

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 8, 2008

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 8th day of July, 2008 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the following Aldermen present: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Kitty Valdetero, and Todd Whiting. Alderman Steven Premeaux was absent.

Alderwoman Laurita Pete led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Lyle Fogleman gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to amend the agenda to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between DOTD and the City of Crowley for the Interchange Lighting on I-10 @ LA 1111 and to submit a payment for 10% of construction cost of the project in the amount of \$75,000.00. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to amend the agenda to consider a beer and liquor license for Michael Foreman d/b/a South Park Liquor. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of Property on Lot 14 of Block 5 Walker Addition, having a municipal address 926 West 3rd Street, Crowley, Louisiana belonging to Earl Grant, Jr. Mr. Glen Howie, the attorney appointed to represent the interest of the deceased owner, reported that he had located heirs to the property and they want to restore the property.

Mayor Jones called the public hearing to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 10th, 2008 regular council meeting. Seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Alderwoman Mary Melancon, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Le Talley Ho in the amount of \$49,812.60 for the FY 2007-08 Annual Street Repair project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jeff Dore' to authorize the advertisement for bids for the FY 2008-09 Annual Materials and Crack Repair contracts. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to authorize Mader Engineering to conduct the annual city-wide street repair inventory upon completion of the current Le Talley Ho and QCS contracts. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jeff Dore' to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Merrick Construction Company for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project in the estimated amount of \$3,200.00 to provide a junction box for the connection of existing storm drainage from City Hall. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to authorize Mader Engineering to prepare plans and specs suitable for bidding and take bids for the "Construction of Curbing on Parkerson Avenue at the BNSF Mainline". Motion carried.

UTILITY: Alderman Vernon Martin, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Wastewater Services, Inc. in the amount of \$17,360 for the Sewer Line Extension on North Cherokee Road. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Alderman Todd Whiting, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to refer the fiscal 2008 proposed pay plan for the Police Department to the Revenue & Finance's Budget Review meeting set for July 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve a new 2008 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a new 2008 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Michael Paul Foreman d/b/a South Park Liquor located at 912 South Parkerson Avenue, Crowley. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION: Alderman Elliot Doré, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a side yard set back variance relative to Lots 2-3, N ½ Lot 1, N 125' Lot 4, S 25' of E 43' Lot 4, Block 45, City of Crowley owned by Michael Holland for an addition to a carport. Motion carried.

RECREATION: Alderman Steven Premeaux, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to authorize Mader Engineering to prepare plans and specifications for a New

Tennis Court Complex at the Recreation Center to include related lighting and sidewalks.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTINUING AND RE-FIXING THE HEARING DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Rule to Show Cause why the property belonging to Earl Grant Jr. situated on Lot 14 of Block 5 of the Walker Addition to the City of Crowley having a municipal address of 916 West 3rd Street, Crowley, Louisiana, was called to be heard on the 8th day of July, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glen Howie, the attorney appointed to represent the interest of the deceased owner, reported that he had been contacted by heirs to the property who were not aware of the property and have expressed their wishes to restore the property; and

WHEREAS, the family members have advised they will contact the City Inspector, Charles Danny Hebert, to obtain a permit for repairs to the property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the condemnation proceedings be suspended for a period of ninety (90) days and that this matter be fixed for hearing on the 14th day of October, 2008 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.; and

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, 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, Beatrice Douglas, et al, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lot 13 of Block 4 of Walker Addition, having a municipal address of 1024 3rd Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and 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, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Beatrice Douglas, et al for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 12th day of August, 2008 in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, 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, Chester Winn Wilkerson, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lots 9, 10 and 11 of Block 6 of SWE Stutes #3 Addition, having a municipal address of 1815 Holly Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and 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, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Chester Winn Wilkerson for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 12th day of August, 2008 in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary 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, Robert Lee and Emma G. Williams, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lots 5, 6 and 7 of Block 55 of West Crowley Addition, having a municipal address of 600 Beulah Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and 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, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Robert Lee and Emma G. Williams for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 12th day of August, 2008 in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré, 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, Constance Monroe Hanks and Dwayne Gillis Hanks, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on the West ½ of Lot 15 and Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Block 6 of Keller Addition, having a municipal address of 109 Keller Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and 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, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Constance Monroe Hanks and Dwayne Gillis Hanks for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 12th day of August, 2008 in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, 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 BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008; 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 12th day of August, 2008 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 BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008; 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 8th day of July, 2008.

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, 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 28th day of July, 2008, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 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 8th day of July, 2008.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 8th day of July, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, 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 2009 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley has received a proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 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 28th day of July, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, to receive public comment on the adoption of the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2009; 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 2009, CITY OF CROWLEY

Public notice is hereby given that the proposed annual budget of the City of Crowley for fiscal year 2009 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 4:00 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 2009 as follows:

DATE : July 28, 2008
TIME: 5:00 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 2009.

SIGNED on July 8, 2008 at Crowley, LA.

GREG A. JONES, 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.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED on this the 8th day of July, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION
OF THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley having received notice from the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, that the Compliance Questionnaire must be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana governmental units and quasi-public; and

WHEREAS, the legal matters contained in the questionnaire parallel those matters contained in the *Laws Affecting Louisiana Government*; and

WHEREAS, the completed Compliance Questionnaire must be given to the auditors at the beginning of the audit and tested for accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire during the course of the audit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session, duly convened, that they do hereby adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, dated July 8, 2008 to Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co, in connection with the audit of the financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2008, which questionnaire is attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize the execution thereof by the Honorable Judy Istre, City Clerk, Margaret Young, Administrative Assistant and the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 8th of July, 2008 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary 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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LDOTD) TO CONSTRUCT THE HIGHWAY LIGHTING PROJECT FOR THE INTERSTATE 10, EXIT 82 INTERSECTION AND OBLIGATING THE CITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COST, TO ASSUME LEGAL LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has previously executed an MOU with the LDOTD to engage Poche' Pruitt & Associates to design and prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a state of the art, high tech lighting system for the Interstate 10/Exit 82 intersection; and

WHEREAS, the LDOTD has approved the plans and specifications and has submitted a MOU to authorize funding for construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City is ready to proceed with the construction of the project and to authorize bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City has received funds from its private partners, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Lowe's Home Center, which are restricted to the use of payment of construction costs and the City has agreed to pay for the engineering costs and is agreeable to paying the additional costs required herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) and the City of Crowley (City) obligating the City of Crowley to provide matching funds of Seventy-Five Thousand & No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars for immediate construction costs and obligating the City to pay for the cost of construction above \$750,000.00 and to pay the cost of engineering fees associated therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Crowley agrees it shall be responsible for all additional costs in excess of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand & No/100 (\$750,000.00) Dollars and that after completion and final acceptance of the project and the expiration of the 45-day lien period, final cost of the project shall be determined and the City agrees it shall pay the LDOTD the additional amount of construction costs upon receipt of the invoice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Crowley agrees that upon completion and final acceptance of the project, the City shall take guard and assume legal liability and responsibility for all maintenance and operating costs of the lighting system and that the MOU shall be for a period of not less than twenty-five (25) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to remit the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand & No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars not less than thirty (30) days after the execution of the MOU to the LDOTD as the City's matching amount for the estimated project construction cost of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand & No/100 (\$750,000.00) Dollars; and

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

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on July 9, 2008 at 2:10 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on July 9, 2008 at 2:10 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on July 10, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.