

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero. Alderwoman Laurita D. Pete was absent.

Alderman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Martin gave the invocation.

Representative Gill Pinac came before the assembly to summarize the capital outlay funds that were given to the City of Crowley in the legislative session.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1290. The ordinance on La State Uniform Construction Code was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1290. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1290. There were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1290 to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on Proposals for a SLEMCO Franchise and Streetlight Agreement.

Mr. Ken Bordelon, a representative from SLEMCO, explained new proposals offered by SLEMCO on the Franchise and Streetlight Agreement with the City of Crowley.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents on the public hearing. Ms. Jennifer Haynes a representative of K.S.I.G., K.Q.I.S. and K.B.E.B., requested a favorable consideration on behalf of SLEMCO. Mr. Bill Young a representative of the First Turn and a council member in Scott, strongly suggested to grant SLEMCO a franchise.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents on the public hearing. Mrs. Sabrina Salling, a representative of CLECO, spoke and distributed a booklet that details the best energy values provided by CLECO. Mrs. Ezora Proctor, a member of Acadia Parish School Board, emphasized that CLECO was considerate in issues concerning the youth.

A written statement was read from Mr. Bill Hoffpauir urging the City Council to vote "for" the SLEMCO franchise.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Elmeta Y. Morgan, et al should not be condemned.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 12 OF BLOCK 30 ORIGINAL CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004; 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;

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 they do hereby Order the buildings and/or structures, including the mobile home situated on Lot 12 of Block 30, Original City of Crowley, Louisiana, being the property of Elmeta Y. Morgan, et al., having a municipal address of 215 North Avenue D, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same are hereby condemned; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said mobile home, building and/or structure be demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Martin offered a substitute motion to allow thirty (30) days to remove all trash and debris. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and the motion failed after a vote.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of John Wilturner, Dorothy Ann St. Julian and Jerry Thompson, should not be condemned.

Mr. John Wilturner, Dorothy St. Julian and Betty Johnson spoke at the hearing.

Alderman Martin moved to allow the property owners John Wilturner, Dorothy Ann St. Julian and Jerry Thompson 60 days to bring the buildings and/or structures situated on Lot 4 of Block 19, Duson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition to code. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

**PRESENTATION OR APPEARANCE:**

Judge Francie Bouillion came before the assembly to inform them of her intention to become a candidate for judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of appeal.

Mr. Tom Wills of Side & Associates presented Phase II of the "Catch it" Crowley Pride Campaign.

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

Alderman Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 8, 2004 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Thomas 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 ten months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Partial Payment No. 2 for Release of Retainage to Quality Construction Specialists for "Drainage Improvements on Avenue F between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Hutchinson (St. Michael's Church) in the amount of \$1,126.48. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to engage Morvant Construction to furnish and install an additional 15" diameter RCP stub out in the new 48" culverts on Northern Avenue near Eastern Avenue (at Northside Assembly of God Church) in the estimated amount of \$1,500. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

**UTILITY:**

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 16 to Stelly Construction for the "West Crowley Sewerage Improvements (LCDBG FY 2001 Program) in the amount of \$89,593.40. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 2 for Release of Retainage to Wastewater Services, Inc. for "Relocation of Sewerage System for the Resubdivision of Lots in Industrial Park for the LaPac Lease/Purchase" in the amount of \$3,218.68. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2004 application from Chris Allen for an initial Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit for CJ's located at 224 North Avenue A, Crowley and to table upon review from the City Attorney and City Inspector that it meets all requirements. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA  
PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE  
TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Ralph Primeaux, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 6 and the E 10' of Lot 7 of Block 5 of the H. Thibodeaux Addition City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 522 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Ralph Primeaux, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA  
PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE  
TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Placide Bourque, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 1 of Block 1, Kilmer Addition, City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 1425 North Avenue I, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Placide Bourque, c/o Pierre Bourque, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

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

PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE  
TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Phyllis Clark Credeur, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 8 of Block 81, Original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 411 West Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Phyllis Clark Credeur, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to accept the request from Chief Gibson to amend the General Fund – Police Department's budget by moving \$3,000 from the School & Convention account and \$10,000 from the Emergency Overtime account to the K-9 Unit account for the purchase of a canine in the estimated amount of \$13,000. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to confirm Chris Osborne from Corporal to Sergeant effective July 12, 2004, confirm Tammy Mallet from Patrolman to Corporal effective July 12, 2004, to accept the resignation of Mike Foreman effective July 6, 2004 and to refer to Insurance and Personnel. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2004 application from Chris Allen for an initial Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit for CJ's located at 224 North Avenue A, Crowley, contingent upon necessary departmental signatures. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

**PUBLIC BUILDING:**

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 to Bessette Development Corporation for the construction of LaPac Manufacturing to deduct contract prices due to sales tax exemption in the amount of a (negative) -\$59,311. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 4 to Bessette Development Corporation for the construction of LaPac Manufacturing to extend the contract time by 18 days; therefore, the date of substantial completion as of the date of this Change Order is December 9, 2004. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 5 to Bessette Development Corporation for the construction of LaPac Manufacturing to furnish all additional material, labor and equipment required to increase the diameter of the foundation

shafts from 18” to 24” and from 30” to 36” and reduce the depth from 18’ to 12’. Cut the existing reinforcement that remains to 10’ and add an additional two #6 bars in the 24” shafts and six #6 bars in the 24” shafts in the amount of \$5,674. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to Bessette Development Corporation for the construction of LaPac Manufacturing in the amount of \$267,919.95. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Payment No. 3 to Donald J. Breaux Architect for the Ford Building Restoration Architectural Services in the amount of \$16,595.69. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 7 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Ford Building Restoration in the amount of \$96,789. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 4 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Recreation Concession Complex in the amount of \$38,146. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted with Alderman Marceaux voting nay.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for a time extension to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Ford Building Restoration project to extend the contract time by 30 days; due to days lost during the redesign of the windows and substantial amount of rain. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

#### **INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO LETTER OF CREDIT #318 OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOUISIANA ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00; AND TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 EVIDENCES BY A PROMISSORY NOTE AND SECURED BY A GOVERNMENTAL CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT; AND TO PROVIDE ALL MATTER RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the First National Bank has issued a Standby Letter of Credit in 1994 in favor of the Louisiana Office of Workers’ Compensation to secure its self-insured workers’ compensation fund; and

WHEREAS, the Standby Letter of Credit was secured by the pledge of a Certificate of Deposit owned by the City of Crowley in the original amount of \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley applied for and was granted authority by the Louisiana State Bond Commission to pledge the necessary funds to secure the Standby Letter of Credit, all this is evidence by Resolution L94-174 dated May 19, 1994 of the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and

WHEREAS, the First National Bank of Louisiana has requested that the City reauthorize the issue of the Standby Letter of Credit and the pledge of funds associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley continues to maintain its own self-insured Workers’ Compensation Program and the amount of security has been reduced to

\$150,000.00, as is evidenced by the Letter of Credit #318 of the First National Bank of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to reauthorize the transaction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. delaHoussaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an application for a line of credit in the amount of \$150,000.00 from First National Bank of Louisiana, to approve the form and substance of the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit, to execute a promissory note in favor of the First National Bank of Louisiana in the amount of \$150,030.00 bearing simple interest at a variable rate per annum equal to three (3) percentage points over the six month CD rate (currently 0.75%) payable on demand, to pledge an unencumbered Certificate of Deposit to the First National Bank of Louisiana as security for the said Standby Letter of Credit and to authorize the assignment of the deposit account as required by the Bank to pay an annual fee not to exceed one (1%) percent of the amount of the Standby Letter of Credit, to pay all costs and fees in connection with this transaction, to provide a governmental certificate of existence and authority, to pledge the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit by the First National Bank of Louisiana on behalf of the City of Crowley to the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation as security for the City's self-insured workers' compensation program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, that the Honorable Isabella L. delaHoussaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary forms, documents, assurances and provisions as may be meet and proper in the premises necessary to conclude said transaction.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Istre offered a motion to confirm Allen Broussard from Recruit to Probational Police Officer effective March 23, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to reprimand Patrick Beniot for not attending court in violation of PD19-15 of Departmental Policy effective June 17, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to confirm Clay Cormier from Probational Driver to Permanent Driver effective July 29, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to confirm Lucien Breaux from Probational Captain to Permanent Captain effective July 29, 2004. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to confirm Chris Osborne from Corporal to Sergeant effective July 14, 2004, confirm Tammy Mallet from Patrolman to Corporal effective July 14, 2004, to accept the resignation of Mike Foreman effective July 6, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Alderman Istre offered a motion to set the date for the JulyFete 2005 celebration to Sunday, July 3, 2005. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR A WEST CROWLEY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is in need of additional housing for low and moderate income families and persons with disabilities and special needs which are not being met by the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency provides funding for low income housing credits program sponsored by municipalities to address the issues of affordable housing services; and

WHEREAS, the city is required to develop a community revitalization plan which establishes priorities for meeting the needs of the public, identifying resources available, establishing goals and specific action plans to carry out those strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has developed a strategic plan for participation in the program and it is necessary that a public hearing be held to hear comments regarding the West Crowley revitalization plan in order to participate in the program;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that they do hereby authorize a public hearing and publication of notice thereof to be fixed for Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to hear comments on the proposed neighborhood revitalization plan of the City of Crowley;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the City Clerk, be and she is hereby authorized to publish legal notice of said public hearing as necessary to comply with the rules, regulations and requisites of law applicable thereto.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004 in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

**RECREATION:**

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to E. B. Feucht for the Hensgens Park Parking Area project in the amount of \$54,399.43. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with E. B. Feucht for the Hensgens Park Parking Area project in the amount of (negative) -\$18,155.63. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

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



RESOLUTION OF TERMINATION

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a Notice of Termination for E.B. Feucht & Sons, Inc., Contractor, pertaining to the substantial completion of the contract subject to a punch list attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, for "Hensgens Memorial Park Parking Lot Improvements" for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, E.B. Feucht & Sons, Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed "Hensgens Memorial Park Parking Lot Improvements" for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

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

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

ADOPTED: July 13, 2004

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Premeaux moved to authorize Partial Payment No. 3 for Release of Retainage to Quality Construction Specialists, Inc. for Recreational Facilities Sidewalk Improvements Phase I in the amount of \$10,028.97. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

**REVENUES:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Marceaux, duly seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved 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:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2004; 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004 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, 2003 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2004; 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with LAWCO for a fire hydrant at Lovell and South Highway 13 using LCDA Funds to pay for the project. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA, FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley has received a proposed budget for fiscal year 2005 for their consideration and adoption; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held to receive public comment prior to adoption of the annual budget by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, notice of the availability of the proposed annual budget and of the public hearing to receive public comment must be published once in the official journal of the City of Crowley, no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, which notice shall provide for the date, time and place where the Board of Aldermen will consider their adoption;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, to receive public comment on the adoption of the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2005; and

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 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED  
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005, CITY OF CROWLEY

Public notice is hereby given that the proposed annual budget of the City of Crowley for fiscal year 2005 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 426 N. Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the budget are also available at a nominal cost.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the adoption of the annual budget for the fiscal year 2005 as follows:

DATE : July 28, 2004  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL  
426 NORTH AVENUE F  
CROWLEY, LA 70526

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall hear any and all comments concerning the revenues and expenditures of the City of Crowley relative to the adoption of the annual budget for fiscal year 2005.

SIGNED on July 13, 2004 at Crowley, LA.

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ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR  
CITY OF CROWLEY  
P. O. BOX 1463, CROWLEY, LA 70527  
PHONE: (337) 783-0824

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed, please contact Judy L. Istre at (337) 788-4103, to describe the assistance that is necessary.

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THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

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 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 SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 2-4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; 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 of the City of Crowley 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, 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 TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 2-4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; 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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA, CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2004 AND TO ROLL FORWARD THE MILLAGE TO RATES NOT TO EXCEED THE PRIOR YEAR'S MAXIMUM MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley must adopt ad valorem millage rates for the tax year 2004; and

WHEREAS, to consider the adoption of the adjusted millage rate and to roll forward the millage rates after re-assessment, two (2) resolutions must be considered; and

WHEREAS, to consider these resolutions a public hearing must be held to receive public comment prior to consideration of adoption by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, notice of the intent of the resolutions must be published twice, more than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing, in the official journal of the City of Crowley, which notice shall provide for the date, time and place where the Board of Aldermen will consider their adoption;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004 at 6:00 p.m., to-wit:

1. ADOPT THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2004;
2. ADOPT THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES AFTER RE-ASSESSMENT AND ROLL FORWARD THE MILLAGE TO RATES NOT TO EXCEED THE PRIOR YEAR'S MAXIMUM MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2004.

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 PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the City of Crowley as follows:

DATE : September 14, 2004  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL  
426 NORTH AVENUE F  
CROWLEY, LA 70526

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall hear any comment concerning the reassessment and revaluation of property within the City of Crowley relative to the adoption of ad valorem tax millages.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the following:

1. Adopt the adjusted millage rates for the tax year 2004;
2. Adopt the adjusted millage rates after Reassessment and roll forward the millage to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2004.

SIGNED on July 13, 2004 at Crowley, LA.

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ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR  
CITY OF CROWLEY  
P. O. BOX 1463, CROWLEY, LA 70526  
PHONE: (337) 783-0824

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed, please contact Judy L. Istre at (337) 788-4103, describing the assistance that is necessary.

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to borrow up to \$100,000 from LCDA to purchase five (5) vehicles for the Police Department and for the Chief to prepare a plan for rotating vehicles on a regular basis. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted after the following roll call vote.

YEAS: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Steven C. Premeaux, and Ira Thomas

NAYS: Woody Marceaux and Kitty Valdetero

ABSENT: Laurita D. Pete

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

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 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 ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 14-34 TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF EXHAUST BRAKE DEVICES IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; 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 of the City of Crowley 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, 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 TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 14-34 TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF EXHAUST BRAKE DEVICES IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; 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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION  
OF BOBBY SMITH I AND BOBBY SMITH II  
SUBDIVISIONS TO THE LOUISIANA HOUSING  
FINANCE AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Bobby Smith I & II Subdivisions are each 26 unit single-family subdivisions for a total of 52 homes to be located at the end of John F. Kennedy Drive commencing north about 950 feet to the Housing Authority property then commencing east approximately 800 feet to the property line where 10<sup>th</sup> street dead ends, then commencing south about 950 feet to the property line behind lot 46 on Grady Poullard Drive, then west to the beginning point at John F. Kennedy Drive.

WHEREAS, said development lies in the incorporated area of the City of Crowley therefore within the jurisdiction of the City of Crowley City Council.

WHEREAS, this City has been and remains supportive of sanitary, affordable housing for all of its citizens;

WHEREAS, certain special needs groups, namely the handicapped, single parent households and large families will be served by this facility with positive needs based programs to allow them to live more productive and more rewarding lives;

WHEREAS, these special needs groups have been historically under served due to the lack of available state and federal funding;

WHEREAS, although this city does not encourage or direct its citizens to select one residence over another, it does support as a general proposition the building of new housing that is safe, sanitary and affordable;

WHEREAS, Bobby Smith I and Bobby Smith II Subdivisions, along with its nonprofit partner(s) will partially fund this project upon successful application with Internal Revenue Service Code Section 42 tax credits as awarded by the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency;

WHEREAS, said tax credits are awarded on a state-wide, competitive basis to those applicants that score the highest points; and

WHEREAS, a resolution of support from this governmental body will be a significant factor, but not the only factor, in determining whether or not said application is successful'



NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the City of Crowley City Council in legal and regular session does support the application of Bobby Smith Subdivision Phase I and Bobby Smith Subdivision Phase II to the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

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 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 THE PROVISIONS OF THE VICIOUS DOG ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS DEEMED TO BE VICIOUS WITH MICROCHIPS, TO PROVIDE FEES AND CHARGES THEREFOR BY AMENDING SECTION 4-21.1(a), (b) AND (c); AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DO SO BY AMENDING SECTION 4-21.6(a); AND TO REQUIRE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC BY ADDING SECTION 21.10; AND TO REQUIRE THE OWNER TO PROVIDE PROOF OF SAID COVERAGE; 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 of the City of Crowley 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, 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 TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE VICIOUS DOG ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS DEEMED TO BE VICIOUS WITH MICROCHIPS, TO PROVIDE FEES AND CHARGES THEREFOR BY AMENDING SECTION 4-21.1(a), (b) AND (c); AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DO SO BY AMENDING SECTION 4-21.6(a); AND TO REQUIRE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC BY ADDING SECTION 21.10; AND TO REQUIRE THE OWNER TO PROVIDE PROOF OF SAID COVERAGE; 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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

**ORDINANCES:**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1290

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES I, II, III, AND IV OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CITY OF CROWLEY TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES KNOWN AS THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 5-2 OF ARTICLE I, SECTION 5-28 OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 5-60 OF ARTICLE III AND SECTIONS 5-100, 5-101 AND 5-103 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; 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, the Louisiana legislature has adopted a uniform state construction code which is to be applied by municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the application of uniform modern construction codes will eliminate obsolete, conflicting and unnecessary construction regulations which limit the use of new methods and materials which unnecessarily increase the cost of construction and variation in the application of construction standards caused by the modern construction codes; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of uniform state regulations will insure the application of a modern uniform construction code which will lower the cost of construction for the citizens of the state while insuring healthy, safe and sanitary construction of buildings; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, in regular session, duly convened that:

SECTION 1: Section 5-2 of Article I of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5-2 Adoption of Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code.

There is hereby adopted by the city, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, including permits and penalties, that certain building code known as the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, which code consists of the 2000 edition of the International Building Code, published by the International Code Council, which replaces the 1997 Standard Building Code; the 1999 edition of the National Electrical Code published by the National Fire Protection Association; and the 2000 edition of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, published by Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals; the 2000 International Mechanical Code and the 2000 International Fuel Gas Code, of which not less than three copies have been and now are filed in the office of the clerk of the city, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this section and the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction of all buildings and structures therein contained within the corporate limits of the city. The State Uniform Construction Code shall be effective January 1, 2004.

SECTION 2: Section 5-28 of Article II of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5-28. National Electric Code – Adopted.

The National Electrical Code, 1999 edition, adopted and sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, as hereafter amended, is hereby adopted and made a part of this article as fully as if set out at length herein, to govern and control the installation, repair and maintenance of electric wiring and other electrical devices, equipment and installation.

SECTION 3: Section 5-60 of Article III of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5-60. International Building Code and International Mechanical Code adopted; penalty.

(a) *Adopted.* The International Building Code, 2000 edition, published by the International Code Council, which replaces the 1997 standard building code, is hereby adopted and made a part of this article as fully as if set out herein at length, to govern and control the minimum standards of housing for dwelling purposes in the city.

(b) *Adopted.* The International Mechanical Code, 2000 edition, published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and made a part of this article as fully as if set out herein at length, to govern and control the minimum standards of building purposes in the city.

(c) *Penalty.* Any person who shall be convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of the housing code, of failure to comply therewith, or of a violation or failure to comply with any order made thereunder, or failure to comply with such an order, as affirmed or modified by the appeal body therein provided for, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, or of a violation of any of the provisions of this article shall, for each violation and noncompliance, be punished as provided in Section 1-8 of this Code of Ordinances. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time. When not otherwise specified, each ten (10) days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense. The application of any penalties shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

SECTION 4: Section 5-100 of Article IV of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5-100. State plumbing code; compliance.

SECTION 5: Section 5-101 of Article IV of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5-101. Louisiana State Plumbing Code; adopted, penalty.

(a) *Adopted.* There is hereby adopted for the purpose of prescribing standards and regulations governing construction, alteration, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such building or structure within the city that certain code known as the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 edition, published by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, is hereby adopted and made a part of this article as fully as if set out herein at length and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the city.

(b) *Penalty.* Any person who will violate any of the provisions of the code hereby adopted or fail to comply therewith shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalties for the violation thereof as provided in Section 1-8. However, the imposition of a penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or defects within a reasonable time, and the application of such a penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

SECTION 6: Section 5-103 of Article IV of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5-103. International Fuel/Gas Code adopted; penalty.

(a) There is hereby adopted by the governing body for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing the installation or alteration of gas piping and appliances, demolition and moving of buildings, that certain code printed in pamphlet form known as the International Fuel/Gas Code, 2000 edition, published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out in length herein, and from the date on

which this section shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the city.

(b) Any person failing to comply with any provisions of the gas code, or failing to comply with any order of the inspector, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and the gas fitter's license of such person may be revoked.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 8: 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 9: 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Laurita D. Pete

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to amend the original proposal that was submitted by SLEMCO to include the additions; and on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July to adopt a resolution to introduce an ordinance and call for a public hearing to be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted with Alderman Thomas abstaining.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on July 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.  
Presented for Mayor's signature on July 28, 2004 at 3:15 p.m.  
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk July , 2004 at .m.