

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2007

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 August, 2007 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, Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting. Aldermen Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Mary Melancon were absent.

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Steven Premeaux gave the invocation.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Jones proclaimed September 1, 2007 as Sol Wright Rice Day to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary of the Blue Rose Rice Variety developed and commercialize by Salmon Lusk 'Sol' Wright in 1907. A proclamation was presented to the Wright family.

**APPEARANCES:**

Dr. Marcelo Polanco made it known that his intentions are to seek the position of Coroner of Acadia Parish.

Mr. Dan Morrish came before the assembly to state his desire to serve as State Senator of District 25.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1367, the ordinance to "amend the fiscal 2007 budget" was read by title.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1367. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1367 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1370 the ordinance to "enlarge the corporate boundaries, Acadian Oaks" was read by title.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1370. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1370 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1371, the ordinance to "amend the sick leave/personal days of city employees" was read by title.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1371. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1371 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1372, the ordinance to “rezoning lots 4, 5, 6 & 7 of Block 149” was read by title.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1372. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1372 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

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

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Elliot Doré moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux 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 Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to R. Cloud Construction Company for the East Andrus Street and West Andrus Street LCDBG FY '04 – '05 Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$163,793.52. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 9 to Quality Construction Specialist under the Work Order #1 for the FY 2005-2006 Crack Routing, Cleaning, and Sealing Contract in the amount of \$28,855.12. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to authorize award of the FY 2007-08 Annual Materials & Crack Repair contracts to

the following in accordance with Mader Engineering's August 8, 2007 letter of recommendations and bid tabulations;

Proposal No. 1 contract to Vermilion Shell and Limestone for Gray Limestone # 619 and Gray Limestone #57,

Proposal No. 2 contract to Vermilion Shell and Limestone for Asphalt Concrete Cold Mix,

Proposal No. 3 contract to Quality Construction Specialist for Crack Routing, Cleaning and Sealing,

Proposal No. 4 contract to Vermilion Shell and Limestone for Concrete Pipe and Concrete Arch Pipe, and

Proposal No. 5 contract to Lafayette Winwater Works for PVC Pipe.

Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to authorize Change Order No. 1 under the Le Talley Ho Contract for FY 2007-08 Annual Street Repairs to include street repairs on both streets in Rhone Village and street repairs on Forrest Drive in the amount of \$9,840. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize Mader Engineering to investigate a drainage problem on Avenue E near Mill Street for Supreme Rice Mill. Motion carried with two abstentions, Aldermen Elliot Doré and Jeff Doré.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to authorize Mader Engineering to determine a proper culvert size for installation in the ditch along the north side of Acadia Oaks Estate. Motion carried with an abstention by Alderman Elliot Doré.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to authorize the engagement of a certified bridge inspector for the Avenue G Bridge at the North Ditch and investigate the feasibility of installing a surveillance camera near this location to help stop vandals from removing bridge approach signs. Motion carried.

#### **UTILITY: Alderman Vernon Martin, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 17 to M. P. Dumesnil Construction Company for the North of I-10 Sewage Improvements contract in the amount of \$81,033.72. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY: Alderman Todd Whiting, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to advertise for bids for turnout gear for the Fire Department. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to authorize Mayor Jones to execute the lease purchase two fire trucks contingent upon state contract requirements and refer to Revenue and Finance. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC BUILDING: Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the Acadia Parish School Board to allow Ross Elementary School the use of the playground equipment at the M. L. King Center during the school day. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 14 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the renovations to the Criminal Justice Center in the amount of \$19,700.34. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL: Alderwoman Laurita Pete, Chairperson**

A motion was offered Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to accept the resignation of Firefighter Derrick Laughlin effective July 25, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to employ Ashley Navarre as Probational Firefighter effective July 27, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to accept the resignation of Police Officer Yolanda Lewis effective August 8, 2007. Motion carried.

**REVENUE & FINANCES: Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, Chairperson**

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve a transfer and appropriate \$300,000 from Sales Tax Fund Balance to Utility Fund for payment of DEQ loans 2, 3 & 4 and to amend FY 2007 budget. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to authorize Mader Engineering to provide the necessary design and procure a contractor to provide the necessary construction to make a point repair on the sewer main in the easement between 14th and 15th Streets to resolve a washout in the 1100 Block. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to authorize the additional expenditure of up to \$7,500 for a revised total city cost of \$22,500 for revetment work in the North Ditch (Shetler Ditch) at Avenue D and the Center Ditch at Western Avenue, contingent upon similar approval of the Acadia Parish Police Jury. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to lease two fire trucks beginning in the 2007-08 budget in the amount of \$132,000 per year for five years, with an added line item of \$66,000 for new fire truck purchase in fiscal 2008-09 and thereafter. This is contingent upon approval by City Attorney, Mr. Regan. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and unanimously carried:

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, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007 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, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, LA.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, in 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 Alderwoman Laurita Pete, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO BEGIN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF  
CROWLEY'S FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 LOUISIANA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
PROGRAM AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SAID  
PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONDUCTED

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is interested in applying for a FY 2008-2009 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development makes it necessary to procure and enter into contract with administrative consultants and engineers prior to the filing of the LCDBG application;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Greg A. Jones, Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to proceed with the procurement of administrative and engineering services for the City of Crowley's FY 2008-2009 LCDBG program after a public hearing for said program has been conducted.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICIZING  
FOR AND CONDUCTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
AND THE UNDERTAKING OF A HOUSEHOLD  
SURVEY IN THE TARGET AREA PRESCRIBED AT  
THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF  
CROWLEY'S FY' 2008-2009 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the initial step in the grant application process is to publicize for and conduct a public hearing in order to establish the type of project to be applied for and to identify an area of low-to-moderate income citizens which will be targeted as beneficiaries of the project; and

WHEREAS, a household survey may need to be undertaken in the prescribed target area in order to determine the exact percentage of low-to-moderate income citizens for that area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Greg A. Jones, Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to publicize for and conduct a public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he is authorized to undertake a household survey in the prescribed target area, if necessary, for the City of Crowley's FY '2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant Application.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN RELATIVE TO THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley intends to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed toward encouraging citizen participation in the planning, implementation and assessment of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt a written procedure in order to be in compliance with Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley do hereby approve and adopt the Citizen Participation Plan attached hereto and made part of this resolution in connection with the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and unanimously carried:

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 on 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007, the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 5-152 OF ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE TREE BOARD TO SEVEN (7) AND TO RESTRUCTURE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO AND 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 11th day of September, 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 SECTION 5-152 OF ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE TREE BOARD TO SEVEN (7) AND TO RESTRUCTURE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS THEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO AND 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2007, in 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 Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and unanimously carried:

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, Mr. Forest L. Synegal Est./%Mr. Willie Jerry by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lots 7 and 8 of Block 3 Standard S/D, having a municipal address of 107 Easley 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 Mr. Forest L. Synegal Est./%Mr. Willie Jerry for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 in regular session 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, in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, 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 Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and unanimously carried:

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, Albert Deville Jr. by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lots 2 and 3 of Block 20, of the Duson 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, having a municipal address of 1023 & 1025 West Hutchinson Avenue, 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 Mr. Albert Deville Jr. for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 in regular session 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, in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, 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 Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and unanimously carried

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, Mr. Edward Rider by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 2, of Block 66, CICO #1 having a municipal address of 405 East Pine, 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 Edward Rider, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 in regular session 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, in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, 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 Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and unanimously carried:

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, Ms. Rosa Payne Young by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 10 of Block 84 of the Crowley—West Addition, having a municipal address of 712 West 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Rosa Payne Young for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 in regular session 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, in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, 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 Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and unanimously carried:

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, Ms. Delores Scott/Jackie Scott; %MS. Sharon Scott by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 10 of Block 9 of Duson 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, having a municipal address of 813 West 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Ms. Delores Scott/Jackie Scott, %Ms. Sharon Scott for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 in regular session 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, in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, 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 Jeff Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly resolved and adopted upon City Attorney approval of contract.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SIDES & ASSOCIATES FOR ADVERTISING, MARKETING AND MEDIA SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley's contract for advertising, marketing and media services with Sides & Associates expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have been pleased with the results of the work and services provided by Sides & Associates, Inc. which included the award-winning marketing and advertising campaign of "Crowley Pride, Catch It"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to exercise the option to renew the contract on the same terms and conditions for fiscal year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, the new contract shall provide for services as approved for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2007, and ending August 31, 2008;

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a contract with Sides & Associates, Inc. to furnish advertising, marketing and media services for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2007, and ending August 31, 2008, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said contract; said expenditures during the year shall be directed by the City for specific tasks and subjects to be targeted and all expenditures shall receive prior approval by the Mayor, with the annual expenditure not to exceed the sum of Sixty Thousand & No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars as provided in the annual budget with an option for three (3) additional one (1) year renewals on the same terms and conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary orders and documents as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

**ORDINANCES:**

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1367

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR

THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

| Account<br>Name              | Amendment | Amended<br>2006-2007<br>Budget |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Youth Recreation Operation   |           |                                |
| General Division Expenditure |           |                                |
| Operational Expense          | 9,000     | 94,100                         |
| Youth Division Expenditure   |           |                                |
| Repairs & Supplies           | 12,200    | 184,855                        |
| Other Expense                | 11,000    | 156,805                        |

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2006-2007 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS:       Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman, Mary Melancon and Kitty Valdetero

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1370

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, (1) DEFINING THE BOUNDARY OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 5.07 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, WHICH IS TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE SAID CITY; (2) TO PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY SO ANNEXED BE INCLUDED IN WARD ONE; (3) TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY SO ANNEXED BE ZONED R-1, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND (4) TO REDEFINE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO INCLUDE SAME; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley have received a petition for annexation of approximately 5.07 acres situated in Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 1 East from Acadia Oaks Estate L.L.C. owner of the property adjacent to the City of Crowley's western corporate boundary, along and adjacent to the Acadia Oaks Estate Subdivision, Phase I; and

WHEREAS, the city of Crowley has received the certificate of the Assessor of Acadia Parish, Hon. Russell Benoit, certifying that all owners of the property assessed in the described area have petitioned for annexation of the property into the City of Crowley, and from the Registrar of Voters, Hon. Billie Meyer, certifying that there are no registered voters residing in the area to be annexed; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2007 at 6:00 p.m.;

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

SECTION 1: Under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 33:171 et seq., a petition addressed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, which petition has been on file continuously in the office of the Clerk of the municipality for more than ten (10) days prior to this ordinance, containing the written assent of all owners of the property sought to be annexed, which is more than twenty-five (25%) percent of the value of

the property assessed in taxes for the preceding year, as well as more than twenty-five (25%) percent of the number of the property taxpayers within said area hereinafter described, said petition having certain requirements and provisions in consideration for annexation, notice of the filing of the petition having been given by publication, the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 33:171 et seq. having been complied with, the notice of public hearing of this ordinance having been given as required by law, a public hearing having been held on August 14, 2007, on the adoption of the ordinance, questions of annexation, zoning requirements, the zoning of the various areas to be annexed, utility services and other matter having been considered and structured, the plat of subdivision by the property owners and utility-services, streets and road right of way easement having been approved, the hereinafter described area or territory is hereby included with the corporate limits of the boundaries of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, known as Acadia Oaks Estate Subdivision, Phase II which territory area is hereby defined with certainty and precision as follows, to wit:

That certain tract of land being 5.07 Acres, situated in T 9 S, R 1 E, Section 32, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and described on the attached, to wit:

EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ANNEXATION OF  
ACADIA OAKS ESTATE PHASE II

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that said tract, be and the same is hereby made part of Ward One.

SECTION 3: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the said area be zoned R-1 Residential District.

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in regular session duly convened, that the corporate boundary of the City of Crowley is hereby amended and re-defined on the attached:

EXHIBIT B "CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
LOUISIANA AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED ACCORDING TO  
ORDINANCE NO. 1370"

SECTION 5: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2007 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman, Mary Melancon and Kitty Valdetero

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1371

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 12-2 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL SICK LEAVE OF TEN (10) DAYS, FOR NON CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF ANNUAL SICK LEAVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; TO PROVIDE FOR FIVE (5) PERSONAL LEAVE DAYS ANNUALLY TO BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WHICH SHALL NOT ACCUMULATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS THEREOF BE SEVERABLE REPEAT OR ALL PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONSISTENT ARE THERETO IN CONFLICT THEREWITH TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OF THE MATTER PERTAINING THERETO.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem necessary to revise and restate a policy of sick leave and to add provisions for personal annual leave days to be taken upon approval of the Department Head and to provide for the administration thereof,

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

SECTION 1: Section (12)-(2) of the code of Ordinances City of Crowley be in and is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC.12-2. Sick Leave-For Non-Civil Service Employees

- (a) All persons employed full-time by the city shall be entitled to ten (10) days sick leave during each calendar year, which leave may be accumulated for a three (3) year period for a term of thirty (30) full days if not used during the year which same accrues.
- (b) This section shall not apply to civil service employees.
- (c) Each full-time employee shall be granted not more than five (5) days personal leave annually which shall be subject to approval by the Department Head after written application requesting leave. Personal leave days maybe used only during the calendar year earned and if not used during such year shall not accrue.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith are and the same are hereby repealed;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman, Mary Melancon and Kitty Valdetero

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1372

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA BY AMENDING, RECLASSIFYING AND REZONING THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCEL OF GROUND KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOTS 4, 5, 6, AND 7 OF BLOCK 149 OF THE ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY FROM "R-3 RESIDENTIAL" TO "C-2 NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING" AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission having recommended the rezoning of the property; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Board of Aldermen that the most appropriate and consistent use of the property is within the classification of seat two (2) "neighborhood shopping"

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Board of Aldermen that the new classification will make available property for needed residential development and growth without unduly burdening or altering the character of the adjacent residential neighborhoods and protect the residents from incompatible commercial and industrial uses; and

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

WHEREAS, the property having been used by the owners of the property for business offices which uses are consistent with the permitted uses allowed in seat (2) neighborhood shopping; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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

SECTION 1: Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances by reference be and it is hereby amended and re-enacted to amend and reclassify the property known and described as Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7 of Block 149 of the Original City of Crowley from "R-3 Residential" to C-2 Neighborhood Shopping" and that the "Zoning Map" of the City of Crowley be in the same is hereby Amended and re-enacted to show the said property is within the boundary of said District seat two (2) on the "Zoning Map" of the City of Crowley.

SECTION 2: The "Zoning Map" of the City of Crowley which is made part of the "Zoning Ordinance", shall include the above described property within the boundary as an as an "C-2 Neighborhood Shopping District".

SECTION 3: If any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect; and

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith are and the same are hereby repealed;

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman, Mary Melancon and Kitty Valdetero

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on August 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.  
Presented for Mayor's signature on August 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on August 21, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.