

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 8, 2007

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 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: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting.

Alderman Vernon Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Reverend Troy Gofney gave the invocation.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Alderman Steven Premeaux offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the back stop at Bi Centennial Park. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

**PRESENTATIONS OR APPEARANCE:**

Mayor Greg A. Jones informed the assembly that the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism has awarded to Crowley the designation of “Certified Retirement Community” and \$10,000 to be used toward the promotion and marketing of our community as such.

Mrs. Ezora Proctor thanked everyone for their support and dedication to the National Day of Prayer.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of Property on Lots 15 and 16 of Block 82 of the West Crowley Addition, having a municipal address of 504 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street belonging to Winbush Funeral Home, Inc. City Inspector, Danny Hebert said he found the building was not in compliance with building codes. Mr. Tim Winbush was present to represent the owners of the property and his intent to restore the property.

Mayor 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 on Lot 5 of Block 141 of the West Crowley Addition, having a municipal address of 920 North Western Avenue belonging to Magnolia Glodd and Jacqueline Glodd. City Inspector, Danny Hebert said he found the building was not in compliance with building codes. Mrs. Ocheowelle Okeke was present to represent the owners of the property and their intent to restore the property.

Mayor Jones called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1361, the ordinance to “amend the fiscal 2007 budget” was read by title.

Mr. Thomas Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1361. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1361 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

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

Alderman Elliot Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Greg A. Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend since fiscal 1992.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS: Alderwoman Mary Melancon, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to R. Cloud Construction Co. for the East Andrus Street and West Andrus Street LCDBG FY'04-'05 Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$77,763.99. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 6 to Quality Construction Specialist under Work Order No. 1 for the FY 2005-06 Crack Routing, Cleaning, and Sealing Contract in the amount of \$34,215.98. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for FY 2007-08 Annual Materials and Street Repair work (Crack Routing, Cleaning and Sealing). Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize Mader Engineering, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and advertise for bids for FY 2007-08 Street Repairs (Patching and Leveling). Motion carried.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon offered a motion to adopt a Resolution with the following request to DOTD. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

1. To reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH on East Hwy 90 from Eastern Avenue to Hanks Pond Road and resurface this segment of Hwy 90
2. Conduct a study and install a traffic signal system at the intersection of Northern Avenue and Hwy 90
3. Plan and construct multi-lane intersection improvements at the Oddfellows Road/Tower Road/La Hwy 1111 East Spur/La Hwy 1111 South Spur and Northern Avenue/Hwy 90 intersections, and multi-lanes between those intersections; and
4. Install additional "No Jake Braking" signs on Hwy 90 between Northern Avenue and La Hwy 1111 South Spur.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Pavement Markings, Inc. for Pavement Markings City-Wide (legends) in the amount of \$24,827.75. Motion carried.

**UTILITY: Alderman Vernon Martin, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve Partial Payment No. 14 to M. P. Dumesnil Construction Co. for the North of I-10 Sewage Improvements contract in the amount of \$116,250.61. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete to authorize a resolution calling for a public hearing to introduce an ordinance to issue a 10 year franchise agreement to SLEMCO on any areas annexed. Motion carried with Alderman Steven Premeaux voting nay.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Alderman Todd Whiting, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to allow the International Rice Festival Association to extend the 2007 carnival to Sunday as a family day from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the Festival providing security and clean-up. An amendment motion by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to include “on a one year trial basis” to the motion was passed. An amendment motion by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to include “no alcohol permitted” to the motion was passed. An amendment motion by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to change the beginning time from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. was passed. The following main motion as amended was voted on and passed with Aldermen Jeff Doré and Kitty Valdetero voting nay and Alderman Todd Whiting abstaining: “A motion to allow the International Rice Festival Association to extend the 2007 carnival to Sunday as a family day from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p. m. on a one year trial basis. No alcohol will be permitted during this event and the Festival will provide security and clean-up.”

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary to donate used cell phones for battered women. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to allow the Fire Department to institute a Smoke Detector Program contingent upon the City Attorney’s approval. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to install speed limit signs on Fairway Drive in the east and west bound lanes. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to install 4 way stop signs on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets with Avenue D being midpoint. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the recommendation of City Inspector Danny Hebert and grant 5 days to obtain a permit, 10 days to begin repairs and 90 days for completion of repairs on property at Lots 15 and 16 of Block 82 of the West Crowley Addition, having a municipal address of 504 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street belonging to Winbush Funeral Home, Inc.. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the recommendation of City Inspector Danny Hebert and grant 5 days to obtain a permit, 10 days to begin repairs and 90 days for completion of repairs on property at Lot 5 of Block 141 of the West Crowley Addition, having a municipal address of

920 North Western Avenue belonging to Magnolia Glodd and Jacqueline Glodd. Motion carried.

**ZONING & ANNEXATION: Alderman Elliot Doré, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an accessory building of 14'X 28' to replace an existing accessory building 12'X 14' with termite damage. The approved accessory building will be located at 1124 North Eastern Avenue described as Lot 7, Block 1 Hockady Height owned by Barbara Thibodeaux. The total square footage of new construction will be 392 square feet which is 168 square feet over allowance by ordinance. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC BUILDING: Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve Partial Payment No. 11 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for renovations to the Criminal Justice Center in the amount of \$51,365.41. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to co sponsor with the Acadia Parish School Board the Adult Education's GED Graduation at the Rice Theatre on June 26, 2007. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL: Alderwoman Laurita Pete, Chairperson**

Alderwoman Laurita Pete offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Mark Landry and approve the renewal of the casualty and property insurance in the total estimated annual premium amount of \$349,900 for the following coverage: Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

Company Name:	St. Paul Travelers Insurance
Policy Term:	05/11/2007 to 05/11/2008
Property	\$97,012
Equipment	\$ 1,460
Inland Marine	\$ 1,950
General Liability	\$76,890
Liquor Liability	\$ 13
Employee Benefits Plans Administration Liability	\$ 318
Law Enforcement Liability	\$47,107
Public Entity Management Liability	\$ 3,151
Public Entity Employment Practice Liability	\$13,169
Auto Liability	\$86,765
Auto Physical Damage	\$20,946
Crime	\$ 1,119

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to employ Conrad Kirsch as a Provisional Police Officer effective May 8, 2007 pending on his physical and drug screening results. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to employ Daniel Boulet as Provisional Police Officer effective May 8, 2007 pending on his physical and drug screening results. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to confirm the retirement of Fire District Chief Elizabeth Benoit effective May 8, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to confirm the promotion of Robert Cramer from Permanent Fire Captain to Probational Fire District Chief effective May 8, 2007. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Alderman Jeff Doré, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to authorize a resolution calling for a public hearing to introduce an ordinance for a franchise agreement with Cox Communications. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to adopt a resolution proclaiming the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker dedication to be held on May 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at LA 13 (I-10). Motion carried. A reception will follow at City Hall.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to adopt a resolution to proclaim the month of May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month. Motion carried.

**RECREATION: Alderman Steven Premeaux, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to declare the fence and back stop at Bi Centennial Park as junk. Motion carried.

**REVENUE & FINANCES: Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Elliot Dore' to take under advisement the auditing services proposed by Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company until the June regular monthly council meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to amend the budget to increase the Fire Prevention by \$1,500 and the Extrinsication by \$1,650 in the Fire Department. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to amend the budget to authorize the purchase of 3 computers for City Hall in the estimated amount of \$4,505.50. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize a resolution calling for a public hearing to introduce an ordinance for millage renewal proposals for Public Recreation and Parks Tax, Disposal Plant Maintenance Tax and Youth Recreation Building Tax to be placed on the October 20, 2007 Election Ballot for 2008 taxes. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to purchase a P.A. system for Miller Stadium in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and unanimously carried:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley recently annexed properties in the area along East U.S. 90 between Eastern Avenue and Hanks Pond Road; and

WHEREAS, rapid commercial and residential development in this general area between Eastern Avenue and Interstate 10 has greatly increased vehicular traffic along this stretch of highway in the last several years; and

WHEREAS, these conditions when coupled with the long, sharp curve in East U.S. 90 near the La 1111 Spurs and numerous highway surface defects create a very dangerous situation for motorists traveling along it and attempting to turn onto and off of the many intersecting streets along this segment of highway; and

WHEREAS, traffic accidents are lately more severe and occurring more and more frequently in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is hereby requested and urged to proceed with the following safety measures:

1. Immediately reduce the speed limit on East U.S. 90 to 35 mph from Eastern Avenue to a point beyond Hanks Pond Road;
2. Immediately resurface the highway in this same segment of U.S. 90;
3. Immediately conduct a new study to address the warrants for a traffic signal at the intersection of Northern Avenue and U.S. 90;
4. Install a traffic signal at the intersection of Northern Avenue and U.S. 90 as soon as it becomes warranted;
5. Proceed immediately with the planning and construction of multi-lane intersection improvements at Oddfellows Road (La 1111) and La 1111 South and East Spurs, and at U.S. 90 and Northern Avenue, and a multi-lane thoroughfare between these intersections; and
6. Install additional “No Jake Braking” signs along westbound U.S. 90, especially between Northern Avenue and La 1111 South Spur.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete, and duly resolved and adopted with Alderman Steven Premeaux voting nay.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA

PARISH, LOUISIANA, 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 the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, 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:

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 33:4401, ET SEQ, THIS MUNICIPALITY'S POLICE POWERS AND IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC, GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE, THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION ("SLEMCO"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION HEREOF, OF CONSTRUCTING, ERECTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING ELECTRICAL UTILITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AND SYSTEMS IN, THROUGH, OVER AND ACROSS, UNDER AND ON THE STREETS, LANES, ALLEYWAYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC ROADS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA (THE "MUNICIPALITY") SUBJECT ONLY TO THE 300 FOOT RULE OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SELLING, SERVICING, HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTING ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRIC ENERGY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY; FIXING THE TERMS, DEFINITIONS, CONSIDERATIONS AND LIMITATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF A SUM EQUAL TO FOUR (4%) PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY SAID COMPANY FROM THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AT RETAIL FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES BILLED FOR SERVICE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID MUNICIPALITY, AS SAME MAY NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER LAWFULLY EXIST; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURNISHING, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF STREET LIGHTING AND THE CHARGES THEREFOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE OR PERTAINING THERETO.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 33:4401, ET SEQ, THIS MUNICIPALITY'S POLICE POWERS AND IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC, GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE, THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION ("SLEMCO"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION HEREOF, OF CONSTRUCTING, ERECTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING ELECTRICAL UTILITY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AND SYSTEMS IN, THROUGH, OVER AND ACROSS, UNDER AND ON THE STREETS, LANES, ALLEYWAYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC ROADS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA (THE "MUNICIPALITY") SUBJECT ONLY TO THE 300 FOOT RULE OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SELLING, SERVICING, HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTING ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRIC ENERGY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY; FIXING THE TERMS, DEFINITIONS, CONSIDERATIONS AND LIMITATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF A SUM EQUAL TO FOUR (4%) PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY SAID COMPANY FROM THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AT RETAIL FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES BILLED FOR SERVICE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID MUNICIPALITY, AS SAME MAY NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER LAWFULLY EXIST; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURNISHING, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF STREET LIGHTING AND THE CHARGES THEREFOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE OR PERTAINING THERETO.

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION ACADIA POST #15 AUXILIARY UNIT #15 TO AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF USED CELL PHONES TO THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST BATTERED WOMEN; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has many old cell phones, battery chargers and other equipment which are obsolete and/or are no longer compatible with the City's current service providers, Cingular; and

WHEREAS, no listing or inventory of these unused cell phones exist since their value is less than the minimum requirement for individual items and many were provided at no cost as part of the contract through the service provider and they are no longer useful for public purposes and should be declared as surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the batteries and other components of the cell phones contain materials which are harmful to the environment if not properly disposed of; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Acadia Post #15 Auxiliary Unit #15 has a project to collect old cell phones for recycling and reconditioning for use by battered women and others requiring emergency communication; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to properly dispose of, recycle and/or recondition the phones for emergency communication use will prevent harmful materials being disposed of in the landfill, provide for 911 emergency communication to battered women and others and provide a source of recycling income for use by the non-profit; and

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 declare the old, unusable and/or obsolete cell phones, battery chargers and all other auxiliary equipment appertaining thereto as surplus property and do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the American Legion Acadia Post #15 Auxiliary Unit #15 to donate the old, unusable and/or obsolete cell phones for proper disposal, recycling and/or refurbishing for distribution to battered women and other needy individuals.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, 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 the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, 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:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (25) TO DESIGNATE AVENUE D AND 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS A FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION AND SUBSECTION (26) TO DESIGNATE AVENUE D AND 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS A FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

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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, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOTS 15 AND 16 OF BLOCK 82 OF ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007; and

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

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 structures situated on Lots 15 and 16, Block 82, Original City of Crowley, Louisiana, being the property of Winbush Funeral Home, Inc., having a municipal address of 504 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and

IT IS 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 ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall have five (5) days in which to obtain a building permit and shall commence renovations within ten (10) days of the date of receipt of notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 5 OF BLOCK 141 OF THE WEST CROWLEY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007; and

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

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 structures situated on Lot 5, Block 141, West Crowley Addition, being the property of Magnolia Glodd and Jacqueline Glodd, having a municipal address of 920 North Western Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and

IT IS 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 ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall have five (5) days in which to obtain a building permit and shall commence renovations within ten (10) days of the date of receipt of notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE LIABILITY, CASUALTY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH ST. PAUL/TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM MAY 11, 2007 TO MAY 11, 2008; TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUMS THEREFOR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to insure various risks by purchasing insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, Mark Landry of Landry Harris & Company has recommended the renewal of the various policies and coverages for commercial property, commercial general

liability, business auto liability, commercial crime, law enforcement and other coverages for the premium amounts which have been reviewed and found satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it appropriate to renew the various policies of coverages at the premium rates quoted.

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 do hereby authorize the renewal of the liability, casualty and property insurance coverages with St. Paul/Travelers Insurance Companies through Landry Harris & Company as agent and authorize the payment of the annual premium in the amount of \$349,900.00 for the policy term beginning May 11, 2007 and ending May 11, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary documents as may be deemed meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, 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 the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, 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:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A NON-EXCLUSIVE CABLE COMMUNICATION SERVICES FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COX COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE SERVICES TO BE RENDERED THEREUNDER; TO PROVIDE FOR FRANCHISE FEES AT THE MAXIMUM RATE OF 5% OF GROSS REVENUES AS DEFINED THEREIN AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE USE OF STREETS, ALLEYWAYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC ROADS AND

OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF PROVIDING CABLE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE REGULATION FOR THE ABOVE MATTERS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A NON-EXCLUSIVE CABLE COMMUNICATION SERVICES FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COX COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE SERVICES TO BE RENDERED THEREUNDER; TO PROVIDE FOR FRANCHISE FEES AT THE MAXIMUM RATE OF 5% OF GROSS REVENUES AS DEFINED THEREIN AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE USE OF STREETS, ALLEYWAYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC ROADS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF PROVIDING CABLE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE REGULATION FOR THE ABOVE MATTERS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

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

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, PROCLAIMING THE DEDICATION OF THE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY OF LOUISIANA MARKER DESIGNATING LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 13 AS A TRIBUTE TO THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICES OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NATION'S ARMED FORCES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 13 has been designated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway of Louisiana by the State Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the designation as a Blue Star Memorial Highway is designed to be a living tribute to the men and women of the Nation's Armed Services in recognition of their sacrifices and valiant services to the Nation and to the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen wish to proclaim the dedication of the marker memorializing Louisiana Highway 13 as a living tribute;

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 proclaim the dedication of Louisiana Highway 13 as a Blue Star Memorial Highway of Louisiana to be a living tribute to our men and women of the United States Armed Forces in recognition of their valiant sacrifices and services rendered to the Nation and to the cause of freedom and the erection of the highway marker on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 13 and Interstate 10 as a fitting tribute in recognition thereof.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2007, AS "AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH"; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS is better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease and is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons of the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic but does not affect the patient's mental capacity and awareness of the continued deterioration and inevitable outcome; and

WHEREAS, ALS has no know causes, means of prevention or cure and continued research should be funded through the Congress on a national level to eradicate this horrible disease; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases public awareness in the community of the terrible impact this disease has on the patient, his or her family and society and recognizes the need for additional research to combat the disease.

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 the City of Crowley does hereby proclaim the month of May, 2007, as “*Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month*”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Crowley memorializes the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and eventually a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THREE (3) PROPOSITIONS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF TAX MILLAGES, TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION AND LEVY OF (1) A THREE & ONE-HALF (3.5) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES; (2) A THREE (3) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PARKS; AND (3) A ONE (1) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE; AND MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley currently collects a three and one-half (3.5) mill tax for the maintenance of the Wastewater Disposal Plant; a three (3) mill tax on all property situated in the City dedicated for Public Parks and Recreation; and a one (1) mill tax for Youth Recreation Building maintenance; and

WHEREAS, said millage taxes represent a significant portion of the funding for maintenance of the wastewater disposal plant, maintenance of public parks and recreation and maintenance of youth recreation buildings, all of which will expire at the end of 2007; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to continue the millages in order to provide revenue dedicated for the purposes of maintenance of the wastewater disposal plant, maintenance of public parks and recreation and maintenance of youth recreation buildings;

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:

SECTION 1: Under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(b), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, (the "Act"), a special election, be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, on October 20, 2007, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code of the State of Louisiana, at which election there shall be submitted to all registered voters of the City of Crowley, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following three (3) propositions, together with a simple and unbiased, concise **summary** in easily understood language which sets forth the substance of each proposition as required by Act 426 of 1993 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, to-wit:

### **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

#### **RENEWAL OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES TAX**

**SUMMARY: To authorize the City of Crowley to levy and collect a Three and One-Half (3.5) Mill Tax (“Renewal”) annually for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of maintaining the wastewater disposal facilities.**

1. Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(b), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a Three and One-Half (3.5) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$189,000.00), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008 and ending in the year 2017 for the purpose of maintaining the wastewater disposal facilities?

### **PROPOSITION NO. 2**

#### **RENEWAL OF PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION TAX**

**SUMMARY: To authorize the City of Crowley to levy and collect a Three (3) Mill Tax (“Renewal”) annually for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of public parks and recreation.**

2. Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(b), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a Three (3) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$162,000.00), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008 and ending in the year 2017 for the purpose of public parks and recreation?

### **PROPOSITION NO. 3**

#### **RENEWAL OF YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE TAX**

**SUMMARY: To authorize the City of Crowley to levy and collect a One (1) Mill Tax (“Renewal”) annually for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of youth recreation building maintenance.**

3. Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(b), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a One (1) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$54,000.00), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2008 and ending in the year 2017 for the purpose of youth recreation building maintenance?

**SECTION 2: Publication of Notice.** There shall be published in the Crowley Post Signal, newspaper published in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, having general circulation throughout the City, and being the official journal of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, Notice of Special Election and which notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as if it were set forth herein in full.

**SECTION 3: Canvass.** The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, the governing authority thereof (the "Governing Authority") shall meet in special session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, Council Chambers, 425 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said special election.

**SECTION 4: Polling Places.** Said election on each said date shall be held between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code at the following designated polling places in the City of Crowley, to-wit:

Ward 6, Precinct 1 - North Crowley Middle School  
Ward 6, Precinct 2 - Notre Dame High School  
Ward 6, Precinct 3A - North Crowley Kindergarten  
Ward 6, Precinct 3B - North Crowley Kindergarten  
Ward 6, Precinct 4 - Acadia Parish Courthouse Lobby, First Floor  
Ward 6, Precinct 5 - Crowley City Hall  
Ward 6, Precinct 6 - Old Ross High School  
Ward 6, Precinct 7 - Rice Festival Building  
Ward 6, Precinct 8 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall  
Ward 6, Precinct 9 - South Crowley Elementary School  
Ward 6, Precinct 11 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Center  
Ward 6, Precinct 12 - School Board Media Center  
Ward 6, Precinct 13 - School Board Media Center  
Ward 6, Precinct 14 - Acadia Animal Clinic  
Ward 6, Precinct 16 - LSU Rice Experiment Station

and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

**SECTION 5: Election Commissioners and Voting Machines.** The officers shall be designated to serve as Commissioner in Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 18:434 and the compensation of said officers shall be fixed in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 18:424 and 18:425. The Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall appoint Commissioners of Election and alternate Commissioners for each precinct, all of whom shall meet the qualifications set forth in Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The Commissioner-in-Charge for each precinct shall be the Commissioner-in-Charge selected or appointed for such precinct under the provisions of Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at the said election and voting machines shall

be used in the conduct of said election. A compiled statement of qualified voters shall be provided to all polling places in the conduct of the election.

**SECTION 6. Officers.** The officers confirmed or designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:1287) shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and make due returns of said special election to the Honorable Secretary of State, the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, and the Honorable Clerk of Court of Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall promulgate the results of said election as provided in Section 3 hereof. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by R.S. 18:424 and R.S. 18:425.

**SECTION 7: Authorization of Officer.** The Clerk of the governing authority be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for the said special election, and to furnish to the said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election as provided by State and Federal Law.

**SECTION 8: Furnish Call to Election Officials.** Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State and Commissioner of Elections of the State of Louisiana, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Acadia, Chairman of the Board of Supervisor for the Parish of Acadia and to the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish of Acadia, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

**SECTION 9: Application to State Bond Commission.** Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided and in the event the Propositions carry, for the Commission's consent and authority to levy said taxes, as provided for in the Propositions above. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the City, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

**SECTION 10: Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. All orders, resolutions and ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing resolution was submitted to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was declared adopted on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and unanimously carried:

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:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

**ORDINANCES:**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1361

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

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

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amendment 2006-2007</b>	<b>Amended 2006-2007 Budget</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Fire Expenditures		
Repairs & Supplies	500	82,600
Street Expenditures		
Repairs & Supplies	15,000	182,000
<b>1 &amp; ½ Cent Sales Tax</b>		
Transfers & Appropriations	28,150	3,772,145
<b>Youth Recreation Building Maintenance</b>		
Capital Outlay	93,000	93,000
<b>Collision &amp; Loss</b>		
Transfers & Appropriations	28,150	100,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2006-2007 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Greg A. Jones, is hereby authorized and in his sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as he may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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.

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 AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 Lyle Fogleman the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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 May 10, 2007 at 10:37 a.m.  
Presented for Mayor's signature on May 10, 2007 at 1:35 p.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on May 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.