

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

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 July, 2015 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, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Lyle Fogleman Jr. was absent.

Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Aldermen Steven Premeaux gave the invocation.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Alderman Bryan Borill offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider a resolution for an increase in the transaction fee to \$4.50 per service or transaction rendered by the Crowley Office of Motor Vehicles that are collected on the City's behalf. Seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

**APPEARANCES:**

Jack Montoucet, State Representative of District 42, addressed the assembly to speak on the legislative session which ended last month.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AND SUBSECTIONS AND TO ADD THERETO CERTAIN SECTIONS AND SUBSECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF 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.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1470. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1470 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1470 was closed.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Alderman Vernon Martin moved that the Board adjourn and go into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss Patrolman Evan Smith; and the roll was called with the following members present: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Lyle Fogleman Jr. was absent. Seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor and duly adopted.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen returned to the chamber from executive session.

Mayor Greg A. Jones reconvened the meeting from Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. and the roll was called with the following members present: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Lyle Fogleman Jr. was absent.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to accept the recommendation of Police Chief K. P. Gibson to terminate the employment of Mr. Evan Smith based on not completing work satisfactorily during the working test period. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

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

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor and duly adopted

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor and duly adopted.

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

Mayor Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **UTILITY COMMITTEE:**

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to Guinn Construction, LLC for “Repairs to the Facultative Pond Levee and Ultra-Violet Disinfection Systems at the Waste Water Treatment Facility” in the amount of \$82,715.23. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to Trek, Inc. for “LCDBG FY 2012-13 Project of Installation of Floating Aerators at the Crowley Waste Water Treatment Facility” in the amount of \$128,923.38. 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 Vernon Martin to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation for approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat for Clinton and Victoria Cradeur of Double A Rentals to re-subdivide

the property described as Lot 9, and a portion of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 10 of Block 35 of the Original City of Crowley Subdivision. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderwoman Ezora Proctor  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré  
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Vernon Martin, and Kitty Valdetero

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to extend sick leave for Permanent Police Lieutenant Scott Fogleman effective May 17, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to extend sick leave for Permanent Police Corporal Bronston Drew effective June 1, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to accept the resignation of Probational Police Lieutenant Jeremy Abshire effective June 12, 2015. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO APPROVE THE TWO (2) YEAR APPOINTMENT OF GREG A. JONES AS A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE “AUTHORITY”) AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-D OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED; AND TO PROVIDE WITH ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16 is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Act creates the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the “Authority”) for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions, as defined in the Act, and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, previously passed a resolution to become a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana in regular session duly convened, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, that they do hereby approve the appointment of the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the offices of the Authority.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman

The Resolution was declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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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 Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill 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 2016 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley has received a proposed budget for fiscal year 2016 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, to receive public comment on the adoption of the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2016 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 2016, CITY OF CROWLEY

Public notice is hereby given that the proposed annual budget of the City of Crowley for fiscal year 2016 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 425 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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 2016 as follows:

DATE : AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
TIME: 4:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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 2016.

SIGNED on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Crowley, LA.

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Judy L. Istre, City Clerk  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 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 Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA, AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE TRANSACTION FEE TO FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$4.50) PER SERVICE OR TRANSACTION RENDERED BY THE CROWLEY FIELD OFFICE OF THE OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS, EXCEPT THE RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION AND LICENSES

Whereas, the City of Crowley provides office facilities for use as the local Field Office in the City of Crowley, by the Office of Motor Vehicles, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and

Whereas, the cost of operation of the Local Field Offices is not fully funded by the State;  
and

Whereas, the revenue generated by the current transaction fee is insufficient to pay the cost of operating the facility, due to declining numbers of transactions; and

Whereas, by virtue of the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 32:429, as amended by Act No. 765 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative Session, authorized the Local Governing Authority to levy a fee not to exceed Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per service or transaction, to be used solely to defray the cost of operation of the Local Field Office:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in regular session, duly convened, they do hereby levy a fee of Four Dollars and Fifty (\$4.50) per service or transaction rendered or carried out as a operation by the Crowley Local Field Office of the Office of Motor Vehicles of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections; however, said fee shall not apply to the renewal of motor vehicles registration and licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said funds shall be used solely to defray the cost of operations of the local field office supported and provided by the governing authority of the City of Crowley for rental, utilities and maintenance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an Intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, authorizing the Secretary of Department of Public Safety and Corrections to collect the said fee for each service or transactions, as set forth above, authorizing the Secretary to transmit said fees to the Office of the State Treasurer, and which fees shall be deposited in escrow by the State Treasurer, which fees shall be held as Non-state funds, and direct that said funds shall be remitted directly to the City of Crowley under the terms of the agreement with the Office of Mother Vehicles, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session, on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

**ORDINANCE:**

A motion to table the following ordinance no. 1470, as described by title, was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux, seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1470

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AND SUBSECTIONS AND TO ADD THERETO CERTAIN SECTIONS AND SUBSECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF 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.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:45 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:45 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:45 a.m.

Publish in newspaper on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015