

CITY OF CROWLEY

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 8, 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 8th day of May, 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, Greg Jones, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Ira Thomas and Steven C. Premeaux. There is a vacancy in the office of Alderman due to the death of Bill Williams.

Alderman Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Elliot Doré gave the invocation.

Alderman Buatt moved to amend the agenda to discuss in executive session a worker's compensation case that is pending litigation. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to amend the agenda and refer to the Public Building Committee a request to approve the low bid on the Rice Theatre Project. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 10, 2001 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor de la Houssaye presented a memorial resolution to Jolene Cramer Williams and the family of Bill Williams. This resolution was offered by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2001, the life of our beloved Alderman, Charles "Bill" Williams, came to a close; and

WHEREAS, Bill as he was affectionately called, served this community in an official capacity and as a humanitarian with absolute integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long career of public service, Bill earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all those with whom he came into contact; and

WHEREAS, we mourn his loss and extend to his wife, Jolene and family our sincere sympathy; and

BE IT HEREBY, RESOLVED, that as a further mark of respect, the flags at City Hall shall be displayed at half-mast for a period of ten days from this date; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Board of Aldermen, speaking on behalf of all our citizens, hereby extend to the family members of Charles "Bill" Williams this expression of sincere regret for their loss, and the hope that they will be consoled by the memories of his fine life and achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Crowley this the 8th day of May 2001.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was read from Jeff Dugan of New Iberia who performed at the “Freddie Pate Jamboree”. He commends Mayor de la Houssaye, the City of Crowley and Freddie and Cindy Pate for providing a great country show.

A letter from the Crowley Art Association was read thanking the City of Crowley for its support and for the use of Levy Park for their “Spring Arts & Crafts Show”.

Alderman Doré moved to suspend the rules that interfere with the introduction at this time of a resolution declaring a vacancy in the office of Alderman and appointing an interim Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jones, 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,
DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF ALDERMEN
CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF CHARLES R. "BILL" WILLIAMS AND
APPOINTING AN INTERIM ALDERMEN AS PROVIDED BY LAW

WHEREAS, the Honorable Charles R. "Bill" Williams died on the 3rd day of May, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Aldermen, Ward 1, Division A, of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, Louisiana as a result of said death; and

WHEREAS, the Election Code of the State of Louisiana, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:602(A) provides that such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the governing authority within ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen having duly met in regular session to cause such appointment to be made; and

WHEREAS, upon nomination by the governing authority of a qualified elector of Ward 1 of the City of Crowley to serve;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby declare a vacancy in the office of Aldermen, Ward 1, Division A, in the City of Crowley as a result of the death of the Honorable Charles R. "Bill" Williams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Jolene Cramer Williams as Aldermen of Ward 1, Division A, of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and she shall assume the duties of said office

forthwith until such time as a duly qualified person shall be elected to the office as provided by law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in regular session duly convened on this the 8th day of May, 2001 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the "Test Blocks Contract" with H & S Construction Co. for construction of an asphaltic concrete surface at the Martin Luther King Center. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 for the "Annual Street Maintenance Contract" with H & S Construction Co. in the amount of \$21,494.46. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted on May 8, 2001.

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a Notice of Acceptance for H & S Construction Inc., Contractor, pertaining to the substantial completion of the contract subject to a punch list attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, for “2000-2001 Streets & Drainage Maintenance Material and Repair - Proposal No. 3 – Work Order No. 1” for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specification contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, for H & S Construction Co. Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed “2000-2001 Streets & Drainage Maintenance Material and Repair - Proposal No. 3 – Work Order No. 1” for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specification 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 Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Notice of Acceptance for and on behalf of the City of Crowley accepting the work as being substantially completed, and that the Mayor be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 8th day of May, 2001.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to approve Final Change Order in the amount of (negative) \$4,054.94 for the “Annual Street Maintenance Contract” with H & S Construction Co. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to approve payment of \$1,900.00 to Clarence Arceneaux for concrete work performed due to the contractor, J. B. Tally & Co. Inc.’s failure to complete the work under the street improvements contract. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin offered a motion to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering, Brian Mallett and Danny Hebert to derive a solution for the Whiteway Laundry sewer blockages. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve the City of Crowley’s annual membership to Louisiana One Call Locating Notification Network. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to inspect Crowley Laundry, Park Avenue Cleaners and Whiteway Laundry once a year and submit a report on whether or not there have been any significant changes in the operations or in the ratio of wastewater to water consumption. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to authorize the purchase of two new submersible pumps for the Little Golf Course Pump Station, to be of the capacity designed for the North Crowley Sewerage Improvements project. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 13 for the "South Crowley Pump Station Improvements Project" to P.D.S. Construction Co. in the amount of \$7,078.56. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No.1 for \$11,626.00 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Wet Weather Basin Park. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Billy H. Lince, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 7 of Block 137, Original Crowley, having a municipal address of 417 West 9th Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued to Billy H. Lince for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 12th day of June, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8th day of May, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a renewal application from James Krahulec for a 2001 Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit and a 2001 Class B – Retail Package Liquor Permit for Rite Aid #7301, 2016 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, La. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to reimburse \$350.84 to Reserve Officer Ken Corumia for damages incurred to his property while working in the patrol division. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted with Alderman Martin abstaining.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to install temporary stop signs on the corner of Avenue H and the corner of Pine Street. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted with Alderman Thomas abstaining.

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Jones offered a motion to grant a variance to Daniel Schexnayder to place two homes on Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 47, South Crowley Addition. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve the lowest bidder on the work to be done on the Rice Theatre contingent upon the approval of Facility Planning and Control. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to approve the specific deductible changes from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and wait on the underwriting cycle before determining the family premium. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to insure with Saint Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company for the City's property and casualty insurance. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve a special event beer license for June 8, 2001 for Main Street Alive to be held on the Mariast building grounds from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to refer to the City Attorney to research peddlers' licenses. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Rita Johnson, Main Street Manager, presented a report on the National Town meeting which she attended in Indianapolis, Indiana. She also notified the council that the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Louisiana Main Street Program has certified that Crowley Main Street has been recognized as a National Main Street Community for 2001. Rita also announced that the 3rd annual May Market will be held on Saturday May 12, 2001 and everyone is encouraged to attend.

RECREATION:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to amend the fiscal 2001 budget and transfer \$12,000 from the capital outlay account in Youth Recreation Building Maintenance Fund to the Youth Sporting Goods account in Youth Recreation Operating Fund. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 for the Lacroix Trucking contract for "Closure of the Municipal Swimming Pool" in the amount of \$24,600.00 with 10% retainage being withheld for labor and material liens and \$1,500 being withheld for punch list retainage. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted on May 8, 2001.

RESOLUTION OF TERMINATION

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a Notice of Termination for LaCroix Trucking, Inc., Contractor, pertaining to the substantial completion of the contract subject to a punch list attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, for "Closure of the Recreation Center Swimming Pool Facility" for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specification contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, LaCroix Trucking, Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed "Closure of the Recreation Center Swimming Pool Facility" for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specification 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 Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of said City of Crowley 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 the Mayor be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 8th day of May, 2001.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to accept the low bid and award a contract to LADCO for the “New Sewer Service to Miller Stadium” for \$13,587.90 and to refer to Revenue & Finance for funding through the Utility Fund account of Sewer-Capital Outlay. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to request from the Acadia Parish School Board the donation of the building and contents on the southwest corner of Mobley Field for the city to demolish. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to establish the Martin Luther King Community Center Committee. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to ratify the Mayor’s appointment of Mary Ozene, Brian Cormier, Clarence Woodard, Mary Washington, Earnest Cormier, Mona Woods, Marilyn Holes, Linda Eaglin and Margaret Young to serve on the Martin Luther King Community Center Committee. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCE:

Alderman Doré offered a motion to amend the fiscal 2001 budget and transfer \$12,000 from the capital outlay account in Youth Recreation Building Maintenance Fund to the Youth Sporting Goods account in Youth Recreation Operating Fund. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to award the “New Sewer Service to Miller Stadium” contract to LADCO and appropriate up to \$15,000 from the Utility Fund account of Sewer-Capital Outlay. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to dedicate the funds received from the sale of property to HARSCO and create a line item in General Fund entitled Industrial Inducement and Development Fund. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jones, 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, PROCLAIMING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM FOR THE OFFICE OF ALDERMEN, WARD 1, DIVISION A, OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Aldermen, Ward 1, Division A, in the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, as a result of the death of the Honorable Charles R. "Bill" Williams on the 3rd day of May, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Election Code, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:602(E)(2)(a) provides that the governing authority shall issue a proclamation ordering and calling a special election if the unexpired term of office exceeds one year; and

WHEREAS, the remaining term of office of the Honorable Charles R. "Bill" Williams exceeds one year; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority is required to issue a proclamation ordering such special election and specifying the dates upon which the primary and general election shall be held in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 18:402;

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

SECTION 1: They do hereby issue this order and notice; and do hereby call and proclaim a special primary and special general election to be held throughout the jurisdiction and within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana;

SECTION 2: The date of the primary election is hereby fixed for Saturday, the 20th day of October, 2001, and the date of the general election, if necessary, shall be Saturday, the 17th day of November, 2001. Said election shall be held between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code at the designated polling places in the City of Crowley; to-wit:

Ward 6, Precinct 1 (Part) - North Crowley Middle School (Ward 1 - Crowley)

Ward 6, Precinct 3A (Part) - North Crowley Kindergarten (Ward 1 - Crowley)

Ward 6, Precinct 3B (A11) - North Crowley Kindergarten (Ward 1 - Crowley)

Ward 6, Precinct 12 (Part) - School Board Media Center (Ward 1 - Crowley)

The officers shall be designated to serve as Commissioner in Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 18:434 and the compensation of said officers shall be fixed in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 18:424 and 18:425.

SECTION 4: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for such office shall file the notice of candidacy, accompanied by the qualifying fee or nominating petition as required or authorized by law with the appropriate election official in the

manner and form and under the procedures and conditions provided for under the Election Code or any other applicable provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 1950 during the period commencing on the 8th day of August, 2001 and ending on the 10th day of August, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they do now hereby notify, authorize, request, direct and empower the Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Elections of the State of Louisiana, the Parish Board of Election Supervisors of the Parish of Acadia, the Clerk of Court of the Parish of Acadia, the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Acadia, and any and all other persons and officers charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the City of Crowley (Ward 1), Ward 6, Precinct 1 (Part), Ward 6, Precinct 3A (Part), Ward 6, Precinct 3B (All) and Ward 6, Precinct 12 (Part), Acadia Parish, Louisiana, to exercise every lawful function, do every act necessary to conduct elections, cause returns thereof to be made and in general to perform any and all related and incidental functions necessary to canvas and promulgate the results thereof, all in accordance with law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in regular session duly convened on this the 8th day of May, 2001 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY ADOPTING THE PROPERTY TAX
MILLAGE FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE YEAR 2001

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session, duly convened on the 8th day of May, 2001 that the following rate of taxation is hereby fixed for the year 2001 by the Board of Aldermen. Taxes are for various bonds and other obligations of the City of Crowley.

BE IT RESOLVED that the assessor for the Parish of Acadia is hereby authorized by resolution to levy the following millage for the City of Crowley, Louisiana, on all property subject to taxation within the corporation limits of the City of Crowley, Louisiana in the following manner:

CORPORATE TAX	7.00	MILLS
STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND DEBT SERVICE	5.00	MILLS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & DRAINAGE	5.00	MILLS
PUBLIC RECREATION & PARKS TAX	3.00	MILLS
DISPOSAL PLANT MAINTENANCE TAX	3.50	MILLS
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE TAX	.75	MILLS
YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING TAX	1.00	MILLS
FIREMAN & POLICEMAN SALARY FUND	5.00	MILLS
TOTAL	30.25	MILLS

THUS DONE, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at Crowley, Acadia Parish,
Louisiana, on the 8th day of May, 2001.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The executive session to discuss a worker's compensation case that is pending litigation is postponed until the next meeting.

Mrs. Ezora Proctor and her workers are to be commended for the wonderful job on the National Day of Prayer Celebration in Crowley.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on May 10, 2001 at 2:45 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on May 23, 2001 at 4:30 p.m.

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