

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the following Aldermen present: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Ezora J. Proctor, and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Steven Premeaux were absent.

Alderman Bryan Borill led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Pastor Dennis Smith of Berean Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor, Greg Jones, opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1475, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 12-14 TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION AS A HIRING CRITERIA FOR ALL CITY POLICE OFFICERS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Mayor asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1475. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1475 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1475 was closed.

Mayor, Greg Jones, opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1476, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY REPEALING SUBSECTION (23) SEVENTH STREET AND SPANN AVENUE, RENUMBERING THE SUBSECTIONS AND ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (30) TO DESIGNATE SEVENTH STREET AND JACOBS AVENUE AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (9) TO DESIGNATE SEVENTH STREET AND MANSFIELD AVENUE AS A THREE (3) 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.

Mayor asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1476. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1476 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1476 was closed.

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

Alderman Bryan Borill moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré 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 Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**UTILITY COMMITTEE:**

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 10 to Guinn Construction, LLC under its contract for the “Repairs to the Facultative Pond Levee and Ultra-Violet Disinfection Systems at the Waste Water Treatment Facility” project in the amount of \$54,014.69 for the Release of Retainage. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder for the “Restoration of the Rock Filter at the Waste Water Treatment Facility” project to Cecil Perry Improvements, LLC. with a base bid of \$3,349,237 with no alternates. Motion carried.

**ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin  
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit for Berean Baptist Church described as Lots 6-7, Block 24, South Crowley Addition located at 325 East Elm Street. Motion carried with one abstention, Alderman Martin.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE “2016 - 2017 MATERIALS CONTRACT” PROJECT.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the preparation of the Plans and Specifications for the “2016 - 2017 MATERIALS CONTRACT” Project prepared by Mader Engineering is hereby authorized and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advertisement For Bids for said Project is hereby authorized, that bids will be received at Crowley City Hall on a date that is in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Laws, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date, time, and location may be amended as long as changes are processed in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY DESIGNATING  
THE CROWLEY POST SIGNAL AS THE OFFICIAL  
JOURNAL OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is required by R.S. 43:141 to designate an official journal of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley Post Signal is a daily newspaper printed in the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has used same as its official journal for many years previously;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Crowley, in regular session, duly convened, that the Crowley Post Signal, a daily newspaper printed in the City of Crowley, is hereby designated as the official journal of the City of Crowley for the fiscal year, beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2017; and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to notify the Secretary of State of said designation by providing him with a copy of said Resolution.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA  
PARISH, LA. INTRODUCING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING  
SAME.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal and the notice shall provide for the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1477

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the City Clerk shall publish the following notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1477

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE:**

The following ordinance no. 1475 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 12-14 TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION AS A HIRING CRITERIA FOR ALL CITY POLICE OFFICERS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are responsible for maintaining and providing public safety, protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the City, treating everyone with dignity and respect and are required to enforce the laws of the State of Louisiana and the ordinances of the City of Crowley fairly and equally; and

WHEREAS, the functions and duties of law enforcement officers create a stressful environment, including encountering and dealing with highly volatile situations which require a controlled response in order to reduce the risk of injury to the potential violator(s), the general public and the law enforcement officer(s); and

WHEREAS, an inappropriate response creates a potential liability for the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, determining the suitability of applicants for law enforcement work is highly subjective and difficult task and one of the tools available is psychological evaluation of applicants seeking employment for law enforcement duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to adopt a hiring policy which include as a criteria and requirement that all applicants for law enforcement positions undergo a psychological evaluation measuring the applicant's suitability as a law enforcement officer and the duties and responsibilities associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police have given a favorable recommendation to establishing such a criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENED, THAT:

SECTION 1: Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and it is hereby amended and re-enacted by adding thereto Section 12-14 to read as follows, to-wit:

**Sec. 12-14. Hiring Criteria for Law Enforcement Personnel.**

(a) All applicants for law enforcement positions where the person will be employed by the City of Crowley and issued a law enforcement commission shall consent to and undergo a psychological evaluation directed by the Chief of Police as part of the application process and shall consent to the results of said evaluation being provided to the Chief of Police and elected officials for the purposes of determining the suitability of the applicant for employment as a law enforcement officer.

(b) Any applicant refusing to consent to a psychological evaluation and to execute the necessary release forms as may be required by the provider shall be deemed unfit and ineligible for employment.

SECTION 2: 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; and

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux  
Ezora Proctor and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman and Steven Premeaux

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following ordinance no. 1476 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It was offered for final adoption by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor, seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux and duly adopted.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY REPEALING SUBSECTION (23) SEVENTH STREET AND SPANN AVENUE, RENUMBERING THE SUBSECTIONS AND ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (30) TO DESIGNATE SEVENTH STREET AND JACOBS AVENUE AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (9) TO DESIGNATE SEVENTH STREET AND MANSFIELD AVENUE AS A THREE (3) 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.

WHEREAS, the complaints of speeding and failure of vehicles to stop at existing stop signs on Seventh Street; and

WHEREAS, the pastor and members of the congregation of the Jerusalem Baptist Church located 927 Seventh Street have voiced their concerns about the increased pedestrian traffic as well as increase traffic during church services and meetings during the week on Seventh Street and the speed thereof in close proximity to the parked vehicles, pedestrians and members of the congregation near the intersection of Seventh Street and Jacobs Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Spann Avenue does not have as high traffic volume nor concentration of parked vehicles and pedestrians in comparison to the intersection of Jacobs Avenue and Seventh Street; and

WHEREAS, it appears a four (4) way stop intersection would be more appropriate to be placed at the intersection of Seventh Street and Jacobs Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the volume of vehicles exceeding the speed limit on Seventh Street, an additional three (3) way stop intersection should be designated at the intersection between Spann Avenue and Sunset Avenue; and

WHEREAS, to control traffic and enhance safety, it is necessary that Seventh Street and Jacobs Avenue be designated a four (4) way stop intersection and added to the Code of Ordinances and Seventh Street and Mansfield Avenue be added as a three (3) way stop intersection and added to the Code of Ordinances; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; 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:

SECTION 1: That Section 14-23(c) of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted by repealing Subsection (23), Seventh Street and Spann Avenue, renumbering the subsections and adding thereto Subsection (29) to designate Seventh Street and Jacobs Avenue as a four (4) way stop to read as follows, to-wit:

**Sec.14-23. Right-of-way streets; four-way stop intersections.**

(c) *Four-way stop intersections.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein provided, the following described intersections shall be four-way stop intersections and each operator of a motor vehicle, upon approaching such intersection, shall bring such driver's vehicle to a complete stop and shall remain stopped until any vehicle previously stopped at the intersection has proceeded through such intersection and, thereafter, the drivers of vehicles on the intersecting streets shall, after stopping, alternate in proceeding through such intersection:

- (1) AVENUE E AND FIRST STREET
- (2) AVENUE G AND NORTHERN AVENUE
- (3) AVENUE H AND EIGHTH STREET
- (4) AVENUE F AND PINE STREET
- (5) AVENUE G AND EAST HUTCHINSON AVENUE
- (6) AVENUE G AND FIFTH STREET
- (7) AVENUE G AND FOURTH STREET

- (8) AVENUE G AND THIRD STREET
- (9) AVENUE F AND FIFTH STREET
- (10) NORTHERN AVENUE AND WESTERN AVENUE
- (11) AVENUE E AND FIFTH STREET
- (12) AVENUE D AND FAIRWAY DRIVE
- (13) HUTCHINSON AVENUE AND WESTERN AVENUE
- (14) AVENUE E AND HUTCHINSON AVENUE
- (15) AVENUE F AND HUTCHINSON AVENUE
- (16) AVENUE H AND HUTCHINSON AVENUE
- (17) AVENUE K AND SEVENTH STREET
- (18) AVENUE B AND SEVENTEENTH STREET
- (19) AVENUE J AND FIRST STREET
- (20) AVENUE H AND ELM STREET
- (21) AVENUE N AND CEDAR STREET
- (22) THIRD STREET AND AVENUE N
- (23) LABELLE AND EASTPARK DRIVE
- (24) AVENUE D AND FOURTEENTH STREET
- (25) AVENUE D AND FIFTEENTH STREET
- (26) AVENUE E AND TENTH STREET
- (27) FIFTEENTH STREET AND AVENUE B
- (28) TWELFTH STREET AND CRAWFORD AVENUE
- (29) SEVENTH STREET AND JACOBS AVENUE

SECTION 2: That Section 14-23(d) of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted by adding thereto Subsection (9) to designate Seventh Street and Mansfield Avenue as a three (3) way stop to read as follows, to-wit:

**Sec.14-23. Right-of-way streets; three-way stop intersections.**

(d) *Three-way stop intersections.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein provided, the following described intersections shall be three-way stop intersections and each operator of a motor vehicle, upon approaching such intersection, shall bring such driver's vehicle to a complete stop and shall remain stopped until any vehicle previously stopped at the intersection has proceeded through such intersection and, thereafter, the drivers of vehicles on the intersecting streets shall, after stopping, alternate in proceeding through such intersection:

- (1) AVENUE F AND TWELFTH STREET
- (2) EAST FIFTEENTH STREET AND THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AVENUE G
- (3) WESTERN AVENUE AND MILL STREET
- (4) NORTHERN AVENUE AND WILLIAM EGAN AVENUE
- (5) TEXAS STREET AND HUVAL STREET
- (6) TEXAS STREET AND STUTES STREET
- (7) HOCKADAY STREET AND WRIGHT AVENUE
- (8) FOURTEENTH STREET AND AVENUE B
- (9) SEVENTH STREET AND MANSFIELD AVENUE

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: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux  
Ezora Proctor and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman and Steven Premeaux

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chief K.P. Gibson spoke in appreciation of his fourteen years of being Chief of the City of Crowley. He thanked the council members for their support of Law Enforcement through the years. He also stated that he will continue to work with the City and the new Chief for all needs within the City and Parish.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at                   a.m.  
Presented for Mayor's signature on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at                   a.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at                   a.m.

Publish in newspaper on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016