

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 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 11th day of December, 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: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux and Ira Thomas. There were no aldermen absent.

Alderman Istre led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Reverend Roger Brown gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Alderman Jones moved to table the Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance # 1255 to amend and enlarge the corporate boundaries of the City of Crowley. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderwoman Pete moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 13, 2001 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 28, 2001 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

Mayor de la Houssaye presented a plaque proclaiming appreciation and thanks to Judy L. Istre for achieving the Master Municipal Clerk designation through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Melancon moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to look into the necessity of a drainage correction, the sealing of cracks and the repair of curbing on Northview Lane and 17th Street. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to award the 2001-2002 Annual Materials and Street Repair Contract, Proposal No. 3, Flexible Pavement to R. E. Heidt Construction Company, Inc. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to authorize Mader-Miers to prepare a citywide cost estimate for street maintenance under the 2001-2002 Annual Materials and Street Repair Contract, Proposal No. 3, Flexible Pavement Contract. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon to moved award the 2001-2002 Annual Materials and Street Repair Bid, Proposal #4 for Concrete Pipe and Arch Pipe, Furnish only, 4' joints to Dunham Price, Inc. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO THE
ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY
REQUESTING A MEETING TO
DISCUSS THE ENFORCEMENT OF
LITTERING LAWS AND RULES AND
REGULATIONS REGARDING THE
CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE AND
TRASH DISPOSAL IN THE CITY OF
CROWLEY

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been received by the Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen concerning litter occurring during garbage and trash pickup by BFI employees; and

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been received from residents and businesses regarding compliance with the rules and regulations to obtain trash pickup; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley, in order to alleviate the large amounts of uncollected trash and debris, has been forced to use personnel and equipment to remove trash and debris along City streets and right of way, thereby performing a function which has been paid for by the taxpayer to the Acadia Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury awarded a contract to Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) for waste and trash collection in the Parish of Acadia, including all municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley desires an official response to the concerns and complaints which have been received; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley does not have a contractual relationship with BFI and it is necessary that the Acadia Parish Police Jury require BFI to respond to the concerns and complaints regarding garbage and trash collection;

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 request that the Acadia Parish Police Jury, Solid Waste Committee, schedule a joint meeting of the Acadia Parish Solid Waste Committee and the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley and require that the appropriate BFI representatives appear to hear the complaints and devise a solution to problems regarding solid waste collection and disposal in the City of Crowley.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of December, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

UTILITY:

Alderman Doré moved to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to Wastewater Services, Inc. for Release of Retainage on the Annual Sewer Rehabilitation Contract in the amount of \$13,386.61. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré moved to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to LADCO for Release of Retainage on the Sewer Extension on East First Street at Avenue I Contract in the amount of \$1,433.22. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt moved to approve the request of Greg Reggie for temporary closure of Northview Lane to 17th Street on Sunday, December 16, 2001 for approximately three hours for Christmas caroling and that Chief Alleman notify Mr. Reggie by letter of approval. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux. Alderman Buatt moved to amend the motion by striking out “that Chief Alleman notify Mr. Reggie by letter of approval”. The amendment was seconded by Alderman Martin and passed. The main motion as amended was voted on and adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve W. E. Boulet, Jr.’s application for renewal of a 2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer Permit and a 2002 Class B- Retail Package Liquor Permit for Superfoods Inc, 222 East Second Street, Crowley, La. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve the following applications for renewal of retail beer and liquor permits for the year 2002. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Four Bells Inc., d/b/a Bells' Sports Bar 2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Beer
Permit
G. Duaine Belfour
731B Oddfellows Road, Crowley, LA

Petry's Jewelry 2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Beer
Permit

Donald R. Petry 2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Liquor
Permit
223 N Parkerson Ave, Crowley, LA

Shop Rite Inc 2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer
Permit

d/b/a Shop Rite #72 2002 Class B- Retail Package
Liquor Permit
Lazar J. Gielen

2597 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA

Shop Rite Inc 2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer
Permit

d/b/a Shop Rite #19 2002 Class B- Retail Package
Liquor Permit

Lazar J. Gielen

1501 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA

Shop Rite Inc 2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer
Permit

d/b/a Shop Rite #1

Lazar J. Gielen

525 South Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA

Tobaccos Plus Inc Permit	2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer
d/b/a Tobacco Plus #14 Liquor Permit	2002 Class B- Retail Package
Lazar J. Gielen	
1563 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA	
El Dorado's Permit	2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Beer
Elizabeth Caicedo Permit	2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Liquor
2307 N Parkerson, Crowley, LA	
Bayou Bend Permit	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
Randy J. Nickel Permit	2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Liquor
427 W. Hoyt Ave, Crowley, LA	
Crowley Town Club, Inc. Permit	2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Beer
Miguel J. Rivera Liquor Permit	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet
625 Crowley-Rayne Hwy, Crowley, LA	
Knights of Saint Peter Claiver, Council #51 Russell Corbins Permit	2002 Class A-Retail Outlet Beer
623 Mansfield Avenue, Crowley, LA	

Alderman Buatt moved to authorize E. F. Feucht and Sons to clean and clear the site of the Fireman Training Facility for \$29,800.00. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, 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, SUPPORTING AND REQUESTING LEGISLATION TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT OF REPORTING MEDICAL WASTE HANDLING, MEDICAL WASTE GENERATION, REPORTING LOCATION OF MEDICAL WASTE WHICH HAS BEEN GENERATED, STORED, TRANSPORTED, TRANSFERRED OR OTHERWISE HANDLED TO MUNICIPALITIES TO LOUISIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL AND TO REQUIRE THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO LOCAL FIRE, POLICE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Emergency Response Council receives reports filed by handlers, producers and transporters of hazardous waste and disseminates those reports to local fire, police and emergency response agencies; and

WHEREAS, the requirements for reporting materials defined as hazardous waste are set by the Louisiana Legislature under State Statute; and

WHEREAS, current law does not require the reporting of medical waste as hazardous waste and consequently no information is available to emergency response agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley Fire Department, Police Department and nearby volunteer fire departments and personnel recently respond to a fire in a facility which was thought to be abandoned, but was found to contain hazardous medical waste; and

WHEREAS, emergency personnel and public safety officers responding to the facility encountered hazardous fumes, infectious waste, sharps and other medical waste in the facility; and

WHEREAS, the hazardous medical waste substances and hazardous materials stored on the site posed a hazard and placed lives and health of emergency response personnel and the public in danger due to lack of adequate information; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley find that current legislation should be amended to require hazardous medical waste generation, production, storage, transport or transfer be reported to the Louisiana Emergency Response Council and full disclosure be made to all emergency response agencies, including local fire and police departments;

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 request the Honorable Fred Hoyt, State Senator, and Honorable Gil Pinac, State Representative, introduce and sponsor legislation to require that medical waste be added to the list of hazardous substances which must be reported to the Louisiana Emergency Response Council and require that information be disseminated to all emergency response agencies, including local fire and police departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they do hereby request that the Louisiana Municipal Association endorse and support this legislation as a priority for the next regular legislative session.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of December, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2002 application for renewal of a Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a Class A – Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Rebecca Guidry d/b/a Guidry’s Package Liquor & Lounge, 407 Ross Avenue, Crowley, La. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Jones moved to approve a “Conditional Use Permit” to operate a beauty salon at 719 Huval Street, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve the original change order request of a 31 day extension to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc for the renovations to the Crowley Enterprise Center. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to accept Miller Roofing as the lowest bidder to re-roof the Crowley Administrative offices/Interpretative Rice Museum in the amount of \$95,900.00. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the renovations to the Crowley Enterprise Center in the amount of \$96,367.00. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve the request of the Department of Health and Hospitals the use of the Rice Festival building as the location to store and dispense medications and vaccines in the event of a biological attack. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to allow the lessee of the Rice Theatre who maintains an average monthly audience of 350 or more over a twelve-month period to share the city's 50% to be divided as 40% lessee and 10% lessor. Seconded by Alderman Jones and motion failed after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Greg Jones, Mary T. Melancon and Laurita D. Pete

NAYS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Steven C. Premeaux and Ira Thomas

ABSTAIN: Vernon Martin

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, 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 THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT A LOAN OF ANTIQUE MIRRORS FORM HUEY CORMIER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF, INCLUDING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES AND PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Huey Cormier have offered to loan the City of Crowley a set of antique advertising mirrors for eventual display by the City in the new Museum and Interpretive Center; and

WHEREAS, the antique mirrors were originally located in the old Egan Hotel Building and are inscribed with the names of merchants and businesses located in Crowley many years ago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Cormier desire that the antique mirrors be preserved and displayed together as they have been in Cormier's Barber Shop for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Cormier have requested that the City of Crowley provide insurance coverage for the loss or damage of the mirrors and to accept responsibility for any deductible, non-covered or excluded amounts, if any, resulting from the loss or damage of the antique mirrors while under loan to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the loan of the mirrors would insure the preservations, maintenance and display a unique collection of advertising mirrors which relate directly to the early businesses and merchants of the City of Crowley and preserve a part of the early history of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find it appropriate to display in the new Museum and Interpretive Center, through a loan by Mr. & Mrs. Cormier, the names of the businesses and merchants of the early Twentieth Century Crowley;

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, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an agreement accepting the loan of a set of antique mirrors from Huey & Dorothy Cormier; and that in addition to the usual terms and conditions, the loan agreement shall include the following special terms, to-wit:

The City of Crowley shall provide insurance coverage naming Huey Cormier & Dorothy Hayes Cormier or their successors and assigns as their interest may appear for any loss, damage or destruction of the mirrors, whether under a blanket insurance coverage or otherwise; and that the City of Crowley shall remain fully responsible for the full replacement value of the mirrors, including any insurance deductibles, non-covered events or occurrences, or excluded coverage in the event of loss, damage or injury to the mirrors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall obtain a professional estimate of the replacement value and/or appraisal of antique value for the purposes of said insurance coverage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to acceptance of the loan, the condition of the antique mirrors shall be established by competent professionals documenting the condition, together with photographs and/or video tape noting the full condition of the mirrors and that a copy of said report be given to the lenders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the City shall agree to properly preserve, maintain, handle, store and display the mirrors in accordance with accepted practices for the display of such items.

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MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Doré moved to authorize Mayor de la Houssaye to hire a professional to move and properly store the historic artifact. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

RECREATION:

Alderman Thomas moved to approve Partial Payment No. 4 to LADCO for Drainage Improvements at Miller Stadium in the estimated amount of \$7,500.00. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate relighting at Miller Stadium to meet the specifications of the American Legion and high school baseball, which requires a minimum of 50/30 foot candle lighting. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, 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, RECOGNIZING AND
CONGRATULATING THE IOTA HIGH
SCHOOL AND NOTRE DAME HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

WHEREAS, high school athletics is a recognized part of the educational and development process of young men and women; and

WHEREAS, high school athletic competition provides a means through which young people learn to dedicate themselves and work diligently to accomplish goals; and

WHEREAS, the Iota High School football team and the Notre Dame High School football team have demonstrated the qualities of leadership, hard work and dedication in accomplishing the goal of achieving the highest levels of athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Iota High School Bulldogs football team distinguished themselves as finalist in the Louisiana State High School Class 5-2A State Champion Finalist; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Notre Dame Pioneers football team distinguished themselves by reaching the Louisiana State High School Football Class 3-A Semi-Finals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it appropriate to congratulate and recognize the accomplishments of these young athletes; and

WHEREAS, these young athletes have distinguished themselves as dedicated, hardworking, conscientious young adults; and

WHEREAS, these young athletes have provided an example of diligence and hard work to other young adults, both in athletic competition and ordinary life; and

WHEREAS, athletic competition fosters and promotes characteristics and prepares young adults for their future;

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 recognize and congratulate the 2001 Louisiana State High School Class 5-2A State Finalist, the Iota High School Bulldogs Football Team, and 2001 Louisiana State High School Class 3-A Notre Dame Pioneers Football Team State Semi-Finalist, for their outstanding seasons and their dedication and hard work towards achieving the goal that a person can be.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of December, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

REVENUE & FINANCE:

Alderman Doré moved to amend the General Fund Budget in the Public Building & Drainage's capital outlay account to be increase by \$96,000 to fund the

re-roofing at the Crowley Administrative Office/Interpretative/Rice Museum.
Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Mr. Kerny Leger appeared before the council with concerns on the 18 wheelers traveling on Pine Street. The council will consider a remedy for this problem from the Chief of Police and citizens.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on December 12, 2001 at 5:15 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on December 28, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on January 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.