

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8TH, 2014

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, 2014 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: J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Bryan Borill, and Laurita Pete (illness) were absent.

Alderman Jeff Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Elliot Doré gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman Steven Premeaux offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider a request for Slemco to relocate their overhead electrical wiring for the I-10 Frontage road project. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Jeff Doré offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider an application for a Decentralized Art Grant. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1462, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2014; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1462. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1462 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1462 was closed.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 10th, 2014 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 17th, 2014 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin 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:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Mary Melancon
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Laurita Pete
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve Partial Payment No. 10 in the amount of \$350,062.82 to Coastal Bridge Co. for the FY 2012-2013 Street Improvements Project. This reflects the project at 85% complete by cost with 66% of the contract time expired through July 2, 2004. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve Change Order No. 5 to add the replacement of the damaged top of an existing drainage structure on Northern Avenue at Avenue L will be in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman offered a motion to authorize a request for Slemco to relocate their overhead electrical wiring on the west side at the Dixie Field tract for the I-10 Frontage road project at a cost of \$10,740.23. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to grant the closure of First Street between Avenue G and Avenue H on September 27, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a car show as requested by Jamie Lejeune of Double L Customs located at 101 North Avenue H. 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 approve the Planning Commission recommendation to grant a Home Occupancy Variance for Carrie Moore located at 513 Moore Avenue, described as Lots 8 – 9, Block 18, Duson 3rd Addition. Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Steven Premeaux
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré
Members – Aldermen Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Mary Melancon and Laurita Pete

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré authorize an application for a Decentralized Art Grant in the amount of \$4,500. for the purpose of children's education and artist that are in need. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Laurita Pete, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to call for a public hearing on August 6th, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. to introduce Ordinance No. 1463 to adopt the budgets for the city of Crowley for the fiscal year, beginning September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015. Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to amend the motion by changing the time of the hearing from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and was seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin. The main motion as amended was voted upon and passed.

RESOLUTION:

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, 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 2015 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley has received a proposed budget for fiscal year 2015 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 6th day of August, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, to receive public comment on the adoption of the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2015 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 2015, CITY OF CROWLEY

Public notice is hereby given that the proposed annual budget of the City of Crowley for fiscal year 2015 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 2015 as follows:

DATE : AUGUST 6th, 2014
TIME: 5:30 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 2015.

SIGNED on July 8th, 2014 at Crowley, LA.

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.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED on this the 8th day of July, 2014 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE:

The following ordinance no. 1462 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on June 10th, 2014, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on July 8th, 2014. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Elliot Doré, seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2014; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 8th day of July, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2014 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Adopted Budget 2013-14	Amendment	Amended Budget 2013-14
General Fund Budget			
Revenues			
Licenses & Permits	568,400	26,600	594,150
Grants	57,000	43,500	100,500
Intergovernmental	490,500	(25,000)	465,500
Other Revenues	117,470	3,500	120,970
General Administration Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	8,000	8,000	16,000
Police Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	4,500	10,000	14,500
Other Expense	57,250	10,000	67,250
Street Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	3,544,725	516,500	4,061,225
Non Departmental Expenditure			
Economic Development	91,000	10,000	101,000
Debt Service	115,677	123,863	239,540
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In			
Transfers & Appropriations	8,025,819	492,685	8,518,504
1 & 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Budget			
Other Financing Uses - Operating Transfers Out			
Transfers & Appropriations	4,640,500	287,477	4,927,977
1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Street Improvement Budget 1997			
Other Financing Uses - Operating Transfers Out			
Transfers & Appropriations	2,756,084	490,708	3,246,792
Youth Recreation Operation Budget			
Expenditures			
Operational Expense	89,000	20,500	109,500
Capital Outlays	7,000	6,215	13,215
Debt Service	0	3,440	3,440
Other Expense	18,158	17,175	35,333
Other Financing Sources - Operating Transfers In			
Transfers & Appropriations	357,690	153,000	510,690

Youth Recreation Building Maintenance Budget			
Other Financing Sources - Operating Transfers In			
Transfers & Appropriations	124,110	67,500	191,610

Employee Benefit Plan Budget			
Revenues			
Other Revenue	45,300	100,000	145,300
Expenditures			
Operational Expense	325,500	40,000	365,500
Insurance Claims	877,560	125,000	1,002,560
Other Financing Sources - Operating Transfers In			
Transfers & Appropriations	0	65,000	65,000

Workmen's Compensation Budget

Revenues			
Other Revenue	0	25,500	25,500
Expenditures			
Operational Expense	123,200	8,000	131,200
Insurance Claims	109,500	7,500	117,000

RECAP OF AMENDED ITEMS

Revenues	174,100
Expenditures	906,193
Other Financing Sources In	778,185
Other Financing Sources Out	778,185
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditure	-732,093

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2013-2014 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 8th day of July, 2014 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bryan Borill and Laurita Pete

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

Betty Johnson addressed the council to request the date of the demolition of the property at 1201 West 7th Street that was condemned at the June 10th council meeting. That date will depend on the availability of the demolition crew that will be contracted for the job after the required 30day waiting period.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on July 9th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on July 9th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on July 9th, 2014 at 2:15 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on July 16th, 2014