

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012 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, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderwoman Laurita Pete led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Jeff Doré gave the invocation.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Alderman Steven Premeaux offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the disposal of outdated equipment in the Fire Department. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider applications for beer & liquor Licenses for Total Experience Lounge and Louie's. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

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

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Greg A. 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 award six month contracts to the lowest bidders in accordance with the bid tabulation spreadsheet prepared by Mader Engineering for the FY 2011-2012 Materials Contracts. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to authorize the reconstruction of approximately 550' of Cedar Street near West and East Andrus Street. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to authorize Mader Engineering to prepare Plans and Specs and the mayor to negotiate a contract with CEC for structural repairs to the Avenue G Bridge at North Ditch. Motion carried.

**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 J. Elliot Doré to approve Change Order No. 2 to increase the contracted amount to E. B. Feucht and Sons, Inc. for the LCDBG FY 2010-11 Project for “Sewerage Repairs in Northeast and Southeast Crowley in the amount of \$78,330.00, contingent upon approval from the Office of Community Development. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve Partial Payment No. 6 to E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc. for the LCDBG FY 2010-11 Project for “Sewerage Repairs in Northeast and Southeast Crowley” in the amount of \$96,233.49. Motion carried.

**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 Alderman Steven Premeaux to declare as junk 40 self contained breathing apparatuses in the fire department that have passed their 15 year expiration dates. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve a 2012 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2012 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Hilary C. Wilson d/b/a Total Experience Lounge located at 824 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and died due to lack of a second for a 2012 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2012 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Michael Ludwig with Louie’s Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Louie’s located at 322 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley.

**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 Jeff Doré to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation for a Side Yard Setback variance for addition placement 4 foot into 10 foot set back requirement for Steven Deville described as Lot 4 Block 155 located at 1018 North Avenue L. Motion carried.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Steven Premeaux  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré  
Members – Aldermen Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Mary Melancon and Laurita Pete

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Trans Texas Tennis, Ltd. for the Gladys Trahan Tennis Center in the amount of \$3,708.00. 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 J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to accept the audit for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2011 from Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, APPROVING A STIPULATION AND CONSENT JUDGMENT TO BE RENDERED BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, IN THE PROCEEDINGS FILED BY THE CITY OF CROWLEY AND THE 6<sup>TH</sup> WARD CROWLEY GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AGAINST CHARLES BENOIT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District and the City of Crowley filed a petition for injunction to prohibit dumping of construction debris into the channel of Bayou Blanc and for damages in a proceeding captioned "*6<sup>th</sup> Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District et al vs. Charles Benoit*", bearing Docket No. 200811027 on the docket of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley and the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District presented written evidence and testimony of witnesses to the Court on January, 31<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, and after the conclusion of testimony on behalf of the Plaintiffs, a stipulation and agreement to the entry of a Consent Judgment subject to approval by the members of the governing authorities, the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing a general outline of the terms and conditions of the agreement as stipulated to by Mr. Benoit and after hearing the presentation by City Engineer Charles T. Mader and upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, Thomas K. Regan, that the stipulation be approved and the Board of Aldermen finds the stipulation to be appropriate and in the best interest of the City;

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 give their consent and approval to the stipulation as entered into the record of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in the matter captioned “6<sup>th</sup> Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District et al vs. Charles Benoit” bearing Docket No. 200811027 and that a Consent Judgment shall be rendered and signed by the Court in accordance with said stipulation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed forthwith in the record of the above referenced proceedings by the City Attorney, Thomas K. Regan.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STANDARD ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING MADER ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE “AVENUE H AT BAYOU BLANC BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT”

WHEREAS, The City of Crowley desires to remove the existing bridge over Bayou Blanc at Avenue H and construct a new bridge in its place; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to engage the firm of Mader Engineering, Inc. to provide all required engineering services (engineering design, surveying, basic services during construction, and construction observation) for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Mader Engineering, Inc. be, and is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the necessary professional engineering services to remove the existing bridge over Bayou Blanc at Avenue H and construct a new bridge in its place under the Standard Engineering Agreement dated January 25, 2010, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Standard Engineering Contract dated January 25, 2010 to include this project therein by name.

ADOPTED: February 14, 2012

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, 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 12 OF BLOCK 19 OF  
DUSON'S 3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITION TO THE CITY OF  
CROWLEY

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012; 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 December 16, 2011; 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 on Lot 12 of Block 19 of Duson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition of the City of Crowley, being the property of Joyce Guidry Hunter, having a municipal address of 1117 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the said building and/or structure be brought up to building code requirements or demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notice which may be extended in the event the property owner demonstrates a good faith effort to complete demolition and/or removal but has been unable to do so through no fault of his own; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall obtain a building permit after complying with the requirements of La. R. S. 33:4761, et seq.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012 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, CLERK

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Michael Ludwig addressed the assembly with information concerning the complaints at his place of business and requested the council to reconsider the denial of his liquor license for Louie's.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on February 15, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on February 15, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on February 15, 2012 at \_\_\_\_\_.m.

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