

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

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 10th day of September, 2013 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, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Alderwomen Mary Melancon and Laurita Pete (illness) were absent.

Alderman Steven Premeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Vernon Martin gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1457, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (29) TO DESIGNATE 15TH STREET AND AVENUE B AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION AND SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (8) TO DESIGNATE 14TH STREET AND AVENUE B AS A THREE (3) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1457. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1457 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1457 was closed.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1458, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RENACT SECTION 3-5(c) OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REQUIRE ALL PERMITTEES/LICENSEES OF LICENSED PREMISES SITUATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL AREA TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROVED IDENTIFICATION DEVICE(S) PERMITTING THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL AND TO POST WARNINGS TO ALL PERSONS PRIOR TO EXITING THE PREMISES IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; 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.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1458. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1458 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1458 was closed.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1459, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 2-3 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, DESIGNATE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE GOVERNING BODY; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1459. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1459 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1459 was closed.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 13th, 2013 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill 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 Aldermen Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment No. 6 for the Release of Retainage to Guinn Construction Company for the Avenue H Bridge Replacement Project in the amount of \$33,108.12 contingent upon receipt of a Clear Lien Certificate. Motion carried.

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 Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to Construction Pro, Inc. for the “Relocation of Sewerage Force Main on Oddfellows Road at Parkerson Avenue” project in the amount of \$40,567.40. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve Administrative Change Order No. 1 for the construction contract with Construction Pro, Inc. for the “Relocation of Sewerage Force Main on Oddfellows Road at Parkerson Avenue” project in the reduced amount of \$2,038.10. 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 Steven Premeaux to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation for the re-subdivision of Lots 61 – 62 of Beauvoir Subdivision to become lots 61A & 62A as indicated on the preliminary and final plat as provided. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to reduce the minimum Building Line Lot Width requirement from 75’ as required in an R-1 zone to 67.84’ relative to the proposed Lot 62A Beauvoir Subdivision, formerly known as 21 Henrietta Drive as submitted on the preliminary and final plat contingent upon final approval from the City Engineer, Tim Mader and City Attorney, Tom Regan.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation for approval of a Side Yard Setback Variance from 10’ required in the R-1 zone to be reduced to 5’ setback to be in compliance with Beauvoir Subdivision requirements relative to the proposed Lot 61A and Lot 62A of Beauvoir Subdivision, formerly known as 21 Henrietta Drive. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman J. Steven Premeaux to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation for a Home Occupational Permit as requested by Sharon Wilridge for the purpose of conducting business as a single chair hair salon at 218 W. 16th Street, described as the East ½ of Lot 1 and the East ½ of the South ½ of Lot 2, Block 2 of North Park Addition #3, owned by Charles Keith Ancelet. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to rescind the resolution adopted on August 13, 2013, granting authority for a lease to 'Louisiana Workforce Commission' of office space. Motion carried with an abstention from Alderman Vernon Martin.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, FOR THE RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROCK FILTER AND FACULTATIVE POND LEVEE SYSTEM AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT, LDEO PROJECT NO. CS221145-02; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEERS TO RE-ADVERTISE THE PROJECT FOR BIDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received by the City of Crowley on September 5, 2013, in response to the advertisement for sealed bids for the Restoration Improvements to the Rock Filter and Facultative Pond Levee System at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project and were taken under advisement; and

WHEREAS, all bids were reviewed by the City Engineers and the City Attorney for compliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2212) and other applicable statutes as well as compliance with the bid specifications, addenda and general requirements stipulated in the "Specifications and Contract Documents" prepared by Mader Engineering, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form used called for a Base Bid and two alternates with unit prices to be provided for quantities specified in the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the specific instructions for Alternate No. 1 required that bidders insert the amount of the difference in the price of the size of the rock specified in the Base Bid and the price of smaller grade rock requested in Alternate No. 1; and

WHEREAS, in similar fashion, the specifications also called for the bidder to insert the difference in the price on the Unit Price Form in the space provided for Alternate No. 1; and

WHEREAS, it was determined by the City Attorney that five of the six bidders appeared to have misinterpreted and/or misunderstood the instructions and the bidders inserted what appears to be a total price for the project rather than the difference for price in the grade of rock as requested; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form submitted by E.B. Feucht & Sons, Inc. was correctly completed and properly submitted in accordance with the advertisement however the amount of the Base Bid (\$2,020,000.00) exceeds the construction amount and contingencies budgeted by the City of Crowley for the project of \$1,600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder, Merrick Heavy Machine, LLC, submitted a Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form which did not correctly state the difference in unit price for Alternate No. 1 and the amount of the Base Bid (\$1,812,458.62) was in excess of the estimate of probable cost and the construction amount and contingencies budgeted of \$1,600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney opined that under the provisions of LA R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c) or LA R.S. 38:2212(O), the five bids were incorrectly completed, cannot be accepted as responsive and are in excess of the amount budgeted for the project and the sole bid correctly completed and submitted is in excess of the amount budgeted; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the City Engineer and the City Attorney that the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Forms were not completed correctly and the bids received were not within the amount budgeted for the project and that all bids should be rejected and the project should be re-advertised;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened with a quorum present and acting throughout that they do hereby reject all bids received on September 5, 2013, for the Restoration Improvements to the Rock Filter and Facultative Pond Levee System at the

Wastewater Treatment Facility Project, LDEO Project No. CS221145-02, for the reasons stated above; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Engineers (Mader Engineering, Inc) be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to re-advertise the project for bid at the earliest possible date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor the City of Crowley, and Thomas K. Regan, City Attorney, to inform the contractors/bidders of the rejection of the bids and to perform any and all other acts as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10th day of September, 2013, in 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 Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill, and adopted.

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a *Notice of Termination* for Construction Pro, Inc., Contractor, pertaining to the completion of the contract for "Relocation of the Existing Sewer Force Main Along Oddfellows Rd. (Hwy 1111)" in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, a final inspection on the above referenced project was performed on September 9, 2013 and minor work items are identified in the Punch List portion of the attached Report of Final Inspection; and

WHEREAS, Construction Pro, Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed the "Relocation of the Existing Sewer Force Main Along Oddfellows Rd. (Hwy 1111)" project in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

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

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

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of September, 2013, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ADOPTED: September 10, 2013

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill and adopted with an abstention from Alderman Vernon Martin.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A LEASE TO THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA #40 (LWIC #40) FOR OFFICE SPACE IN THE CROWLEY ENTERPRISE CENTER LOCATED AT 11 NORTH PARKERSON AVENUE, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is a participant in the Local Work Force Investment program known as the "Louisiana One Stop Program" and has leased office space for lease to the Local Workforce Investment Area #40 (LWIA #40) in the Crowley Enterprise Center located at 11 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Local Workforce Investment Area #40 (LWIC #40) has requested a reduction of 25% of the rental rate for the annual lease of office space presently occupied with 30 parking places located at 11 Parkerson Avenue for use by LWIA #40 staff; and

WHEREAS, the Local Workforce Investment Area #40 (LWIC #40) is funded by annual appropriations from the State of Louisiana and federal agencies to provide employment-related services to businesses and individual job seekers including to improve and increase employment opportunities and economic and community development; and

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 lease to the Local Workforce Investment Area #40 (LWIA #40) of office space with 30 parking places located at 11 North Parkerson Avenue for use by the Local Workforce Investment Area #40 (LWIA #40) staff; the said lease to include the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. A term of one year effective on the 1st day of September, 2013 and ending on the 31st day of August, 2014;
2. Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,441.75;
3. A non-appropriation clause in favor of the lessee;
4. Without an option to extend or renew for one (1) year at the end of the lease term.
5. All other terms and conditions of the said lease shall remain the same as the prior lease of the facility;
6. An extract of the Lease executed by the parties and may be recorded in Conveyance Records of Acadia Parish.

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 necessary documents and certifications in connection with the said transaction as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10th day of September, 2013, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance no. 1457 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on August 13th, 2013, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on September 10th, 2013. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Elliot Doré, seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1457

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (29) TO DESIGNATE 15TH STREET AND AVENUE B AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION AND SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (8) TO DESIGNATE 14TH STREET AND AVENUE B AS A THREE (3) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, to control traffic and enhance safety, it is necessary that 15th Street and Avenue B be designated a four (4) way stop intersection and added to the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, to control traffic and enhance safety, it is necessary that 14th Street and Avenue B be designated a three (3) way stop intersection and added to the Code of Ordinances; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 10th day of September, 2013, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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:

SECTION 1: That Section 14-23(c) of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted to add Subsection (29) to designate 15th Street and Avenue B as a four (4) way stop to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec.14-23. Right-of-way streets; four-way stop intersections.

(c) *Four-way stop intersections.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein provided, the following described intersections shall be four-way stop intersections and each operator of a motor vehicle, upon approaching such intersection, shall bring such driver's vehicle to a complete stop and shall remain stopped until any vehicle previously stopped at the intersection has proceeded through such intersection and, thereafter, the drivers of vehicles on the intersecting streets shall, after stopping, alternate in proceeding through such intersection:

(29) 15TH STREET AND AVENUE B

SECTION 2: That Section 14-23(d) of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted to add Subsection (8) to designate 14th Street and Avenue B as a three (3) way stop to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec.14-23. Right-of-way streets; four-way stop intersections.

(d) *Three-way stop intersections.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein provided, the following described intersections shall be three-way stop intersections and each operator of a motor vehicle, upon approaching such intersection, shall bring such driver's vehicle to a complete stop and shall remain stopped until any vehicle previously stopped at the intersection has proceeded through such intersection and thereafter, the drivers of vehicles on the intersecting streets shall, after stopping, alternate in proceeding through such intersection:

(8) 14TH STREET AND AVENUE B

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.

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

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of September, 2013, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mary Melancon and Laurita Pete

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following ordinance no. 1458 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on August 13th, 2013, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on September 10th, 2013. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1458

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RENACT SECTION 3-5(c) OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REQUIRE ALL PERMITTEES/LICENSEES OF LICENSED PREMISES SITUATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL AREA TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROVED IDENTIFICATION DEVICE(S) PERMITTING THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL AND TO POST WARNINGS TO ALL PERSONS PRIOR TO EXITING THE PREMISES IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; 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.

WHEREAS, this Section provides an exception to the prohibition of possession of open alcoholic beverage containers and the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the boundary defined as the International Rice Festival Area during the International Rice Festival; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Section require all persons of legal age wishing to possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages must wear an approved identification device within the International Rice Festival Area; and

WHEREAS, patrons of licensed premises situated within the International Rice Festival Area are prohibited from exiting the premises in possession of alcoholic beverages without an approved identification device during the International Rice Festival; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 10th day of September, 2013, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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

SECTION 1: Subsection (c) of Section 3-5 of Article I of Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same shall be amended and reenacted to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 3-5. Sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the corporate limits, open containers prohibited and defined, exceptions.

(c) (1) The sale of alcoholic beverages with high and low alcoholic content sold either by the City of Crowley or the International Rice Festival Association as an approved concessionaire during the International Rice Festival and the possession and consumption of such alcoholic beverages by those individuals who have purchased from the City of Crowley, the Crowley Police Department or the International Rice Festival Association an identification badge, armband or other identification device approved by the City of Crowley shall be permitted during the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the International Rice Festival beginning 5:00 p.m. to midnight on Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Friday and 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Saturday. After midnight, all sales of alcoholic beverages shall cease and the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in permitted containers shall cease no later than 12:30 a.m.

(2) All permittees/licensees with licensed premises situated within the boundary defined as the International Rice Festival area shall make available on the premises an International Rice Festival identification device approved by the City of Crowley to any person upon exiting the licensed premises in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

(3) All permittees/licensees shall post at all exits of the licensed premises a sign with red letters no less than three (3") inches in height and two (2") inches in width warning persons that prior to exiting the licensed premises with an alcoholic beverage they must obtain an approved International Rice Festival identification device.

(4) All permittees/licensees shall obtain and execute a receipt for a minimum of one (1) package of International Rice Festival identification devices approved by the City of Crowley from the International Rice Festival headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday of the International Rice Festival. All permittees/licensees shall receive credit for all identification devices returned on or before 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday following the International Rice Festival and shall pay the amount due for all identification devices not returned.

SECTION 2: 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 and phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect;

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of September, 2013, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mary Melancon and Laurita Pete

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following ordinance no. 1459 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on August 13th, 2013, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on September 10th, 2013. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1459

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 2-3 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, DESIGNATE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE GOVERNING BODY; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, designated members of the Board of Aldermen (the governing authority) meet in committees with designated areas of responsibility to receive information, hear reports and review requests from department heads, board of commission and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the committee meetings are held on a regular schedule on the Wednesday and Thursday preceding the second Tuesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed confusion about which committees are meeting on which days and are inconvenienced by having to return at a later date; and

WHEREAS, many committee meetings are of a short duration and it appears the business and other matters considered by the committees could be handled on one day; and

WHEREAS, scheduling all regular committee meetings to be held beginning at the same time on the same day of each month would avoid confusion and inconvenience to the public and allow prompt consideration of all business and information to be heard and considered in advance of the regular Council meetings to assist the decision making process without adverse impact on the conduct of business and decisions of the Board of Aldermen; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 10th day of September, 2013, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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:

SECTION 1: That Section 2-3 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec.2-3. Same – Time, place of meetings.

(a) In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes, section 33:405, as amended, the governing body shall meet for regular monthly sessions in the courtroom/auditorium on the second floor of the Justice Building (old City Hall) located at 426 North Avenue F. Said meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. In the event that the regular meeting day shall fall on a legal holiday, then the regular meeting for said month shall be held at 6:00 p.m. on the next following legal day thereafter.

(b) The Mayor shall appoint five (5) members of the governing body to committees, one of whom shall be designated as Chair, to committees and designate areas of responsibility for each committee. All committees shall meet for regular monthly sessions on the Wednesday prior to the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the courtroom/auditorium on the second floor of the Justice Building (old City Hall) located at 426 North Avenue F. The Mayor shall designate the order in which committee meetings shall be held beginning at 4:00 p.m. with each committee meeting to follow immediately after the conclusion or recess of the prior committee meeting. In the event the regular meeting day shall fall on a legal holiday, then the regular meeting for said month shall be held on the next following legal day thereafter. All committee meetings which are not completed or commenced by 10:00 p.m. with the expectation to be completed at a reasonable time shall recess until 4:00 p.m. the following afternoon and all committee meetings not held shall continue in sequence until completed.

(c) The duties and responsibilities of the committees shall be limited to receipt, review and consideration of matters or items presented and to make a recommendation with regard to those subjects and matters considered which recommendation and information shall be presented to the Board of Aldermen during a regular or special meeting.

SECTION 2: If any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of September, 2013, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mary Melancon and Laurita Pete

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

Robert Gaspard, Sr. addressed the council with a request to close the alley behind his home. He was referred to the Zoning department to get instructions on that process.

Elizabeth "Tina" Goodwill addressed the council with a request to rent the Martin Luther King building for a benefit. She was referred to the Recreation department to get a rental contract for that event.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on September 11th, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on September 11th, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on September 11th, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on September 18, 2013