

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 11, 2003

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 11th day of March, 2003, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Pro-Tem James M. Buatt presided with the following Aldermen present: Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, and Ira Thomas were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited and Alderman Buatt gave the invocation.

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READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

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Alderswoman Pete moved to amend the minutes of February 11, 2003 by deleting the following paragraph in the resolution for the transfer of computer modems:

“WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Acadia Parish maintains a computerized link or access to the Louisiana State Police Criminal Information Database which provides Law Enforcement officers with real time information directly in their police units; and “

Then insert the following paragraph:

“WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Acadia Parish maintains a computerized link by access to the Louisiana State Police Criminal Information Database and the National Crime Information Center, which provides Law Enforcement officers with real time information directly to their police units; and “

Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 11, 2003 regular council meeting; and approve them as written, distributed and amended. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor Pro-Tem presented the Sales Tax Report and User Fee Report that compare current collections to collections from previous years. The Recap of all Funds Report compares actual revenues and expenditures for the six months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

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Alderwoman Pete moved to accept the bid from Poston Equipment Sales, Inc. for the Rayco 672 DXH stump grinder in the amount of \$30,005. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

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Alderwoman Valdetero moved to authorize Tom Regan to proceed with the necessary legal steps to resolve the ADS SCADA contract problems. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA

PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
REFURBISHING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT
SCADA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Wastewater Treatment Department operates an automated data collection system (SCADA) for remote monitoring of the wastewater collection system; and

WHEREAS, the SCADA system has not operated efficiently due to corrosion and moisture causing failure of electronic equipment and components; and

WHEREAS, the City engaged Automated Solutions, Inc. to perform an evaluation of the SCADA system to identify the scope of work and to make recommendations to restore the system; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended that system should be refurbished, with the replacement of certain electronic components, corrosion resistant wiring and connections and improved moisture seals; and has further recommended upgrading the system of hardware and software to current technologies; and

WHEREAS, Automated Solutions, Inc. has provided a proposal for refurbishing the system, upgrading the hardware and software and a proposal for an annual maintenance contract;

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 they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Automated Solutions, Inc. for the refurbishing of the SCADA System, including the installation of certain electronic components, corrosion resistant wiring and connections, improved moisture seals and the upgrading of hardware and software, for an initial cost of \$57,300; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to negotiate and execute a contract for annual maintenance of the SCADA system at initial cost of \$7,600.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute all necessary documents that may be necessary to conclude the matter.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR FLOW
MONITORS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT
COLLECTION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, personnel from the Wastewater Treatment Department are required to manually monitor certain overflow points of the Wastewater Collection System during heavy rainfall events; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended the installation of flow monitors at the Main Pump Station, Ash Street, Avenue M and the Wet Weather Basin transfer pipe; and

WHEREAS, these flow monitors will automatically collect data and store information during periods of heavy rainfall events without the necessity of manually monitoring the locations and will be capable of integration with the SCADA system;

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 they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to negotiate and execute a Contract with the Spectrum Group to furnish and install four flow monitors at the following locations, Main Pump Station; Ash Street; Avenue M and the Wet Weather Basin transfer pipe, for a total estimated cost of \$25,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute all necessary documents that may be necessary to conclude the matter.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SCADA MONITORING EQUIPMENT ON NEW FLOW MONITORS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, four new flow monitors will be installed at various locations to monitor flow during heavy rainfall events; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends the additional of SCADA monitoring equipment to improve the collection of data from the flow monitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that it is desirable for the Wastewater Treatment Department to receive real-time notification of activation of flow monitors at these sites;

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 they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to negotiate and execute a Contract with Automated Solutions, Inc. to furnish and install SCADA monitoring equipment and provide maintenance for four flow monitors at the following locations: Main Pump Station, Ash Street, Avenue M and the Wet Weather Basin transfer pipe, for a total estimated cost of \$11,600.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute all necessary documents that may be necessary to conclude the matter.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 9 to B & K Construction Company for the "North Crowley Pump Station and Collection Line Upgrade" in the amount of \$87,565.54. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Valdetero moved to approve Change Order No. 3 to the B & K Contract for "North Crowley Pump Station and Collection System Upgrades" to grant the Contractor a time extension of six weeks; and to authorize the Contractor to set up and operate a temporary pumping system for a period not to exceed the new contract time at the cost of \$2,600 for set up and \$3,800 per week for operation for a period of time not to exceed the new contract completion date established date establish by this Change Order No. 3. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Valdetero moved to include in the B & K Contract Change Order No. 3 the contractor's cost for additional insurance and licenses fees in an amount to be negotiated by the City Attorney up to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Valdetero moved to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of Tim Morton to inspect and issue a wetlands determination and recommendation for the new sewer line to be installed along the east property line of the B. W. Freeland Estate for the North of I-10 Sewerage Extension Project for an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Valdetero moved to authorize Partial Payment No. 2 for the release of retainage in the amount of \$1,678.55 (includes \$500 for Punch List retainage) to Wastewater Services, Inc. under their contract with the City of Crowley for Sewer Extension on Capital Avenue for the Detention Center. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Valdetero, seconded by Alderman Istre, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO PAY (10%) PERCENT OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND ASSUME LEGAL LIABILITY FOR ALL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COST OF A NEW HIGHWAY LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR THE LA 13 AND I-10 HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE.

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury maintains and operates a highway lighting system for the LA 13 and I-10 Highway interchange under an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD); and

WHEREAS, the LDOTD and the City of Crowley have agreed that the present lighting system is near the end of its useful life and the cost of repairs is excessive given the age of the system; and

WHEREAS, the LDOTD will construct a new highway lighting system for the LA 13 and I-10 interchange; and

WHEREAS, the LDOTD has requested that the Board of Aldermen authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement which obligates the City of Crowley to pay ten (10%) percent of the construction cost, and assume all legal liability for, and all of the maintenance and operating cost of the new lighting system;

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 Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) to obligate the City of Crowley to pay ten (10%) percent of the construction cost, and assume all legal liability for, and responsibility for all maintenance and the operating cost of the lighting system at the LA 13 and I-10 highway interchange, State Project Number 450-04-027, Federal Aid Project No. I-10-20 (300) 80, Roadway Lighting Route LA 13 Interchange (Crowley) Route I-10, Acadia Parish upon the acceptance of the project by the LDOTD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any portion or part of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity should not affect other provisions, parts or application of this resolution which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this in the provisions of this resolutions hereby declared separable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all resolutions and parts thereof in conflict here would be replaced.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of March, 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Valdetero moved to approve the schematic plan for the new I-10 Lighting System presented by Poche' – Pruett, and authorize Poche' – Pruett to proceed with plans and specifications. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT
APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC
VESTS AND TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS
THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Police Department is in need of thirty-six (36) new ballistic vests to provide protection for officers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Ballistic Vest Partnership provides Grant funds to local Law Enforcement Agencies for assistance in purchasing ballistic vests; and

WHEREAS, the Grant program for fiscal year 2003-2003 provides matching funds up to 50% of the cost of the purchase of the vests;

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 they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to submit a Grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Ballistic Vest Partnership for fiscal year 2003-2004 for a matching Grant of 50% of the cost of the purchase of ballistic vests for the City of Crowley Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they do hereby authorize an appropriation of \$9,500.00 for Police Department Capital Outlay Budget, to be used as matching funds for the purchase of ballistic vests with a Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Ballistic Vest Partnership program fiscal year 2003-2004.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to approve a new application from Arunkumar J. Patel for a 2003 Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit and Class B – Retail Package Liquor Permit for Om Petroleum d/b/a Raceway located at 2435 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Marceaux, seconded by Alderman Istre, and duly resolved and adopted.

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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:

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

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 8th day of April, 2003 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 AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 21 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED ON THE STREETS AND ROADWAYS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO.

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 11th day of March, 2003.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

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Alderman Marceaux moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve a "Conditional Use Permit" at 702 East 12th Street (Lot 6, Block 182, Original Crowley) for John L. Dubose to operate a grocery store. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve a "Home Occupancy" at 626 East 17th Street (Lot 61, Bartland Addition) for Lee Hoffpaur to conduct a massage therapy operation. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux moved to engage Ron Sarver as the reviewing engineer for the Freeland Commercial Subdivision Phase I application. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted with Alderman Istre voting nay.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

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Alderman Premeaux moved to approve \$13,309 in payment of the invoice less the retainage to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the completion of the Wells Fargo Building repairs (material, labor, equipment and supervision). Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A DISPLAY CASE IN MEMORY OF THE W.T. CULPEPPER FAMILY AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Freeland and Mary Tyron Freeland have offered to donate a Victorian oak and glass display case originally used in the W.T. Culpepper Jewelry Store to the City of Crowley in memory of the W.T. Culpepper family; and

WHEREAS, the W.T. Culpepper family owned and operated a Jewelry store on Parkerson Avenue for decades; and

WHEREAS, the oak and glass Victorian display case is a significant historical piece representative of the early business community of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of display case will preserve a historic object, allow the display case to remain useful and to honor the memory of the W.T. Culpepper family; and

WHEREAS, the donors have requested certain restrictions and reversionary clauses in the Act of Donation which include the following:

1. A memorial plaque shall be placed on or near the display case in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Culpepper, Florence Culpepper and Lora French Culpepper Ruess.
2. In the event the display case is no longer useful to the City it shall revert to Noelle Freeland, until her death and be transferred at no cost to Noelle Freeland or to any public museum in Crowley, Jennings or Lafayette, Louisiana and if none accept, to any public school in Crowley, Jennings or Lafayette, Louisiana; and if not accepted by the above museums or schools or after the death of Noelle Freeland, that it be auctioned to the highest bidder and the balance after expenses shall be used for improvements to the Freeland Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley desire to accept the said donation with their gratitude and thanks to Thomas B. and Mary Tryon Freeland;

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 accept the donation of one (1) large Victorian style oak glass display case originally belonging to W.T. Culpepper, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Culpepper, Florence Culpepper and Lora French

Culpepper Ruess; and they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley to execute an Act of Donation, which Act shall contain provisions for an appropriate memorial plaque be placed on or near the display case in memory of W.T. Culpepper, Florence Culpepper and Lora French Culpepper Ruess, in the event that the display case is no longer useful to the City of Crowley that it shall revert to Noelle Freeland, until her death, and shall be disposed of at no cost to Noelle Freeland or to any public museum in Crowley, Jennings or Lafayette, Louisiana or to any public school in Crowley, Jennings or Lafayette, Louisiana or if not accepted by any of the above, to auction the case to the highest bidder, after advertisement and after expenses, the balance of proceeds to be used for improving Freeland Park; said provisions shall terminate upon the death of Noelle Freeland and for all such other terms and conditions as may be meet in proper and premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of March, 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Premeaux moved to authorize the Mayor to work with Don Breaux Architect to update the plans and specifications for the roof at the Rice Festival building. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF
THE CONTRACT FOR THE WELLS FARGO DEPOT
BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the Wells Fargo Depot Building suffered severe damage to the roof and interior as result of high winds and rain during Hurricane Lili on October 3, 2002; and

WHEREAS, an emergency was declared for the immediate repair of the Wells Fargo Depot Building and to mitigate further damage to the building and facilities and to maintain occupancy of the facility by the lessees of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, a contract for repairs was entered into with E.L. Habetz Builders, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, E.L. Habetz Builders, Inc. has tendered the building and facilities to the City as substantially complete;

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 do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to execute a Notice of Substantial Completion and Termination of the Contract dated January 6, 2003 with E.L. Habetz Builders, Inc. and file Notice of the Termination of the work by the contractor in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

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Alderswoman Pete moved to hire Wendell Schexnayder as a Fire-fighter effective March 29, 2003 contingent upon passing of his physical examination. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Pete moved to authorize the Mayor to work with Mark Landry and negotiate with the insurance carriers the value of the city's structures and to have an appraisal program performed on city's structures. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

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ENGINEERS REPORT:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE PATCHING
AND ASPHALT OVERLAY TO REPAIR DAMAGES TO THE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY DRIVEWAY AND
PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, Hurricane Lili caused the loss of electrical power in the City of Crowley for approximately five days; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain sewer service during the electrical outage, it was necessary to transport wastewater from pump stations by large 18-wheel vacuum tank trucks to the Wastewater Treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Treatment facility driveway and parking lot were heavily damaged by heavy truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive reimbursement of 75% of the cost of repairs from FEMA for hurricane related damages; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineers have determined with FEMA Representatives, that FEMA will reimburse 75% of the cost of patching and repairs to the driveway and parking lot and 75% of the cost of the overlay, which is directly over the repaired or patched areas;

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 they do hereby authorize

the Engineers to prepare plans for the repair, patching and overlay of the Wastewater Treatment facility driveway and parking lot in lieu of reconstruction, as originally proposed.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
THE RENOVATION AND REPAIR OF THE MAIN PUMP
STATION BUILDING AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL
PANEL

WHEREAS, the facility known as the Main Pump Station situated at the site of the old Wastewater Disposal Plant on 9th Street was constructed more than ten (10) years ago; and

WHEREAS, the building and facility have suffered substantial damage due to corrosion from excessive moisture and sewer gases; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has reported that the electronic control panels have severely deteriorated over the past ten (10) years due to corrosion; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer and the Wastewater Treatment Superintendent recommend that repairs to the building and facility should be made immediately to avoid pump down time and to reduce the need to open access hatches in the facility to minimize excess moisture; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of repairs and renovations to the building is approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 and replacement of the control panel is approximately \$28,000;

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 they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to negotiate and execute a Contract for the repair and renovations of the Main Pump Station building and the replacement of the control panel, as necessary to bring the facility up to acceptable standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary documents as may be necessary thereto.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderwoman Pete moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to investigate the complaint of a drainage problem at 422 E. Hutchinson Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to investigate drainage problems at Moore Street from 4th Street to Hutchinson Avenue; Hoffpauir Park; 123 Milton

Avenue; and 9th Street from Avenue D to Avenue E. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Valdetero moved to authorize a new estimated total payment to Wastewater Services, Inc. for the cleaning, televising and manhole adjustment work under the Downtown Sidewalk, Street and Safety Improvements Project not to exceed \$43,000. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Valdetero moved to authorize Partial Payment No. 12 for the release of retainage in the amount of \$46,784.65 (includes \$4,000 for punch list retainage) to Grubbs Emergency Services under their contract for Hurricane Lili Cleanup contingent upon receipt of a clear lien certificate. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Marceaux the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on March 14, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on March 19, 2003 at 4:30 p.m.
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on March , 2003 at .m.