

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2004

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 13th day of April, 2004, 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: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero.

Mr. Kenneth Nutt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Martin gave the invocation.

Alderman Istre moved to amend the agenda to consider a resolution for procurement procedures for LCDBG. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to amend the agenda to consider Partial Payment No. 2 to E. L. Habetz for the Concession Complex. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to amend the agenda to consider Partial Payment No. 5 to E. L. Habetz for the Rice Interpretive Center. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to amend the agenda to consider the report from Tim Mader on the erosion problem of Kerney Leger's property. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Marceaux moved to amend the agenda to include the Public Hearing to fix the salary of the Director of Public Works, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said hearing in the manner provided by law. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Marceaux moved to amend the agenda to consider fluoridation into the water system. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Marceaux moved to amend the agenda to consider a snorkel for the Fire Department. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Public Hearing on Rule to Show Cause for the condemnation of the property belonging to Stephen and Melinda Lantier, Sr. was cancelled; as demolition permit had been purchased.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1285. The ordinance to set the salary of the Director of Public Works was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1285. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1285. There were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1285 to a close.

PRESENTATION AND APPEARANCES:

Mr. Kenneth Nutt, Director of Public Works, was honored for his 28 years and 4 months of faithful service to the City of Crowley. Mr. Nutt will be retiring on April 31, 2004. He was presented a watch for his years of public service work.

Mr. David Thibodeaux, President of Lafayette Parish School Board, came before the assembly to inform them of his intention to become a candidate for the position of U. S. Congressman.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 9, 2004 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 4, 2004 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 9, 2004 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 16, 2004 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 7, 2004 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor de la Houssaye presented the Sales Tax Report and User Fee Report that compare current collections to collections from previous years. The Recap of all Funds Report compares actual revenues and expenditures for the seven months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to accept the written proposal by Mr. Ron Sarver to correct problems in the Lawrence Acres Subdivision drainage system. Mr. Sarver will provide resident inspections of the job and will provide the city as well as Mader Engineering with all required documentation for the system to be accepted. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Le Talley Ho for Bicentennial Park Drainage Improvements Phase I in the amount of \$20,821. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Drainage Improvements on Third Street at Avenue G (Post Office) and the construction of sewerage system conflict boxes in the Downtown Parkerson subsurface drainage outfall system. These projects are to be included in the City-Wide Street Repair Contract. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to perform the necessary survey and studies to determine the appropriate pipe size and invert elevations for the installation of pipe in the ditch along the John Greenman property on 8th Street at Eastern Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the advertisement for bids for the Firemen's Training Facility Phase I and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY
AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADIA COUNCIL ON
AGING, INC.; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS
RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Acadia Council on Aging is a non-profit quasi-public corporation which provides assistance to the elderly and others in need of services, such as meals, education, recreation and other services; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Council on Aging owns and operates a facility which is located on East 1st Street which is in need of a larger and improved parking area to accommodate the elderly and the public being served by the agency; and

WHEREAS, the agency does not have adequate funds to pay the costs of improvements which are needed; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Council on Aging, Inc. has requested assistance from the City of Crowley to provide labor, equipment and dirt to assist in the expansion and improvement of the parking area located on East 1st Street;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley 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 Acadia Council on Aging, Inc. authorizing the use of City equipment and personnel and to furnish dirt to assist in the construction and improvement of an expanded parking area located on East 1st Street to meet the needs of the elderly and others seeking services or assistance through the agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to provide such assistance in her discretion, as may be necessary, to meet and proper under the circumstances to complete the improvement and expansion of the parking area.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of April, 2004.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Martin offered a motion to accept Tim Mader's recommendation to work with Mitchell Istre to bring in soil and then reconstruct and level a fence on land behind the home of Kerney Leger that has eroded due to a drainage problem. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin moved to authorize Mader Engineering to proceed immediately with the necessary plans, specifications and procurement of a construction contract to construct a new sewer main by open excavation along the frontage of Michael Albarado's property on Cherokee Road. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 13 to Stelly Construction for the "West Crowley Sewerage Improvements (LCDBG FY 2001 Program)" in the amount of \$27,335.35. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to implement fluoridation into the water system of the city at the earliest convenience. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve the renewal of a 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Sean Devilier, d/b/a America's Sports Bar & Grill located at 165 Oddfellows Road Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve the renewal of a 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Sean Devilier, d/b/a Rue Orleans located at 165 Oddfellows Road, Suite B Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve the renewal of a 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Lazar Gielen, d/b/a Rice Place Restaurant & Bar located at 2015 N. Cherokee Drive Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2004 application from Lazar Gielen for an initial 2004 Class B - Retail Package Beer Permit and a 2004 Class B - Retail Package Liquor Permit, d/b/a Exit 80 Travel Plaza located at 2011 N. Cherokee Drive Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2004 application from Lloyd Jeffers for an initial 2004 Class B - Retail Package Beer Permit and a 2004 Class B - Retail Package Liquor Permit for Richard Oil Company, d/b/a Texaco Mini Mart located at 19027 Crowley-Eunice Hwy Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2004 application from W. Pat Bordez II for an initial 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a 2004 Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Fezzo Inc., d/b/a Fezzo's Seafood Steakhouse & Oyster Bar located 2111 N. Cherokee Drive Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the Mayor and Chief Schmaltz to prepare specifications and to advertise for bids to purchase a snorkel and to add an addendum to purchase a demonstrator if it meets the specifications. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to terminate Corporal Ryan Comeaux from the employment of the Crowley Police Department effective immediately and refer to Insurance and Personnel and refer to letter of intent. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to promote James Burnett, Jr. from Patrolman to Probational Corporal effective April 14, 2004, contingent upon personnel action taken by the Council. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 3 day suspension without pay to Sgt. Mike Foreman for violation of policy PD19-8, refer to Insurance and Personnel and refer to letter of intent. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 3 day suspension without pay to Patrolman Damon Broussard for violation of policy PD 19-7 & PD 19-8 and refer to Insurance and Personnel and refer to letter of intent. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the Mayor and the Chief of Police to meet with Mr. Don Breaux, architect, regarding City Hall renovations for the Police Department. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend Ordinance, Section 7-54 (11) changing time set for closing city parks from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or sunset, with the following exceptions: 1) Sanctioned recreation department activities, 2) Walking track at Mobley Field, 3) Use of any tennis court with lighting. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to appoint Edmund Guidry, Preston DeJean, Kenneth Schexnayder, Audie Hanks, and John Leleux to the Electrical Board effective April 13, 2004 for a period of one year. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to advertise for bids on a new or used snorkel for the Fire Department. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to approve the Preliminary and Final Plats for the re-subdivision of lots in the Crowley Industrial Park for the LaPac Manufacturing Co. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat for the re-subdivision of Freeland Property for 3-B Business, LLC (Park Street at Avenue I). Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to prepare a resolution to call for a public hearing to introduce an ordinance to amend section 5-60 a of Article III of 2000 edition of the International Building Code, 2000 Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 International Mechanical Code (HBAC), 2000 National Electrical Code, State Sanitary Code Part 14 and 2000 International Fuel Gas Code. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Marceaux, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INTRODUCING A
PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO BE REFERRED TO
THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF CROWLEY 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, the proposed ordinance must be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Crowley to hold a public hearing to consider the proposed ordinance and make recommendations to the Board of Aldermen prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance may be considered by the Board of Aldermen for adoption after receipt by the Planning and Zoning Commission and public hearing as required by the Larson Act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration to be adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1286

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.1304, OF ARTICLE III OF APPENDIX A - ZONING, ORDINANCE NO. 1059 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO INCREASE THE HEIGHT OF FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES TO EIGHT (8) FEET ON REAR AND SIDE YARDS; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution together with a copy of the proposed ordinance to the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Crowley be and it is hereby requested to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1286

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.1304, OF ARTICLE III OF APPENDIX A - ZONING, ORDINANCE NO. 1059 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO INCREASE THE HEIGHT OF FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES TO EIGHT (8) FEET ON REAR AND SIDE YARDS; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the Planning and Zoning Commission consider adoption of the proposed ordinance and make a recommendation after conducting a public hearing.

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

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana on this the 13th day of April, 2004.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to table the introduction of a resolution to amend the ordinance for mobile homes to exclude the amendment of section 3.1304, of Article III of Appendix A – Zoning Ordinance No 1059 of the code of ordinances of the City to increase the height of fences, walls and hedges to eight (8) feet on rear and side yards. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to investigate the possibility of abandoning that portion of South Avenue K between Lawson and Mill Street near Crowley Grain Dryers. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to accept the low bid for the plant addition in the Crowley Industrial Park for LaPac Manufacturing Company, Inc. from Bessette Development Corporation in the amount of \$1,645,000. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Restoration to Rice Interpretive Center and Museum with Administrative Offices in the amount of \$35,096.00. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to approve the group health insurance with the larger out of network option as per Landry, Harris and Company. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted. Mr. Landry will prepare the plan document changes that will be effective May 1, 2004 and communicate with employees on the changes.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to confirm William Schmaltz from Probational Fire Chief to Permanent Fire Chief effective April 13, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to terminate Corporal Ryan Comeaux from employment of the Crowley Police Department effective immediately and this being done in accordance with the letter of intent delivered to the Council from the Chief of Police Gibson. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to suspend Sgt. Mike Foreman for 3 days without pay for violation of policy PD19-8 and this being done in accordance with the letter of intent delivered to the Council from the Chief of Police Gibson. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to suspend Patrolman Damon Broussard for 3 days without pay for violation of policy PD 19-7 & PD 19-8 and this being done in accordance with the letter of intent delivered to the Council from the Chief of Police Gibson. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote James Burnett from Permanent Police Officer to Probational Corporal effective April 14, 2004. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Alderman Istre offered a motion to proclaim the month of April as Donate Life Month. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING OF THE LOW INCOME HOUSING ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) AND THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP) OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) were established by Congress to provide block grants to states that can be used to help low income families meet home energy costs and weatherize their homes to conserve energy and reduce further energy bills; and

WHEREAS, while LIHEAP has been re-authorized by Congress at up to \$3.4 billion per year, it has rarely been funded at more than \$2 billion; and since the program was instituted 1981, LIHEAP's inflation-adjusted buying power has sagged to 48 percent of its original size; and

WHEREAS, LIHEAP and WAP are today inadequately funded and thus incapable of addressing the growing energy assistance and conservation needs of low income families; and

WHEREAS, the formula by which the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services allocates LIHEAP grants to individual states severely discriminates against Louisiana and other southern states by favoring heating needs of people in northern states, ignoring the fact that extreme heat is as detrimental to the health and lives of people as extreme cold; and because the formula is driven by decades-old population, income and energy price data; and

WHEREAS the federal Weatherization Assistance Program must be adequately funded to reduce energy consumption and expenditures of families living in substandard, leaky, inefficient housing to improve housing conditions which is critical to dealing the blight of poverty in Louisiana.

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 do hereby urge Louisiana's entire congressional delegation to advocate and support federal legislation and appropriations bills that:

- Increase national funding for LIHEAP, to at least \$3.4 billion annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2005;
- Increase national funding for WAP to at least \$290 billion annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2005;
- Provide for advance funding of both LIHEAP and WAP, so as to enable states to plan more efficiently the distribution of funds for bill payment assistance and weatherization assistance;
- Study the implications for families in Louisiana and other states if LIHEAP and WAP are prevented from keeping pace with growing aging populations, poverty rates and natural gas prices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, that Louisiana's Congressional delegation be urged to join with other members of the House and Senate from the South and West in support of legislation that would rectify the regional funding biases and inequities produced by the current LIHEAP distribution formula, which deprives Louisiana families of just and needed funds and which has not been amended since 1985.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 7th day of April, 2004,
at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES
RELATIVE TO THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, a written procurement must be adopted which complies with the federal regulations pursuant to the Standards Governing State and Local Grantee Procurement as set forth in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-102, Attachment O; and

WHEREAS, the City deems it necessary and proper to comply with the requirements for maximum open and free competition for procurement transactions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Procurement Procedures of the City of Crowley relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program which are attached to and made a part of this resolution are to be followed by the City and any employee responsible for procurement of services, supplies, equipment or construction obtained with funds from the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED on this the 13 day of April, 2004.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

RECREATION:

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to accept the Crowley Rotary Club donation of a Pavilion to the Myer Park at 8th Street. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve the recommendation of the City Engineer and accept the low bid of E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc.; and authorize the Mayor to enter into a construction contract for Hensgen's Park Parking Area Improvements in the amount of \$79,155. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted with Alderman Istre voting nay.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 to Quality Construction Specialists for the "Recreational Facilities Sidewalk Improvements Phase I" in the amount \$50,543.64. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,663.00 to the Construction Contract with Quality Construction Specialists for "Recreational Facilities Sidewalk Improvements Phase I" to furnish and install cast iron

sewer cleanout, cast iron frame and cover, and barrier curb. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Concession Complex in the amount of \$14,850.00. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCE:

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to approve the advertisement for bids for the Firemen's Training Facility Phase I and amend the budget and appropriate funds from General Fund – Fund Balance to Fire Department's Capital Outlay account in the amount of \$117,000. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE LOUISIANA LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO HIRE A LITTER REDUCTION COORDINATOR TO IMPLEMENT A LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has adopted a comprehensive Ordinance to provide for litter control and abatement in the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides for authority to establish a Community Service Litter Abatement Work Program for offenders, establishes a committee to address litter reduction and abatement, and has increased the penalties for littering and provides authority for sentencing offenders to community service for prescribed time in lieu of penalties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley does not have adequate personnel to coordinate and maintain an effective litter abatement campaign; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a position as Litter Abatement Coordinator will permit the reestablishment of the citizens' committee, coordination of educational activities in local schools, clubs and organizations, coordination of offenders sentenced to community service by the Courts and to develop an effective litter reduction and abatement program;

NOW THEREFOR 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 application for a grant to the Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program through the Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$13,500.00 with a local match of \$4,500.00 for the purpose of employing a Litter Abatement Coordinator for the City of Crowley to develop, coordinate and maintain a litter abatement program and activities for the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and execute all the documents as may be necessary and as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 13th day of April, 2004, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1285

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT PART 14 OF SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 2-4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO FIX THE SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 13th day of April, 2004 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the compensation of the Director of Public Works because of the retirement of the Director of Public Works and the appointment of the new Director; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish a new beginning salary for the new Director of Public Works and it is necessary to amend Section 2-4(b)(14) of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in regular session duly convened that:

SECTION 2-4(b)(14) OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED AND RE-ENACTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

Sec. 2-4. (b) The following salaries are hereby fixed and established for each office as set forth hereunder, to-wit:

14) **Director of Public Works** \$33,000.00

Section 2:

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Section 3:

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.

Section 4:

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 DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 13th day of April, 2004, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Istre and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 15, 2004 at 3:50 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on April 15, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk April , 2004 .m.