

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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. Wednesday the 13th day of February, 2013 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., Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Vernon Martin and Laurita Pete (due to illness) were absent.

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Elliot Doré gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman Jeff Doré offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the purchase of patrol cars for the police department. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated on Lot 4 of Block 114 of the original City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 718 North Avenue A, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to James Clement. Mr. Clement, requested time to bring the property to code standards. After no further comments Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated on 50'x100' W by Eastern Ave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 30'x100' and 80'x108.7' N by Vernice Hargrave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 70'x76.72' and 20'x132' N by Merle Spell SBY Wilson Trahan & Francis Morgan in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; and Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Block 1 of Andrus Addition to the City of Crowley, bearing a municipal address of 907 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to Estella D. Dartez. No one was present to represent an interest in the property. Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 8th, 2013 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Jeff Doré moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill 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 – Alderwoman Mary Melancon
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Laurita Pete
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with DPE, Inc. for internal cleaning and video services in the existing subsurface drainage culvert of the Center Ditch between Avenue K and Avenue M at a maximum cost of \$2,500 per day. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to award contracts to the various low bidders for the second half of FY 2012-13 materials purchasing per bid tabulation spreadsheet prepared by Mader Engineering, Inc. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to award the materials contracts for FY 2012-13 to the lowest responsible bidder as per the recommendation of Mader Engineering, Inc. based upon the evaluation of the bids for responsiveness and compliance with specifications as shown on the bid tabulation spreadsheet dated August 31, 2012, as follows. 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
35.90	32.18	1	Gray Limestone #610 (3000 lbs. per cu. yd.), per ton
36.90	33.18	2	Gray Limestone #57 (2600 lbs. per cu. yd.), per ton

Vermilion Shell and Limestone is awarded

Proposal No. 2 – Asphalt Concrete Cold Mix, Furnish Only

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

Not Applicable

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
N/A	N/A	1	Mobilization for Routing, Cleaning and Sealing Pavement Cracks, per each
N/A	N/A	2	Routing Pavement Cracks, per ln. ft.
N/A	N/A	3	Cleaning and Sealing Pavement Cracks, per ln. ft.

Lafayette WinWater Works is awarded

**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
13.13	12.25	1	15" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
18.00	16.80	2	18" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
27.48	25.94	3	24" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
39.66	37.01	4	30" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
51.56	48.13	5	36" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
114.43	106.80	8	54" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
138.76	129.50	9	60" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
194.04	181.10	10	72" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
24.84	22.83	12	11" X 18" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
29.96	28.30	13	13" X 22" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
44.10	N/A	15	23" X 36" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.

Vermilion Shell and Limestone is awarded

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
72.95	67.20	6	42" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
92.00	85.50	7	48" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
287.00*	276.30	11	84" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
41.50*	39.00	14	18" X 28" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	45.40	15	23" X 36" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
63.80*	61.20	16	27" X 24" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
85.60*	83.45	17	31" X 51" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
102.85*	100.90	18	36" X 58" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
132.00*	130.00	19	40" X 65" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
159.45*	153.45	20	45" X 73" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
217.55*	215.55	21	54" X 88" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
332.90*	330.90	22	62" X 102" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
522.10*	520.10	23	77" X 122" (Nominally Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.

*City to Offload

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
N/A	7.49	1	15" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
12.64	10.64	2	18" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
N/A	18.86	3	21" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
N/A	19.66	4	24" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
N/A	26.26	6	30" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
N/A	38.96	7	36" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.

Coastal Culvert and Supply 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
7.74	N/A	1	15" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
20.19	N/A	3	21" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
20.29	N/A	4	24" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
26.99	26.29	5	27" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
27.09	N/A	6	30" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
39.59	N/A	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
106.00	102.00	1	Portland Cement Concrete, per cu. yd.
96.00	92.00	2	Flowable Fill, per cu. yd.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.

Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill

Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve the following 2013 Beer and Liquor license renewals:

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| 1. Bamboo Inn, Inc.
d/b/a Express 90
276 East 2nd Street | 2013 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2013 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
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| 2. Silver Overseas, Inc.
d/b/a Rice City Chevron
530 North Eastern Avenue. | 2013 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2013 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
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Motion carried.

A motion Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Police Jury to request that any Fire Districts created only include non-incorporated areas of the parish. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to accept the Preliminary and Final Plat Approval for St. Martin Bank and Trust Company described as Lot 3 of B.W. Freeland Estate Development, Phase 1 located in Section 28, T9S, R1E, City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with First Data for their services in providing the capability of online payment and credit card processing for city taxes, fees or services etc. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to accept the audit for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2012 from Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve the purchase of two patrol cars on state contract for the police department. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE “2012-2013 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” PROJECT.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Plans and Specifications for the “2012-2013 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” Project prepared by Mader Engineering are hereby approved and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advertisement For Bids for said Project is hereby authorized, that bids will be received at 10:00 a.m. on March 12th, 2013 at Crowley City Hall, located at 425 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA 70527, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date, time, and location may be amended as long as changes are processed in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2013

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

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

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF
CROWLEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LDOTD 2013 SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM:

WHEREAS, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the program are:

1. to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
2. to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
3. to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Crowley does hereby:

1. Approve and support the filing of an application for the 2013 Safe Routes to School Program; and

2. Appoint the Mayor as agent of the City of Crowley to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2013

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, 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 LOT 4 OF BLOCK 1143 OF THE ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 13^h day of February, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed and received by the property owner as shown by U. S. Postal Return Receipt dated January 18, 2013; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building and the report of the City Inspector;

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 ORDER the building and/or structure situated Lot 4 of Block 114 of the Original City of Crowley, being the property of James Clement having a municipal address of 718 North Avenue A, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same shall be brought up to building code requirements within ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of notice hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall have seven (7) days in which to obtain a building permit and commence renovations and shall secure the doors and windows of the structure within seven (7) days of the date of receipt of notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 13th day of February, 2013, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, 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 THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND DESCRIBED AS MEASURING 50'x100' WEST BY EASTERN AVENUE IN SEC 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 30'x100' AND 80'x108.7' N BY VERNICE HARGRAVE IN SEC 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 70'x76.72' AND 20'x132' N BY MERLE SPELL SBY WILSON TRAHAN & FRANCIS MORGAN IN SEC 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; AND LOTS 11, 12, 13 & 14 OF BLOCK 1 OF ANDRUS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, a resolution ordering that a Notice of a Rule to Show Cause issue to Estella D. Dartez et al for a public hearing to show cause why the improvements on the property described therein should not be condemned was adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 13th day of February, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the property owners were aware that unless the conditions of the building and structures on the property were remedied before the 13th day of February, 2013, the Board of Aldermen would consider condemning the improvements on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 13th day of February, 2013; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building and the report of the City Inspector;

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 ORDER the large building/warehouse and/or structure situated on 50'x100' W by Eastern Ave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 30'x100' and 80'x108.7' N by Vernice Hargrave in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; 70'x76.72' and 20'x132' N by Merle Spell SBY Wilson Trahan & Francis Morgan in Sec. 3, T-10-S, R-1-E; and Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Block 1 of Andrus Addition to the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 907 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, being the property of Estella D. Dartez et al, having a municipal address of 907 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, 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 ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the 2-story garage/apartment shall be secured by boarding up and/or locking all windows and doors within seven (7) days of the date of receipt of this notice; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the property ownership 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 13th day of February, 2013, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, 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 Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on February 14th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on February 14th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on February _____, 2013 at _____ .m.