

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12TH, 2016

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 12th day of April, 2016 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, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, and Ezora J. Proctor, Lyle Fogleman Jr., and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderman Steven Premeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Tim Monceaux gave the invocation.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Bryan Borill moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 8th, 2016 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor 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:

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 Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 9 to Guinn Construction LLC in the amount of \$217,087.22 for “Repairs to the Facultative Pond Levee and Ultra-Violet Disinfection System at the Waste Water Treatment Facility”. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve Change Order No. 6 to the contract with Guinn Construction LLC for “Repairs to the Facultative Pond Levee and Ultra-Violet Disinfection System at the Waste Water Treatment Facility” to reconcile approved contract time to final contract time (no change in contract amount). 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 Alderman Steven Premeaux to authorize the purchase of a new police unit once insurance payment is received. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve a new 2016 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit and a new 2016 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit for Damian Joseph dba A & J Convenient Store located at 803 North Western Avenue. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to direct Mr. Regan to prepare a resolution to introduce an ordinance to relocate the current four way stop from Spann to Jacob Avenue and place a new three way stop at Mansfield and 7th Street. 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 Tim Monceaux to approve the Planning Commission favorable recommendation for a Variance for use of electrical livestock fencing for Darrell J Simon Jr. described as 29.78 AC NE SEC 3 T10-1E (MISC AG) located on East Park Drive with the conditions that a detailed sketch of boundaries are provided and is in compliance with the existing ordinance for electrical fencing. Motion carried with one abstention from Lyle Fogleman.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve the Planning Commission favorable recommendation for a Conditional use classification to Delta Financial to occupy a funeral home dba Evins, Larry & Perry Family Funeral Home described as Lot 7, Block 55, Crowley-West located at 617 W 4th Street. Motion carried with one abstention from Alderman Vernon Martin.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE :

Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Tim Monceaux, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to begin the request for proposals for improvements to the bathrooms at the Rice Festival building. 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 Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve the renewal of health plan proposal with Meritain Health Ace American effective May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 as presented by Landry, Harris and Company. Motion carried.

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 Alderwoman Ezora Proctor to engage Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company for auditing services for the City of Crowley's fiscal year ending August 31, 2016. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, A NOTICE OF TERMINATION FOR GUINN CONSTRUCTION, LLC, CONTRACTOR, PERTAINING TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE "REPAIRS TO THE FACULTATIVE POND LEVEE AND ULTRA-VIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM AT THE WWTF" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, a final inspection on the above referenced project was performed on March 30, 2016 and incomplete work items identified have now been completed; and

WHEREAS, Guinn Construction, LLC, as Contractor, has substantially completed the "Repairs to the Facultative Pond Levee and Ultra-Violet Disinfection System at the WWTF" project in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to accept the completed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley that the Mayor of said City be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Notice of Termination for and on behalf of the City of Crowley accepting the work as being substantially completed, and that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Notice recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on this the 12th day of April, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON APRIL 5, 2016, FOR THE RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROCK FILTER AND FACULTATIVE POND LEVEE SYSTEM AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT, LDEQ PROJECT NO. CS221145-02; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEERS TO RE-ADVERTISE THE PROJECT FOR BIDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received by the City of Crowley on April 5, 2016, in response to the advertisement for sealed bids for the Restoration Improvements to the Rock Filter and Facultative Pond Levee System at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project and were taken under advisement; and

WHEREAS, all bids were reviewed by the City Engineers and the City Attorney for compliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2212) and other applicable statutes as well as compliance with the bid specifications, addenda and general requirements stipulated in the advertisement for sealed bids prepared by Mader Engineering, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, two (2) of the bid proposals received failed to utilize the required Bid Form labeled "Addendum No. 3" and were therefore found to be Non-Responsive by the City Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the remaining four (4) Responsive bids were found to be substantially in excess of the Opinion of Probable Cost and the amount budgeted by the City for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney opined that under the provisions of LA R.S. 38: 2212 the bids submitted by Cecil Perry Improvements, L.L.C. and D.P. Dumesnil Construction Co., L.L.C. failed to utilized the correct bid form required and are therefore non-responsive and must be rejected; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney further opined that the bids submitted by The Lemonine Company, L.L.C. (the apparent low bidder), E.B. Feucht & Sons, L.L.C., Guinn Construction, L.L.C. and Riverside Construction Co., Inc. substantially exceed the Opinion of Probable Cost and the amount budgeted for the project by the City and should therefore be rejected; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the City Engineer and the City Attorney that that all bids received be rejected and the project be re-advertised for bid at the earliest date;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened with a quorum present and acting throughout that they do hereby reject all bids received on April 5, 2016, for the Restoration Improvements to the Rock Filter and Facultative Pond Levee System at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project, LDEQ Project No. CS221145-02, for the reasons stated above; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Engineers (Mader Engineering, Inc) be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to re-advertise the project for bid at the earliest possible date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor the City of Crowley, and Thomas K. Regan, City Attorney, to inform the contractors/bidders of the rejection of the bids and to perform any and all other acts as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of April, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 1474

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016; 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 10th day of May, 2016 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

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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 12th day of April, 2016.

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of April, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 13th, 2016 at 12:16 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on April 13th, 2016 at 12:16 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April 13th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on April 20th, 2016