

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2010

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 9th day of March, 2010 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: Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting. Aldermen J. Elliot Doré and Steven Premeaux were absent.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderwoman Laurita Pete gave the invocation.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 9th, 2010 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon 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 Alderwoman Laurita Pete to approve Change Order No. 2 to the contract with H & S Construction Company for the 2008-09 Annual Street Repair contract to extend the contract time by 120 calendar days. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment No. 21 to Merrick Construction, Inc. for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$24,525.25. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to table the motion to approve Change Order No. 19, the final Administrative Change order, to the contract with Merrick Construction Company for the Parkerson Redevelopment Project until next council meeting when actual completed information for the project will be available. Seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and adopted.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Change Order No. 20, to the contract with Merrick Construction

Company for the Parkerson Redevelopment Project to revise the permanent striping between Mill Street and Second Street on Parkerson Avenue in an underrun amount of \$-220.80. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a construction contract with CEC to repair the Jacobs Avenue Bridge by splicing 13 pilings at an estimated total project of cost between \$120,000 and \$130,000. Motion carried.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Jeff Doré

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to M. Matt Durand, Inc. for the Waste Water Treatment Facility Rock Filter Rehabilitation project for work done through March 7th in the amount of \$269,088.19. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to authorize the Mayor to submit to LDEQ Addendum No. 9 to the Environmental Assessment and Facility Plan for the Main Pump Station Rehabilitation project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to prepare Addendum No. 9 to the Environmental Assessment and Facility Plan for the Main Pump Station Rehabilitation project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to prepare the plans and specifications for the Main Pump Station Rehabilitation project. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Todd Whiting
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve a New 2010 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and 2010 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Carol B. Gielen for the Grand Opera House of the South, Inc. D/B/A Le Grand Hall located at 505 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA, pending all approving signature are obtained on the application . Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for Side Yard Variance for 34' from front lot line in place of 60' from front lot line and approve an accessory building variance that the building not exceed 1200 square feet as according to the drawing submitted by the property owner, Michael J. Royer, on property described as North

86' of Lots 8-9, Block 27 South Crowley Addition located at 626 East Oak Street. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for a Setback variance for a fence placement 3' into right-of-way described as Lot 10, 14, 15 & 16, Block 132, Original Crowley located at 225 East 8th Street owned by Chad Atkinson. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Mary Melancon
Members – Aldermen Kitty Valdetero, J. Elliot Doré and Todd Whiting

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to retain the services of Shelly King and Associates as Grants Writer. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to adopt a resolution to file an application for a grant with the Delta Regional Authority for sewer improvements. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Todd Whiting
Members – Aldermen Laurita Pete, Jeff Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to declare the list of items presented by Public Works Director, Albert John, as surplus and authorize to advertise for the sale of items by public auction on April 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works Building. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE GREG A. JONES, MAYOR, TO NEGOTIATE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COMPANY (CLECO) FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL UTILITIES, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENTS TO BE PRESENTED FOR FINAL ADOPTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGAGEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INCIDENTAL THERETO; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, Central Louisiana Electric Company (Cleco) has proposed the City of Crowley enter into negotiations to grant a non-exclusive franchise to furnish, construct, maintain and operate electric utilities, generating facilities, transmission and distribution systems in the City of Crowley to Cleco Power LLC for the use of streets, alleyways and other public places in exchange for a franchise fee based on commercial and residential

electric consumption and agreement to provide electric power to governmental facilities and an agreement to provide street lighting for the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Cleco presently holds a non-exclusive franchise for construction, maintenance and operation of electric utilities within the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Cleco has requested the City of Crowley consider its proposal and negotiate for a new Franchise Agreement prior to the expiration of the existing franchise; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen find it is desirable and prudent that the City of Crowley engage in discussions and begin negotiations for a non-exclusive franchise for electrical utilities in the City of Crowley;

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to receive and consider proposals for non-exclusive franchise agreements, electrical service agreements, street lighting agreements and other such agreements, to examine the terms and conditions thereof, to analyze and report on same, to make counterproposals and otherwise engage in negotiations for said agreements as may be deemed necessary and proper in his sole discretion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to engage and employ professional services, included but not limited to engineering, financial, legal and other professional services as may be necessary in his sole discretion to properly evaluate and respond to such proposals.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 9th day of March, 2010, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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 Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on March 11, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on March 11, 2010 at 11:45 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on March 11, 2010 at 11:45 a.m.