEREAS, Officer William Brown, his partner and handler, desires to accept the responsibility of caring for his long-time partner as a result of his close association as a trained and experienced K-9 handler and he has agreed to accept the responsibility of the care, custody and control of the K-9 Officer "Karo" and assume full responsibility and liability and to hold harmless and indemnify the City of Crowley thereafter;

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 officially acknowledge and commend K-9 Officer "Karo" for his years of dedicated service to the Crowley Police Department and the citizens of Crowley and do hereby officially retire K-9 Officer "Karo" from active duty with the Crowley Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an agreement with William Brown transferring the possession, custody, control and responsibility for the care and ownership of K-9 "Karo" to William Brown, his long time partner and trained K-9 handler; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreement shall contain the following terms and conditions: 1) William Brown shall accept the custody of and responsibility for the safety and well-being of the K-9 "Karo" as well as the safety and well-being of all persons and property; 2) William Brown agrees to provided K-9 "Karo" with all necessary care including but not limited to shelter, food and veterinary service for the rest of his natural life; 3) William Brown agrees to provide a secure facility/structure which will at all times provide an adequate means of containing, sheltering, controlling and protecting the animal and persons from injury; 4) William Brown shall agree to assume all liability and responsibility for K-9 "Karo" and to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Crowley from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, lawsuits which may arise out of or occur while K-9 "Karo" is in the possession, care, custody and control of William Brown; and 6) all usual and necessary terms and conditions as may be required in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, 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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Betty Johnson addressed the group with concerns about the cleanliness and safety of the community; she was advised to contact city hall to request a work order for the areas needing to be cleaned.

Walter Andrus addressed the group with concerns about the availability of summer youth programs and was advised of the Summer Food Service Program that the city is to co-sponsoring, with the Assist Agency.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux was adjourned at 7:00 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 February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:40 a.m.

Publish in newspaper on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015