

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2005

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday the 12th day of July, 2005, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: Dr. James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Woody Marceaux was absent.

Alderswoman Pete led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Martin gave the invocation.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a resolution in support of social security. Seconded by Alderswoman Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderswoman Melancon offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a request from Seitel Data, Ltd. for a geophysical permit. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

Representative Gill Pinac came before the assembly to summarize the legislative session and recap the capital outlay funds that were given to the City of Crowley.

Mrs. Katie Chaisson informed the congregation that the CLECO office in Crowley would be opened in early August with a grand opening scheduled. She introduced the staff that will serve the community in that office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of Property of Lots 4, 5, and 6 of Block 40 of Original Crowley belonging to Eleanor Finley.

The following resolution was offered by Alderswoman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderswoman Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION
OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS ON LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 OF
BLOCK 40 OF THE ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 12th day of July, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the owner having failed to appear; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector testified that the dilapidated and dangerous portions of the buildings, including the porches and supports, have been removed and/or repaired and the doors and windows have been secured, but was unable to enter the home or the storage building/garage to inspect the interiors for structural damage and to otherwise determine compliance with current building codes and the City Inspector testified that the garage roof and walls have significant structural damage and no work has been performed on the garage during the thirty (30) days after this hearing was continued at the request of the property owner to allow work to be completed on the home, storage building and garage; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector is satisfied that the exterior of the home and storage building are satisfactorily repaired in accordance with code, but was unable to determine whether any interior deficiencies exists; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector testified that the plumbing and electrical wiring in the home do not meet current code standards and the garage has not been brought up to standards;

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented and the recommendation of the City Inspector and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the structures; 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 order the garage and the electrical and plumbing systems of the home and storage building situated on Lots 4, 5 and 6 of Block 40 of the Original City of Crowley, being the property of Eleanor Finley, having a municipal address of 504 East Third Street, be and they are hereby condemned; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the property owner shall complete all necessary structural repairs and roofing to the garage necessary to meet current building code requirements or the garage shall be demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of notice hereof obtain an inspection by the City Inspector of the interior of the home and the storage building to determine compliance with building codes for interior structural and hazardous defects and if any exists, shall be corrected within the thirty (30) days after notice by the City Inspector; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that until the electrical wiring and plumbing systems shall be repaired or replaced in compliance with current code requirements, no occupancy permits shall be granted nor shall any utilities be connected to the premises until further orders from the City Inspector.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on this the 12th day of July, 2005 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

Alderman Pete moved to reschedule the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1315, the ordinance on "Protection of Public Water Supply", until August 9, 2005. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1321, the ordinance to amend the fiscal 2005 budget was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1321. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1321. There were no comments after the third and final call.

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

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 14th, 2005 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 28th, 2005 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. 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 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 ten months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to accept the bid of \$7,868 from Dixie Surplus Machinery, Inc. on the sale of one used caterpillar 416 backhoe loader with an all purpose bucket, serial number 05PC10662. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A ROAD MOWING, LITTER AND TRASH COLLECTION HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LDOTD); AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, certain municipal streets and roads of the City of Crowley form a continuation of the State Highway System which the LDOTD is obligated to repair and maintain and operate at its sole cost and expense by LA R.S. 48:191; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 48, a municipality may request that work be contracted out to the municipality by the LDOTD; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has requested that certain streets identified on the Major Street Plan be maintained for the purposes of mowing and litter and trash collection;

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, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a contract with the LDOTD authorizing the mowing and litter and trash collection by the City of Crowley on those roads or streets identified and attached to the agreement for and in consideration of the standard mileage rates for reimbursement provided by the LDOTD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye be and she is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as may be meet and proper in the premises

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of July, 2005, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY
TO MAYOR ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE TO SIGN AND
SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE LOUISIANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, this federal grant program involves a significant amount of documentation and reporting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit all of the necessary documents in connection with the 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant awarded to the City of Crowley.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SECTION 3 PLAN
RELATIVE TO THE
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to eliminating discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to compliance with federal and state guidelines concerning equal employment opportunity in regards to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the City does hereby approve and adopt the Section 3 Plan attached hereto and made part of this resolution in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIN CRADEUR
AS ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE OFFICER
AND ADOPTING A COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FOR THE
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to compliance with Section 504 and the Accessibility Standards for Disabled Persons for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program as set forth by the federal government and the Louisiana Division of Administration; and

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of one person to administer said guidelines and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt complaint procedures for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Erin Cradeur be appointed as the Accessibility Compliance Officer for the Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant and perform all necessary tasks as associated with this position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached Citizen Complaint Procedures for Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act are hereby adopted.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RESIDENTIAL
ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN
AND APPOINTING ERIN CRADEUR
AS ANTIDISPLACEMENT/RELOCATION OFFICER
RELATIVE TO THE
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1988, new requirements for a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 became effective; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will not award any Community Development Block Grant funds after October 1, 1988 unless a community adopts such a plan; and

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of one person to be the contact person relative to displacements and relocation; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City to adopt such a plan and appoint such an officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the attached Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is hereby adopted in connection with the Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Erin Cradeur be appointed as the Antidisplacement/Relocation Officer for the City of Crowley's Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIN CRADEUR
AS LABOR COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to compliance with the Labor Standard Requirements for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program as set forth by the federal government and the Louisiana Division of Administration; and

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of one person to administer said guidelines and requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Erin Cradeur be appointed as the Labor Compliance Officer for the Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant and perform all necessary tasks as associated with this position.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIN CRADEUR
AS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER FOR THE
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the goals of equal employment opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to compliance with equal opportunity requirements, which include: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, Attachment O of the OMB Circular A-102, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of an Equal Opportunity Officer to coordinate all Affirmative Action efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Erin Cradeur be appointed as the Equal Opportunity Officer for the Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant and perform all necessary tasks as associated with this position.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE,
NON-INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, said funds from the State shall be deposited directly in a financial institution of the City's choosing as they are requested; and

WHEREAS, the City must establish a separate bank account for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that a separate, non-interest bearing checking account shall be established at the Bank of Commerce and that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, shall execute the appropriate Designation of Depository Form as required by the Division of Administration.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOUR (4)
CITY OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES TO SIGN THE
REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FORMS
FOR THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, a maximum of four (4) City officials and/or employees are to be authorized to sign the Louisiana CDBG Request for Payment forms to draw down funds from said grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to draw down funds, an authorized signature card must be completed with the signatures of a maximum of four (4) City officials and/or employees in addition to one (1) person who is to be authorized to witness the signing of the authorized signature card.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the following City officials and employees are the only persons hereby authorized to sign Request for Payment forms under the 2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program:

Isabella L. de la Houssaye
James M. Buatt
Kitty Valdetero
Judy L. Istre

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Erin Cradeur is hereby authorized to witness and certify that the above mentioned City officials and employees actually sign the authorized signature card for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Quality Construction Specialist under Work Order No. 1 for the FY 2004-2005 Annual Crack Repair contract in the amount of \$26,176.28. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Mader Engineering Inc. to perform a drainage study to provide a scope and cost estimate along East 17th Street from Avenue I to the dead end. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to request an audit from LAWCO on the water sales and the revenue collections. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 7 under the E. B. Feucht contract for I/I Rehabilitation Program 2004 for Release of Retainage in the amount of \$11,863.65. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new beer and liquor permit for the following. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Korky's Inc.	
d/b/a Korky's Market	2005 Class B Retail Outlet Beer Permit
1122 North Western Avenue	2005 Class B Retail Outlet Liquor
Permit	

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the City Clerk to meet with the Police Chief to review this year's budget for the availability of \$30,000 within the Police Department's current budget to purchase vehicles for the Detective Division. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the City Clerk to allocate up to \$100,000 from General Fund's Fund Balance to purchase five vehicles for the Police Department and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted with Alderwoman Valdetero voting nay.

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a variance for Hakeem Ali to enclose a carport at 905 North Avenue D within 8 ½' of rear yard setback. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to authorize the renewal of the Assist Agency's lease at the Enterprise Center. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted with Alderman Martin and Alderwoman Pete abstaining.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderman Istre offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Schmaltz for extended sick leave for Elizabeth Benoit effective June 15, 2005. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Schmaltz to employ Stephen Robichaux as Firefighter Recruit effective July 14, 2005. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Gibson to demote Sharon Mott from Provisional Sergeant to Permanent Corporal effective July 14, 2005. This is due to Civil Service testing where applicant for the Lieutenant position did not pass the exam. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Gibson to demote Francis Perry from Provisional Lieutenant to Permanent Sergeant effective July 14, 2005. This is due to Civil Service testing where applicant for the Lieutenant position did not pass the exam. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Gibson to confirm Austin Jones from Provisional Corporal to Probationary Corporal effective July 14, 2005. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Pete offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Gibson for the employment of Charles Broussard, Jr. as Police Officer Recruit effective July 14, 2005, pending his passing the physical and drug screen. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Gibson for the employment of Reginald Richard as Police Officer Recruit effective July 29, 2005, pending his passing the physical and drug screen. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SIDES & ASSOCIATES FOR ADVERTISING, MARKETING AND MEDIA SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley's contract for advertising, marketing and media services with Sides & Associates expires on the 31st day of August, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have been pleased with the results of the work and services provided by Sides & Associates, Inc. which included the award-winning marketing and advertising campaign of "Crowley Pride, Catch It"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to exercise the option to renew the contract on the same terms and conditions for fiscal year 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, the new contract shall provide for services as approved for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2005, and ending August 31, 2006;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in special 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 a contract with Sides & Associates, Inc. to furnish advertising, marketing and media services for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2005, and ending August 31, 2006, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said contract; said expenditures during the year shall be directed by the City for specific tasks and subjects to be targeted and all expenditures shall receive prior approval by the Mayor, with the annual expenditure not to exceed the sum of Sixty Thousand & No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars as provided in the annual budget with an option for three (3) additional one (1) year renewals on the same terms and conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary orders and documents as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session on this the 12th day of July, 2005, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

RECREATION:

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to erect five (5) playground sets at the following parks: Freeland, Duson, Levy, Hoffpauir & Hensgens. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCES:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA, FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley has received a proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for their consideration and adoption; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held to receive public comment prior to adoption of the annual budget by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, notice of the availability of the proposed annual budget and of the public hearing to receive public comment must be published once in the official journal of the City of Crowley, no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, which notice shall provide for the date, time and place where the Board of Aldermen will consider their adoption;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 26th day of July, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, to receive public comment on the adoption of the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2006; and

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 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006, CITY OF CROWLEY

Public notice is hereby given that the proposed annual budget of the City of Crowley for fiscal year 2006 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 426 N. Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the budget are also available at a nominal cost.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the adoption of the annual budget for the fiscal year 2006 as follows:

DATE : July 26, 2005
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL

426 NORTH AVENUE F
CROWLEY, LA 70526

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall hear any and all comments concerning the revenues and expenditures of the City of Crowley relative to the adoption of the annual budget for fiscal year 2006.

SIGNED on July 12, 2005 at Crowley, LA.

ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR
CITY OF CROWLEY
P. O. BOX 1463, CROWLEY, LA 70527
PHONE: (337) 783-0824

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

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED on this the 12th day of July, 2005 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, 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 the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 2-4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN

CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley 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 26th day of July, 2005, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 2-4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 12th day of July, 2005.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 12th day of July, 2005, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize the City Clerk to allocate up to \$100,000 from General Fund's Fund Balance to purchase five vehicles for the Police Department. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

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 THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2005; 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 9th day of August, 2005 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 THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2005; 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 12th day of July, 2005.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderswoman Melancon offered a motion to grant a geophysical permit to Seitel Data, Ltd. with the stipulation that the city will do smoke testing before and after the seismic work at the expense of Seitel Data, Ltd. Seconded by Alderswoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION:

Alderswoman Valdetero moved to table the resolution on "Social Security". Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1321

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND 2005, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1 AND ENDING AUGUST 31; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and notice of public hearing having been published; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 12th day of July, 2005 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 12th day of July, 2005 that the following 2005 Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Current Proposed Amendment	Amended Budget 2004-2005
General Fund - Revenues		
Licenses & Permits	22,750	479,575
Grants & Loans	(2,307,600)	2,785,795
Other Revenues	521,100	1,093,635
General Fund - Expenditures		
Street		
Capital Outlay	(2,480,000)	795,640
Non Departmental		
Other Expense	170,000	355,835
1 & ½ Cent Sales Tax -Other Financing Uses-Operating Transfers		
Transfer & Appropriations Out	55,000	3,498,525
Main Street-Other Financing Uses		
Transfer & Appropriations In	5,000	56,500
Utility - Revenues		
Grants & Loan	(370,000)	780,000
Utility - Expenditures		
Administrative		
Other Expense	100,000	656,350

Sewage		
Capital Outlay	(1,145,000)	416,625
Collision & Loss - Expenditures		
Other Expense	40,000	78,000
Collision & Loss - Other Financing Uses		
Transfer & Appropriations In	50,000	90,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2005 fiscal budgets, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Isabella L. de la Houssaye, is hereby authorized and in her sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as she may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 12th day of July, 2005 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Dr. James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Woody Marceaux

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on July 14, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on August 8, 2005 at 11:45 a.m.
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on July , 2005 at .m.