

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 12, 2001

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 12th day of June, 2001, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Isabella L. de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: J. Elliot Doré, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Jolene Williams. Aldermen James M. Buatt, and Greg Jones were absent.

Alderman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Reverend Truman Stag gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Billy H. Lince located at 417 West 9th Street should not be condemned. City Inspector, Danny Hebert, described the conditions of the dwelling and recommended that it be condemned immediately. He reported that family members are not in favor of repairing the home and agree that it should be demolished. There was no one present to represent the family of Mr. Lince.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderwoman Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the

May 8, 2001 regular council meeting, May 24th, 2001 and May 31st, 2001 special council meetings; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor presented the Sales Tax Report, User Fee Report and the Recap of all Funds Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to change the dates of the Council's July Committee meetings to July 2, 2001 and July 3, 2001. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to change the dates of the Council's August Committee meetings to August 6, 2001 and August 7, 2001. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve \$22,727.97 for Partial Payment No. 1 to H & S Construction for work completed on the "Street Improvements at Test Blocks" project. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to release the retainage to H & S Construction Co. for Annual Street Maintenance Contract Work Order No. 1 pending the receipt of a clear lien certificate and completion of punch list items. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to prepare the specifications and advertise for bids on the 2001-2002 Annual Streets & Drainage Maintenance Material and Repair. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the repair work for the Shady Oaks Storm Drain according to Mader-Miers recommendations. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Mayor de la Houssaye to write to the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the Sixth Ward Drainage Board to negotiate and propose an offer of up to 50% of the cost for construction materials, surveying, engineering and inspection for the Erosion Protection at Center Ditch in the 200 Block of West 7th Street and in the 500 block of West 8th Street in accordance with the Mader-Miers Engineering letter of June 5th, 2001 to Katry Martin. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Doré offered a motion to approve Partial Payment #1 to Wastewater Services, International, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$11,966.76 for the Annual Sewer Rehabilitation Contract. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to approve Partial Payment # 2 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$30,679 for the Wet Weather Basin Park. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Martin offered a motion to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to introduce an ordinance prohibiting dangerous and vicious animals. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE
CONDEMNATION OF THE BUILDING AND
IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON LOT 7 OF BLOCK 37,
ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY

After due notice to the property owner, no one appeared at the public hearing held on June, 12, 2001. When, after considering the evidence presented and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building as testified to by the City Inspector, who advised that heirs stated that they do not intend to demolish the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular session, duly convened, it is ordered that the building and improvements owned by Billy H. Lince, being situated on Lot 7 of Block 137, Original Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and it is further

ORDERED that the said building be demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 12th day of June, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to prepare a resolution to introduce an ordinance to abandon the alley between Avenues K and L and Pine and Ash Streets. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve a variance for First Bank National Association to place culverts and paving for the ATM machine on the city rights-of-way on the south side of Blue Lake Drive. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to authorize Ron Lawson Architect to proceed with plans for the One-Stop Shop Facility. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to authorize Bluebonnet Life Insurance Company to offer through payroll deduction a dental insurance plan to interested employees. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to hire Louis J. Maloz as Police Officer Recruit effective June 28, 2001. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of support for 7th District Pavilion to apply for funds to rehabilitate houses in low and moderate-income areas. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the mayor to negotiate a partnership with the International Rice Festival Association. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted with Alderman Williams abstaining.

RECREATION:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to authorize the release of retainage to LaCroix Trucking pending receipt of a clear lien certificate and completion of punch list items. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to pay Partial Payment #1 to LaCroix Trucking, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$24,600. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Change Order No.1 to LADCO's contract for the Sewage Improvement Project, not to exceed \$12,000 to construct three inlets and approximately 250 feet of 15-inch drain pipe to resolve drainage problems below bleachers and concession area at Miller Stadium. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCE:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, seconded by Alderman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF

ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO RESCIND A RESOLUTION OF
MAY 8, 2001 ADOPTING AND LEVYING THE MILLAGE
FOR AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE CITY OF
CROWLEY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley adopted a Resolution levying the millage rates for ad valorem property taxes for 2001; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to rescind said Resolution in order to hold a public hearing prior to levying the millage rates for 2001;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby rescind and revoke the Resolution fixing and levying the ad valorem tax millages for the year 2001 within the corporate boundaries of the City of Crowley, adopted on the 8th day of May, 2001.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 12th day of June, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTESTS:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Doré offered a motion to authorize a public hearing to levy the tax millage for the City of Crowley for the year 2001. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to amend the following Fiscal 2001 Budget Items and transfer \$5,200 from the checking account of Special (7) Bonding/DWI to General Fund to partially fund the purchase of a police unit. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Amended	Increase	2001 Approved	2001
General Fund / Police Department			
Salary & Fringe	25,000	900,200	925,200
Capital Outlay	17,450	78,855	96,305
Utility Fund / Sewer Department			
Other Expense	60,000	42,205	102,205
General Fund-Non Departmental			
Other Expense	35,750	885,720	921,470
Rice Theatre			
Capital Outlay	32,000	-0-	32,000
Employee Benefit			
Other Revenue	61,000	-0-	

61,000

Other Expense	65,000	225,000	290,000
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RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT
APPLICATION FOR LOUISIANA LITTER ABATEMENT
GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has recently adopted a comprehensive Ordinance to provide for litter control and abatement in the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides for authority to establish a Community Service Litter Abatement Work Program for offenders, establishes a committee to address litter reduction and abatement, and has increased the penalties for littering and provides authority for sentencing offenders to community service for prescribed time in lieu of penalties; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program provides for grants which are consistent with the goals of the City of Crowley and its Litter Abatement Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an appropriate grant application to the Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program through the Department of Environmental Quality in the amount

of \$4,650.00 for the purpose of providing a six (6) hour workshop for Acadia Parish School Teachers from first through third grade to provide them a curriculum which is designed to teach children about the prevention of litter, the management of solid waste, source reduction, recycling, composting and sanitary landfilling and other similar matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the City of Crowley receives approval for the grant, they do hereby authorize a matching contribution up to the sum of \$1,150.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and execute all the documents as may be necessary and as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 12th day of June, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF

ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING HONORABLE ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR, TO APPLY FOR A COMPREHENSIVE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PROTECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has previously established an Urban and Community Forestry Program to foster the protection and maintenance of trees in the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been declared a "Tree City, USA" for the past 14 years as a result of its efforts to maintain its trees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley had previously contracted with an urban forester to manage the program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that in order to continue the program a long-term management plan should be developed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to apply for a Comprehensive Urban and Community Forestry Grant through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of contracting an urban forester to develop a long-term management plan for the protection, maintenance and replacement of the tree canopy for the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the City of Crowley receives approval for the grant, they do hereby authorize a matching contribution of \$15,000.00 for

said grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and execute all the documents as may be necessary to develop a long-term management plan as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of June, 2001, in regular session duly convened, by the unanimous vote of the Board of Alderman at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING HONORABLE ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR, TO APPLY TO THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTER THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley currently operates an animal shelter for the public safety and health of the citizens of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley Animal Shelter is in need of rehabilitation and renovation to provide a washdown system and automatic watering facility; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a washdown system to clean and disinfect the kennel runs contributes to an unsanitary and unhealthy condition for the animals; and

WHEREAS, an automatic watering system would provide fresh tap water for the animals at all times in the hot and humid weather of south Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, funds are not available in the City's budget for the needed renovations; and

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the City to provide a healthy and sanitary animal shelter for the benefit of the animals and the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Crowley;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to apply for a grant from the American Humane Association, Meacham Foundation Memorial Grants Program in the amount of \$4,000.00, which funds shall be used for expenses for animal shelter rehabilitation and renovations to install an automatic washdown and disinfectant system and automatic waters, together with the plumbing and electrical work necessary therefor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, is

hereby authorized, empowered and direct to do any and all thing necessary and execute all the documents as may be necessary and as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of June, 2001, in regular session duly convened, by unanimous vote of the Board of Alderman at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN 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 Alderman 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 purposed 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 Alderman, that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 4-1 AND SECTIONS 4-16 THROUGH 4-21 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS, TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES TO DECLARE SUCH ANIMALS DANGEROUS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND DESTRUCTION OF SUCH ANIMALS KEPT IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL RELATED MATTERS THEREOF, AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR CONTRARY HERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman, that the City Clerk shall publish the following notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 10th day of July, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 4-1 AND SECTIONS 4-16 THROUGH 4-21 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS, TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES TO DECLARE SUCH ANIMALS DANGEROUS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND DESTRUCTION OF SUCH ANIMALS KEPT IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL RELATED MATTERS THEREOF, AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR CONTRARY HERETO.

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 12th day of June, 2001.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of June, 2001.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION

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 TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF THE ALLEYWAY SITUATED IN BLOCK SIXTY-EIGHT (68) OF THE CROWLEY INDUSTRIAL COMPANY ADDITION NO. 1 TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT OF CROWLEY INDUSTRIAL COMPANY ADDITION NO. 1; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL RELATED MATTERS THEREOF, AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR CONTRARY HERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the City Clerk shall published 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 10th day of July, 2001 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 TO REVOKE THE DEDICATION OF THE ALLEYWAY SITUATED IN BLOCK SIXTY-EIGHT (68) OF THE CROWLEY INDUSTRIAL COMPANY ADDITION NO. 1 TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT OF CROWLEY INDUSTRIAL COMPANY ADDITION NO. 1; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL RELATED MATTERS THEREOF, AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR CONTRARY HERETO.

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 12th day of June, 2001.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 12th day of June, 2001.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Premeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A VARIANCE FOR LOT 1 AND THE EAST 60 FEET OF LOT 2 OF CRESTWOOD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO SITUATE AN ATM MACHINE AND DRIVE-THRU LANE ON A PORTION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY RIGHT OF WAY

WHEREAS, the First Bank National Association has constructed a branch bank with drive-thru teller facilities and automatic teller machine located at the intersection of North Parkerson Avenue and Blue Lake Drive; and

WHEREAS, the volume of business generated for drive-thru tellers and automatic teller machine banking has significantly increased, causing significant delays for traffic entering the banking facility from Blue Lake Drive; and

WHEREAS, said delays cause a traffic jam and constitute a hazard to traffic, both on Blue Lake Drive and North Parkerson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a redesign of the drive-thru lanes and parking lot, as well as relocating the ATM machine will significantly reduce the problems associated with the traffic on Blue Lake Drive; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that in order to construct the drive-thru lane and locate the automatic teller machine, a portion of the City's right of way on Blue Lake Drive has been requested, as well as a variance for a side lot construction zoning; and

WHEREAS, the construction of said facility will benefit the residents of the area and contribute to the traffic flow and the City is not in need of the right of way for additional street construction and the proposed construction will not interfere with drainage or utilities right of way;

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 grant approval for a variance from all side lot restrictions and minimum parking requirements on Lot 1 and the East 60 feet of Lot 2, Crestwood Addition to the City of Crowley, for the construction of additional drive-thru lanes and location of a portion thereof a ATM machine facility on the right of way of Blue Lake Drive. This variance and approval is conditioned upon the City's right to require First Bank National Association, and its successors and assigns, to remove and/or relocate the facilities at their expense in the event that the City determines that the property is necessary for public use at any time.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 12th day of June, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted with Alderwoman Williams and Alderman Doré abstaining.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO EXPLORE AND NEGOTIATE A POSSIBLE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL, INC., A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been designated the Rice Capitol of the World for approximately 75 years; and

WHEREAS, the International Rice Festival has been held in the City of Crowley for 64 years; and

WHEREAS, the untimely death of the Honorable Charles "Bill" Williams, Executive Director of the International Rice Festival, has left the International Rice Festival Association and the City of Crowley without the leadership, skills, and experience which he provided for so many years; and

WHEREAS, the International Rice Festival is a major tourism event for the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish and the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that it is necessary to insure that the production of the International Rice Festival is necessary for the continuation of efforts by the City of Crowley to establish tourism and recreation as a major part of the economy;

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 Honorable Isabella L de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to explore and negotiate a public/private partnership with the International Rice Festival Association, a non-profit association, for the purpose of providing support and assistance for the production of the International Rice Festival.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 12th day of June 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Premeaux, seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH , LA, CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2001 AND TO ROLL FORWARD THE MILLAGE TO RATES NOT TO EXCEED THE PRIOR YEAR'S MAXIMUM MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2001

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley must adopt ad valorem millage rates for the tax year 2001; and

WHEREAS, to consider the adoption of the adjusted millage rate and to roll forward the millage rates after re-assessment , two (2) resolutions must be considered; and

WHEREAS, to consider these resolutions a public hearing must be held to receive public comment prior to consideration of adoption by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, notice of the intent of the resolutions must be published twice, more than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing, in the official journal of the City of Crowley, 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 10th day of July, 2001 at 6:00 p.m., to-wit:

1. ADOPT THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2001;
2. ADOPT THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES AFTER RE-ASSESSMENT AND ROLL FORWARD THE MILLAGE TO RATES NOT TO EXCEED THE PRIOR YEAR'S MAXIMUM MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2001.

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

A public hearing will be held by the City of Crowley as follows:

DATE : July 10, 2001
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
426 NORTH AVENUE F
CROWLEY, LA 70526

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall hear any comment concerning the reassessment and revaluation of property within the City of Crowley relative to the adoption of ad valorem tax millages.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 10th day of July, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the following:

1. Adopt the adjusted millage rates for the tax year 2001;
2. Adopt the adjusted millage rates after Reassessment and roll forward the millage to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2001.

SIGNED on June 12, 2001 at Crowley, LA.

MAYOR

ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE,
CITY OF CROWLEY

P. O. BOX 1463, CROWLEY, LA 70526
PHONE: (337) 783-0824

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Judy L. Istre at (337) 788-4103, describing the assistance that is necessary.

Post at City Hall on Thursday, June 14, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. and displayed until time of meeting on July 10, 2001.

Published twice:

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 12th day of June, 2001.

ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Mr. Kerny Leger appeared before the council with a drainage problem he is having on his property.

Mr. Arthur Stakes addressed the council with a parking concern at Crowley Christian Care, and the annoyance of loud noises that is being emitted from vehicles.

Mrs. Ezora Proctor gave a report on the Summer Youth Camp. About 400 children are participating in the program.

Alderwoman Laurita Pete was congratulated on being honored as the Woman of the Year by the National Association of University Women.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

MAYOR

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Presented rough draft to Mayor on June 15 2001 at 9:10 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on June 15, 2001 at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on June , 2001 at m.
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