

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2006

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 14th day of February, 2006, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: Dr. James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero Alderwoman Laurita D. Pete was absent.

Alderman Premeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Marceaux gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to consider the employment of Bart Habetz. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Regan administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jules Menou as a board member of the Crowley Planning Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1331, the ordinance to amend and enlarge the corporate boundaries was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1331. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1331 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1332, the ordinance to amend the fiscal 2006 budget was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1332. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1332 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 10th, 2006 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor de la Houssaye presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend since fiscal 1992. The Recap of all Funds Report compares actual revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2006 to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the addition of centerline pavement striping on Pine Street from Avenue C to Hoyt Avenue to the contract with Pavement Striping, Inc. for Pedestrian Striping on Eastern Avenue (6th Street to Northern Avenue). Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin offered a motion to authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to proceed with Phase I to convert the existing sewer wye records to computer format and amend the Utility Fund Budget to provide \$17,500 for this purpose. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to transfer \$3,500 from the Fund Balance of General Fund to the Firemen's Extrication account. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize a change order to add 42 days for delivery of the aerial fire apparatus due to Change Order No. 1. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to waive ½ of the assessment penalty (\$1,800) to Bon Aventure for late delivery of the aerial fire apparatus. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the Police Chief to hire 4 dispatchers and to amend the budget to fund the salaries in the amount of \$42,000 effective March 1, 2006 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER CREATING FIVE POSITIONS OR SLOTS FOR POLICE DISPATCHER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FIVE PERSONS TO FILL THE POLICE DISPATCHER SLOTS; FIXING THE STARTING SALARY FOR POLICE DISPATCHER; TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR POLICE DISPATCHERS AND AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$42,000.00 TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET; TO ELIMINATE ONE RECORDS CLERK POSITION AND TO TRANSFER THE REMAINING SALARY AND FUNDS FOR THE RECORDS CLERK POSITION FOR POLICE DISPATCHER; REQUESTING THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO CREATE THE

CLASSIFIED POSITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER AND TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO APPROVE THE CLASSIFICATION AND THE DUTIES THEREUNDER AND TO COMPLY WITH ALL CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND REQUIREMENTS AS NECESSARY; TO REQUEST THAT UPON APPROVAL OF THE CLASSIFICATION, THE BOARD RECOGNIZE THOSE PERSONS HIRED TO BECOME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION AND TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN THEIR WORKING TEST; TO THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Police Department dispatching operations are currently handled by the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Department under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement in exchange for the use of the City Jail to house Department of Correction (DOC) prisoners classified as trustees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley received written notice from the Honorable Wayne Melancon, Acadia Parish Sheriff, by letter dated February 1, 2006, that the Intergovernmental Agreement was being terminated effective March 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the Sheriff's personnel from the facility will result in the loss of dispatching function and will require office personnel to man the Police Department after regular office hours; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable K.P. Gibson, Chief of Police of the City of Crowley, has recommended that the City Police resume dispatching services and man the Police Department by hiring five additional personnel for dispatching purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create the position of police dispatcher to perform the task to be assigned by the Chief of Police, to create five additional budget slots, to fix the starting salary of the police dispatching personnel and to amend the budget and appropriate the necessary funds for police dispatching personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to eliminate a records clerk and transfer the salary to the dispatching budget to accomplish same; and

WHEREAS, it is required the local Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board be notified and requested to create a new classification of Police Dispatcher, to begin the process under State Civil Service law and regulations law as may be required;

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 create the position of police dispatcher for the Crowley Police Department which duties shall be assigned by the Chief of Police in accordance with his discretion; that they do hereby authorize five slots for personnel to be added for dispatcher as full-time employees; that the Crowley Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board be notified of this action and they are hereby requested by this Board of Aldermen to consider creating the classified position of police dispatcher and to begin the process and to do and perform all things as may be necessary and proper to classify the job duties and responsibilities thereunder as required by State Civil Service law and requirements; and that those persons hired immediately under the authority of this resolution be recognized in the classified position of police dispatcher immediately and without the necessity of a competitive examination therefor and that they immediately begin their working test; and that the current year's budget be amended by adding thereto an appropriation of \$42,000.00; and the starting salary of the police dispatcher shall be fixed at \$1,400.00 to provide funds therefor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Chief of Police be and they are hereby authorized and directed to do and perform all things as may be necessary and proper to fully carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of February, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, Clerk

Alderman Martin offered a motion to authorize the Mayor, Police Chief and City Attorney to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the Acadia Parish Correctional Facility between the Police Chief and the Sheriff. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RESCINDING THE NOTICE OF RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AND AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 2 OF BLOCK 13, DUSON'S 3RD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation was issued by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley on the 9th day of August, 2005 against the property described as Lot 2 of Block 13 of the Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, a condemnation hearing was held on the 13th day of September, 2005, at which time the building and/or structures situated on Lot 2 of Block 13 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley were ordered condemned; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to cancel said Notice and Order of Condemnation recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel the Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation of Lot 2 of Block 13 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to James O'Neal recorded on the 15th day of August, 2005 under Original Act No. 745140 in Mortgage Book 722 at page 321 and in Conveyance Book H-61 at Page 19; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby rescind and recall the cancellation of the Order of Condemnation of Lot 2 of Block 13 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to James O'Neal and do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel same recorded on the 14th day of September, 2005 under Original Act No. 746151 in Conveyance Book I-61 at Page 526;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 14th day of February, 2006.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Istre, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RESCINDING THE NOTICE OF RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AND AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT OF BLOCK 52, WEST CROWLEY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation was issued by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley on the 9th day of August, 2005 against the property described as Lot 3 of Block 52 of the West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, a condemnation hearing was held on the 13th day of September, 2005, at which time the building and/or structures situated on Lot 3 of Block 52 of the West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley were ordered condemned; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to cancel said Notice and Order of Condemnation recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel the Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation of Lot 3 of Block 52 of the West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Anna Mae P. Mudd recorded on the 15th day of August, 2005 under Original Act No. 745136 in Mortgage Book 722 at page 309 and in Conveyance Book H-61 at Page 7; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby rescind and recall the cancellation of the Order of Condemnation of Lot 3 of Block 52 of the West Crowley Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Anna Mae P. Mudd and do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel same recorded on the 14th day of September, 2005 under Original Act No. 746147 in Conveyance Book I-61 at Page 522;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 14th day of February, 2006.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RESCINDING THE NOTICE OF RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AND AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOTS 6 AND 7 OF BLOCK 14, DUSON'S 3RD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation was issued by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley on the 9th day of August, 2005 against the property described as the North 60' of Lots 6 and 7 of Block 14 of the Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, a condemnation hearing was held on the 13th day of September, 2005, at which time the building and/or structures situated on Lots 6 and 7 of Block 14 of the Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley were ordered condemned; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to cancel said Notice and Order of Condemnation recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel the Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation of the North 60' of Lots 6 and 7 of Block 14 of the Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Mary Grace Edwards recorded on the 16th day of August, 2005 under Original Act No. 745139 in Mortgage Book 722 at page 318 and in Conveyance Book H-61 at Page 16; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby rescind and recall the cancellation of the Order of Condemnation of Lots 6 and 7 of Block 14 of the Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Mary Grace Edwards and do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel same recorded on the 14th day of September, 2005 under Original Act No. 746150 in Conveyance Book I-61 at Page 525;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 14th day of February, 2006.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, Clerk

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$20,593.59 for restoration to the Ford Building Phase II. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids to close in the north side and the south side of the Enterprise Center with siding. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to authorize E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. to replace 12 columns on the bottom story of the Enterprise Center in the amount of \$680 per column with funds to come from the Fund Balance of General Fund and go to Public Building account. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CROWLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN EXCHANGE FOR IN-KIND SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY'S BUSINESS INCUBATOR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley maintains and operates an Enterprise Center which houses a "One Stop Center" for various State and Federal agencies and non-profit organizations which provide job services, vocational education and training, referrals for education grants, counseling and guidance for employment opportunities, and community services and assistance for the needy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has established and operates a business incubator program and makes available counseling, assistance and services to existing and new businesses, including low cost space to assist new business endeavors in the community; and

WHEREAS, I-Acadia, Inc. had previously contracted to provide administrative services to operate the business incubator and provide guidance and assistance to existing and new businesses in exchange for the use of office space in the Enterprise Center; and

WHEREAS, I-Acadia, Inc. has notified the City of Crowley it is unable to continue to perform the business incubator function; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organization, has offered to operate the business incubator program, provide administrative services and assist in the development and enhancement of new and existing business and commerce, promote job creation, job opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the community in exchange for office space in the Enterprise Center;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Crowley Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organization, to lease office space within the Enterprise Center in exchange for operating and managing the business incubator, providing assistance in the development of new businesses, provide advice and access to business consultants and others to create workable business plans, to manage the physical assets, including office space, secretarial and administrative services, business consultations, soliciting new businesses and enterprises, handling referrals and inquiries, promote and assist in developing additional jobs through new businesses, providing assistance to existing businesses, to provide consultation, advice and support for the development of business opportunities and to promote the development and organization of new or existing businesses in the community.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of February, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, Clerk

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to review the ordinances from the nine municipalities prohibiting smoking in restaurants and discuss at next month's meeting. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids the renovations to the Criminal Justice Center. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderman Istre offered a motion to rescind confirmation of Dustin LaJack as Permanent Firefighter. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to promote Steven Robichaux from Firefighter Recruit to Probational Firefighter effective January 13, 2006. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to promote Bryan Quibodeaux from Firefighter Recruit to Probational Firefighter effective February 12, 2006. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to accept the resignation of Trevin Savoy from the Fire Department effective January 26, 2006. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to employ Chris Eason as Probational Police Officer effective February 15, 2006. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to accept the resignation of Sam Golbert from the Police Department effective February 20, 2006. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Istre offered a motion to employ Bart Habetz in the Police Department as a Provisional Patrolman effective February 15, 2006. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to hire and classify four dispatchers. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Alderman Istre offered a motion to table until the March city council meeting the request for a parade on April 8, 2006 in memory of Army Specialist Seth Trahan and Army Sgt. Isaiah Sinclair. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to authorize the purchase of a plaque to be placed in Levy Park in memory of Army Specialist Seth Trahan and Army Sgt. Isaiah Sinclair. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to schedule JulyFete for Saturday, July 1, 2006. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to authorize the Main Street Program to host a 3 day carnival during Carnival d'Acadie from Sunday, February 26, 2006 beginning at 1:00 p.m. through Tuesday, February 28, 2006 contingent upon approval from the Fire Chief, Police Chief and City Attorney. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

RECREATION:

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to authorize Rose Thomas to work with Tim Robichaux to establishment a monthly Wall of Fame exhibit at the Martin Luther King

Center to honor Crowley athletes and honor roll students. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCES:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA. 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 for the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 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 AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2006; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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 14th day of March 2006 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2006; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, LA.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 14th day of February, 2006.

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of February, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Alderswoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the budget in the amount \$42,000 to include the hiring of 4 dispatchers. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderswoman Valdetero offered a motion to appropriate \$5,425 to purchase software licenses for city computers. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderswoman Valdetero offered a motion to appropriate \$3,500 to the Fire Department's Extrication Program and that awarded grant money will be used to reimburse the fund when received. Seconded by Alderswoman Melancon and duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE LEASE OF 576 NORTH AVENUE G FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION HOSPITAL FOR THE CROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE DIVISION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Detective Division of the Crowley Police Department has been housed in office space at 576 North Avenue G, Crowley, Louisiana, which is leased from American Legion Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the new Police Department is currently undergoing renovations to include the Detective Division within the new facility; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Hospital has proposed to extend the lease on a month-to-month basis with a provision for cancellation upon 30 days written notice by either party in anticipation of the completion of the new Police Department facility;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to execute an extension of the lease of the buildings and improvements situated on Lots 5 and 6 of Block 93 of Original City of Crowley, bearing municipal address of 576 North Avenue G, Crowley, Louisiana, and containing approximately TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (2,500) SQUARE FEET; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said extension lease shall be on a month-to-month basis with a provision for cancellation upon 30 days written notice by either party in anticipation of the completion of the new Police Department facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the said Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, be and she is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said transaction as may be meet and proper.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 14th day February, 2006.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1331

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DEFINING THE BOUNDARY OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.785 ACRES SITUATED IN NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, ACADIA PARISH, BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 34, ON THE SOUTH AND EAST BY DR. JOHN BURGIN ET AL AND ON THE WEST BY THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF TOWER ROAD (LOUISIANA STATE HIGHWAY 1111 SPUR), WHICH SHALL BE ZONED "COMMERCIAL 3, C-3"; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE AREA SHALL BE A PART OF WARD 1 OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO REDEFINE AND RESTATE THE BOUNDARY OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO APPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has received a petition for annexation from John Burgin, the owner of the property situated in Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, which is contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the property is contiguous to the corporate boundaries of the City of Crowley and it is desirable to include this property within the corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has received the Certificate of the Assessor of Acadia Parish, Honorable Russell Benoit, dated January 11, 2006, certifying that the current assessed value of the property within the area proposed to be annexed is \$5,700.00 owned by the property owner, Dr. John Burgin, who has signed the petition for annexation; therefore 100% of the assessed value of the property within the area proposed to be annexed is represented by the property owner/petitioner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has received a Certificate from the Registrar of Voters of Acadia Parish, Honorable Billie J. Meyer, dated January 11, 2006, certifying the total number of all registered voters with residential addresses as shown on voter records within the area proposed for annexation is zero (0), and therefore no registered voters reside within the area proposed to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14th day of February, 2006, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, there being no adverse comments to the proposed annexation, zoning or other matters relative thereto;

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

SECTION 1: Under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 33:171 et seq. and the special enabling legislation under La. R.S. 33:172.3, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley have determined that the requirements and provisions of law for annexation have been met and that the annexation of the property is necessary to establish an area completely within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley; and a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14th day of February, 2006 on the question of the adoption of the ordinance, the annexation of the area, the zoning requirements, utility services and the zoning of the areas to be annexed having been considered; after due consideration, the requirements of law having been complied with, the hereinafter described area or territory is hereby included within the corporate limits and the boundaries of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, which territory is hereby defined with certainty and precision as shown on the attached:

Exhibit "A" "LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ANNEXATION OF
PROPERTY OWNED BY DR. JOHN BURGIN"

SECTION 2: The above described property, be and the same is hereby zoned as:
C-3 Highway Commercial District.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the above described property be and same is hereby included in Ward 1 of the City of Crowley as shown on the attached Exhibit "B"; and

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Alderman City of Crowley in special session duly convened that the corporate boundary of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby redefined and the boundary is defined with certainty and precision as shown on the attached:

Exhibit B "CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,
LOUISIANA AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED ACCORDING TO ORDINANCE
NO. 1331"

SECTION 5: 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; and

SECTION 6: 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 14th day of February, 2006, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Dr. James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Laurita D. Pete

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1332

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2006; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

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

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 14th day of February, 2006 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 14th day of February, 2006 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Current Proposed Amendment	Amended Budget 2005-2006
General Fund Budget		
Fire Expenditures		
Salary & Fringe	5,000	1,340,800
Other Expense	6,000	23,675
Street Expenditures		
Capital Outlay	30,350	3,430,350

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2005-2006 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Isabella L. de la Houssaye, is hereby authorized and in her sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as she may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 14th day of February, 2006 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Dr. James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Steven C. Premeaux, and Ira Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Laurita D. Pete and Kitty Valdetero

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Melancon and seconded by Alderman Thomas the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on February 27, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on February 27, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on March , 2006 at .m.