

## **CITY OF CROWLEY**

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 13, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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, and Steven C. Premeaux. Aldermen Ira Thomas was absent.

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

Alderwoman Melancon moved to amend the agenda to consider allowing the Full Gospel Ministries the use of Levy Park to host a Christian Concert. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones,  
Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and  
Steven C. Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

Alderman Doré moved to amend the agenda to consider changing committee meetings from December 5 and 6, 2001 to December 4 and 5, 2001. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones,  
Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and  
Steven C. Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

Alderman Jones moved to amend the agenda to consider Partial Payment # 3 to LADCO for the “Drainage Improvements at Miller Stadium Project”. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones,  
Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and  
Steven C. Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

Alderman Jones moved to amend the agenda to consider sewer fee adjustment for Laundry Operations. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones,  
Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and  
Steven C. Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

Alderman Jones moved to amend the agenda to consider the following Projects for funds to be included in the Capital Outlay Budget

- A) Interpretive Rice Center, Music Recording Studio  
Museum & Administrative Offices
- B) Rice Theatre
- C) Parkerson Avenue Master Plan Improvements.

Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones,  
Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and  
Steven C. Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

Alderwoman Melancon moved to amend the agenda to discuss the November 17, 2001 Sales Tax Election. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones,  
Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and  
Steven C. Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Mr. Arthur Webster, et al, located at 916 W. Hutchinson Avenue should not be condemned.

On motion of Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, the following resolution was adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF  
CROWLEY ORDERING THE  
CONDEMNATION OF LOTS 14  
& 15, BLOCK 10, DUSON 3RD  
ADDITION, CITY OF CROWLEY

When, after considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested, after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building, the report of the Building Inspector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular session, duly convened, it is ordered that the building or home owned Arthur Webster, et al, being improvements located at 916 W. Hutchinson Avenue, 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 sixty (60) days from the date hereof.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

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Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Mr. Bobby C. Smith, located at 1001 Stutes Street should not be condemned.

On motion of Alderwoman Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jones, the following resolution was adopted.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF  
CROWLEY ORDERING THE  
CONDEMNATION OF LOT 8,  
BLOCK 1, STUTES ADDITION  
#3, CITY OF CROWLEY

When, after considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested, after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building, the report of the Building Inspector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular session, duly convened, it is ordered that the building or home owned by Bobby C. Smith, being improvements located at 1001 Stutes Street, 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 sixty (60) days from the date hereof.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

**PRESENTATION:**

Mr. John LeLeux accepted the appointment of a Civil Service Board Member and took the Oath of Office.

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:**

Alderman Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 9, 2001 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Doré 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:**

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

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR EAST AND WEST ANDRUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has determined that it is reasonable and necessary to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing, comments and questions were taken for the purpose of assessing the community's needs and developing a consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman have determined that the East and West Andrus street improvements will be most beneficial and cost effective for the citizens of the City of Crowley;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that they do hereby authorize an application to be made to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program under the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 funding period for the East and West Andrus street improvements, within the City of Crowley.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Doré and duly resolved and adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE  
AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN  
AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY  
DOCUMENTS AND NEGOTIATE AND  
EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE FY 2002-2003  
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT –PUBLIC  
FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant - Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, this federal grant program is very competitive and involves a significant amount of documentation and reporting; and

WHEREAS, professional administrative consulting services are necessary for the application preparation and implementation of the grant, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, professional engineering consulting services are necessary for the design, surveying and inspection, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, the City advertised for Qualification Statements for these professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application for funding and all the necessary documents in connection to the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after reviewing the proposals submitted, the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Mader-Miers Engineering, Inc., for the administrative

consulting services necessary to prepare a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant application and to implement/administer the project, contingent upon the project being funded and contingent upon said firm being approved by the Division of Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after reviewing the qualification statements submitted, the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Mader-Miers Engineering, Inc., for the professional engineering services necessary to provide the engineering services for the project contingent upon the project being funded and contingent upon said firm being approved by the Division of Administration.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly resolved and adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE  
CITY TO COSTS WHICH EXCEED THE

MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD UNDER  
THE FY 2002-2003 LOUISIANA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed drainage improvements for the project will exceed the maximum grant amount allowable which is twenty-five percent of the total construction cost for the Street Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the maximum grant amount allowable for resident inspection services for a street improvements project will likely be exceeded for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City commits to pay for any project costs which exceed the maximum grant amount available for drainage improvements and resident inspection for a street improvement project under the FY 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly resolved and adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE  
CITY OF CROWLEY TO THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE FY 2002-2003 LOUISIANA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, this federal grant program is very competitive with a detailed numerical rating and ranking system; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the base rating factors and points, one bonus point will be assigned to those applicants who commit local funds to pay the administrative costs associated with the project, should the project be funded.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the City hereby commits local funds to pay the administrative consulting services fees and any other administrative costs of approximately \$38,900 to be incurred with this project, only if the project is funded, in order to receive the bonus points in the application rating system.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Doré 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 NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A CONTRACT  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE  
ALLEYWAY BETWEEN AVENUES G AND  
H FROM JEANETTE STREET TO SPRUCE  
STREET; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL  
MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended that drainage improvements to solve the drainage problem in the alleyway between Avenues G and H from Jeanette Street to Spruce Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended an outside contractor as the most economic and feasible way to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the construction costs are anticipated to be less than \$100,000;

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, that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to negotiate a construction contract for drainage improvements in the alleyway between Avenue G and H from Jeanette Street to Spruce Street at a price not to exceed \$100,000, in accordance with the plans and specification prepared by Mader-Miers Engineering.; 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 a contract for the said construction work and services, together with all necessary documents in connection with the contract for drainage improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderwoman Melancon moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to perform the necessary surveys and analysis to provide a recommendation on solving the drainage problem on Pintail at East Park Drive and at the intersection of East Park and Cedar Street. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to perform the necessary surveys and analysis to provide a recommendation on solving the drainage problem near 212 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to make a recommendation on solving parking/drainage problems on Mustang Road by the City's Cemetery. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

#### **UTILITY:**

Alderwoman Melancon moved to approve Partial Payment #2 to LADCO for release of retainage on the "Sewer Extension for East First Street at North Avenue I" project in the amount of \$1,433.22. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to accept the recommendation of Mader-Miers and approve a 25% sewer fee adjustment for Park Avenue Cleaners, with the effective date applied similar to previous adjustments of other cleaners. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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 Premeaux and duly adopted.

Ardoin's Café Permit Frandan Ardoin 622 West Hutchinson, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
Acadia Parish Multipurpose Facility Permit Acadia Parish Police Jury, Katry Martin 159 Cherokee Drive, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
The Mibil Co., Inc. d/b/a Mr. Gatti's Permit Mark Nickel/ Lynette Nickel 2218 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
Champ's Senior Citizen Permit Allen B. Richardson Liquor Permit 527 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer  2002 Class A- Retail Outlet
Second Street Bar Permit Marilyn Pizzolatto 320 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
Knights of Columbus Sacre' Coueur Permit Michael H. McBride 226 West Elm Street, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
Wena's Tavern L.L.C. Permit City Bar Permit 123 East First Street, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer  2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Liquor
Old Tyme Café Permit Laura Beniot 304 West Oak Street, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
Bud's Den Permit	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer

William G. Miller Liquor Permit 421 N. Parkerson, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet
Cuccio's Food Mart Permit Ricky Cuccio 1025 North Ave. G, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer
Circle K #351 Permit Linda Hodgins Liquor Permit HWY 13 N, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer  2002 Class B- Retail Package
American Pizza Co, LLC Permit d/b/a Pizza Hut #880019 M. Brent Stolzenthaler 1900 N. Parkerson, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
South Park Liquor Store Permit John L. Dubose Liquor Permit 912 S. Parkerson, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer  2002 Class A- Retail Outlet
Wal-Mart Supercenter #310 Permit Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. Liquor Permit Rick W. Brazile 729 Oddfellows Road, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer  2002 Class B- Retail Package
Cajun Mart Permit Dardean H. Cook Liquor Permit 109 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer  2002 Class B- Retail Package
Cajun Mart Deli Permit Dardean H. Cook 109 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, LA	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer

D & D Grocery and Liquor Beer Permit	2002 Class B- Retail Package
Dung Ngoc Hugnh Liquor Permit 324 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package
4 Bells Inc. Beer Permit	2002 Class B- Retail Package
d/b/a E. Crowley I-10 Chevron Liquor Permit Gerald Duaine Belfour 731 Oddfellows Road, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package
4 Bells Inc. Permit	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet Beer
d/b/a E. I-10 Chevron Daiquiri Shop Liquor Permit Gerald Duaine Belfour, Crowley, LA 731 Oddfellows Road	2002 Class A- Retail Outlet
Rice City Liquor Beer Permit	2002 Class B- Retail Package
Pat Istre Liquor Permit 630 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package
Winn Dixie #1490 Beer Permit	2002 Class B- Retail Package
David M. Young Liquor Permit 2004 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package
C & G Food Store Permit Ralph C. Byers 803 West Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley, LA	2002 Class B- Retail Package Beer

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Alderman Doré moved to approve the marketing plan as presented by Sides & Associates, which focuses on community pride, economic development and tourism. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to allow Reverend Robert Perry of Full Gospel Ministries the use of Levy Park to host a Christian Concert from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the date to be announced and the Police Department will be informed. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

### **PUBLIC BUILDING:**



Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Change Order No. 1, Option No. 1 for removing the damaged column and replacing with a wood column at the Crowley Enterprise Center in the amount of \$820.50. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to delay action at this time to install a backflow preventer on the existing risers at the Crowley Enterprise Center in the amount of \$3,765. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to accept Change Order No. 2 to fill the holes left by removal of the bag press on the second floor at the Crowley Enterprise Center in the amount of \$394. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc for the renovations to the Crowley Enterprise Center in the amount of \$60,752. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve the continuation of Jody Viator to operate the concessions at the Rice Theatre. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt moved to table the motion made by Alderwoman Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jones to allow any lessee of the Rice Theatre who maintains an average paid audience of 350 or more over a twelve-month period to share the City's 50% portion to be divided as 90% lessee and 10% lesser. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Vernon Martin,  
and Steven C. Premeaux

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

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

Alderman Premeaux moved to cosponsor First Church of God in Christ's Christmas Musical at the M. L. King Center to be held on December 21, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., which is open to the public. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to authorize the Mayor a contingency budget of \$5,000 for unanticipated repairs or replacement cost at the Crowley Enterprise Center. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré moved to amend the agenda to discuss the rentals of the Rice Festival building. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones,  
Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and  
Steven C. Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

Alderman Doré moved to refer to the Public Building committee the consideration of a deposit fee for anyone booking a rental more than 90 days in advance. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

### **ZONING & ANNEXATION:**

Alderman Buatt moved to refer the citizen reapportionment plan and the contract reapportionment plan to full Council. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Jones moved to accept the contract reapportionment plan as prepared by Acadiana Regional Development District. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Greg Jones, Mary T.  
Melancon, and Laurita D. Pete,

NAYS: Tiger Istre, and Steven C. Premeaux

ABSTAIN: Vernon Martin

ABSENT: Ira Thomas

### **INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:**

Alderwoman Pete moved to employ Jason Broussard as Firefighter Recruit effective November 14, 2001. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete moved to employ Patricia Helo as Fire Chief Secretary effective November 5, 2001. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

**RECREATION:**

Alderman Jones moved to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to LADCO for the “Drainage Improvements at Miller Stadium” project in the amount of \$3,944.99. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

**REVENUE & FINANCE:**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY  
OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,  
LOUISIANA, EXPRESSING THEIR  
OPPOSITION TO THE LEVY AND  
COLLECTION OF A SALES AND USE  
TAX BY THE ACADIA PARISH  
POLICE JURY FOR MOSQUITO  
ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury has called for an election to be held on November 17, 2001 throughout the Parish of Acadia to authorize the levy and collection of a one-quarter (0.25) cent sales and use tax on all goods and services sold in Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury anticipates the sales and use tax will generate in excess of \$1,300,000 annually, of which \$475,000 would be collected within the corporate boundaries of the City of Crowley and over \$300,000 would be collected within the corporate boundaries of the City of Rayne; and

WHEREAS, the sales and use tax presently collected within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley is now nine (9%) percent; and

WHEREAS, the levy of an additional sales tax will encourage the purchase of goods and services elsewhere in order to avoid the additional tax; and

WHEREAS, the loss of sales of goods and services in the City of Crowley will be detrimental both to the business community and residents of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the levy and collection of a sales tax falls disproportionately on those residents who are on fixed income and of modest means; and

WHEREAS, questions regarding the plan for the expenditure of the money, including the pesticide or chemicals being considered for use, the method of delivering or spraying the pesticides or chemicals, the long-term effects of spraying the pesticides and chemicals, what types of programs or systems had been considered, what alternative means of financing had been considered, and what the specific cost of the program's components were, could not adequately explained at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has, for many years, maintained and operated a mosquito abatement and control program and has recently upgraded and improved the program of mosquito control; and

WHEREAS, the program, as explained by the Acadia Parish Police Jury, will not include mosquito abatement within the City of Crowley, therefore these tax dollars will not directly benefit the residents and taxpayers of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley find that the proposal of the Acadia Parish Police Jury is not in the best interest of the

residents and taxpayers of the City of Crowley, from which the Acadia Parish Police Jury expects to generate \$475,000 in tax revenue, representing approximately 37% of the total tax dollars to be collected; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby oppose the proposition of the Acadia Parish Police Jury to levy and collect a sales and use tax of one-quarter (0.25) cent on the sale of goods and services in the Parish of Acadia; and urge that all the taxpayers and voters of the City of Crowley considering voting NO to the one-quarter (0.25) cent sales tax proposition on Saturday, November 17, 2001.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which quorum was acting throughout.

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MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY  
OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,  
LOUISIANA, AWARDING A  
CONTRACT TO LOW BIDDER AND TO  
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A  
CONTRACT IN SAID AMOUNT FOR  
THE DEMOLITION OF THE  
ABANDONED WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT FACILITY; AND TO  
PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS  
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley published advertisement for sealed bids to demolish the abandoned Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

WHEREAS, the plans and specifications for the demolition were available to all prospective bidders; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the City Clerk on November 7, 2001 and were opened, read aloud and taken under advisement; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the bids by Mader-Miers Engineering, the City Engineers, the lowest responsible bidder was found to be Acadiana Shell & Limestone, Inc. of Abbeville, Louisiana;

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 award the contract for the demolition of the abandoned Wastewater Treatment Facility to Acadiana Shell & Limestone, Inc. of Abbeville, Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Crowley to Acadiana Shell & Limestone, Inc. for the demolition of the abandoned Wastewater Treatment Facility in accordance with the plans and specifications, plus Additive Alternate No. 1 for a total cost of \$169,800.00, together with all the usual terms and conditions of the contract.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

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MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO LOW BIDDER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT IN SAID AMOUNT TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A COMMUNITOR AT THE MAIN PUMP STATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR

ALL OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION  
THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley published advertisement for sealed bids to furnish and install a communitor at the Main Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, the plans and specifications for the communitor were available to all prospective bidders; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the City Clerk on November 7, 2001 and were opened, read aloud and taken under advisement; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the bids by Mader-Miers Engineering, the City Engineers, the lowest responsible bidder was found to be K.A.S. Construction, L.L.C. of Roanoke, Louisiana;

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 award the contract to furnish and install a communitor at the Main Pump Station to K.A.S. Construction, L.L.C.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Crowley to K.A.S. Construction, L.L.C. to furnish and install a communitor at the Main Pump Station in accordance with the plans and specifications for a total cost of \$173,950.00, together with all the usual terms and conditions of the contract.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Martin 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 AMENDING AND ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DEFINING THE BOUNDARY OF THE TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, LOCATED ON WRIGHT AVENUE, WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY SO ANNEXED BE ZONED M-1, MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARY OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.99 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FRONTING ON ODDFELLOWS ROAD, WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY SO ANNEXED BE ZONED C-3, HIGHWAY-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND TO RE-DEFINE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO INCLUDE SAME; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 AMENDING AND ENLARGING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DEFINING THE BOUNDARY OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, LOCATED ON WRIGHT AVENUE, WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY SO ANNEXED BE ZONED M-1, MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT; AND TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARY OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.99 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FRONTING ON ODDFELLOWS ROAD, WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY SO ANNEXED BE ZONED C-3, HIGHWAY-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND TO RE-DEFINE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO INCLUDE SAME; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

MAYOR

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, 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,

REQUESTING \$1,250,000.00 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEWLY ACQUIRED HISTORIC BUILDING FOR AN INTERPRETIVE RICE CENTER, MUSIC RECORDING STUDIO MUSEUM AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to submit a request for funds to be included in the Capital Outlay Budget of the State of Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 to preserve and renovate the newly acquired historic building and construct an Interpretive Rice Center, Music Recording Studio Museum and Administrative Offices; and

WHEREAS, a formal application for funds to be included in the Capital Outlay Act must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 30 and other applicable provisions of the laws and regulations of the State of Louisiana and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley will provide a local matching amount of \$625,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize the filing of a Capital Outlay request for the amount of \$1,250,000.00 to be submitted on behalf of the City of Crowley in the Capital Outlay Budget of the State of Louisiana for the renovation of the newly acquired historic building for construction of an Interpretive Rice Center, Music Recording Studio Museum and Administrative Offices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Crowley does hereby agree to provide a local matching amount of \$625,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Crowley be authorized, empowered and directed to execute the appropriate Capital Outlay Budget Request Form as may be required by the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control Office and to submit necessary certifications regarding funding available for the City of Crowley and include a "space utilization plan" and all other necessary documents and actions as may be necessary to complete said request.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, in regular session duly convened, by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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, REQUESTING \$72,000.00 TO  
BE INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUDGET OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
FOR THE CONTINUING INTERIOR  
RESTORATION OF THE RICE THEATER

INTO A STATE OF THE ART, ART DECO  
THEATER/MUSEUM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to submit a request for funds to be included in the Capital Outlay Budget of the State of Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 to continue the restoration and renovation of the Historic Theater into Art Deco Theater/Museum; and

WHEREAS, a formal request for funds to be included in the Capital Outlay Act must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 30 and other applicable provisions of the State of Louisiana and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize the filing of a Capital Outlay request for the amount of \$72,000.00 to be submitted on behalf of the City of Crowley in the Capital Outlay Budget of the State of Louisiana for the continuing interior renovation of the Rice Theater into a state of the art, art deco theater/museum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Crowley be authorized, empowered and directed to execute the appropriate Capital Outlay Budget Request Form as may be required by the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control Office and to submit necessary certifications regarding funding available for the City of Crowley and include a "space utilization plan" and all other necessary documents and actions as may be necessary to complete said request.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, in regular session duly convened, by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jones, 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, REQUESTING \$3,335,707.00 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PARKERSON AVENUE, LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 13, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HISTORIC PARKERSON AVENUE MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS TO SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, STREETScape AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to submit a request for funds to be included in the Capital Outlay Budget of the State of Louisiana for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 for the implementation of the Historic Parkerson Avenue/La. Hwy. 13 Master Plan known as Streetscape; and

WHEREAS, a formal application for funds to be included in the Capital Outlay Act must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Title 30 and other applicable provisions of the State of Louisiana and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley will provide a local matching amount of \$300,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize the filing of a Capital Outlay request for the amount of \$3,335,707.00 to be submitted on behalf of the City of Crowley in the Capital Outlay Budget of the State of Louisiana for the Redevelopment of Parkerson Avenue, Louisiana Highway 13, Implementation of the Historic Parkerson Avenue Master Plan Improvements to sidewalks, lighting, streetscape and property acquisition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Crowley does hereby agree to provide a local matching amount of \$300,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Crowley be authorized, empowered and directed to execute the appropriate Capital Outlay Budget Request Form as may be required by the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control Office and to submit necessary certifications regarding funding available for the City of Crowley and include a "space utilization plan" and all other necessary documents and actions as may be necessary to complete said request.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, in regular session duly convened, by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderwoman Melancon moved to change the December committee meetings from December 5 and 6, 2001 to December 4 and 5, 2001 due to conflicts in schedules. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on November 15, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on November 27, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

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