

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2008

The Mayor and Board of Councilmen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a special session at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday the 25th day of March, 2008 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said meeting in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the presence of the following Aldermen: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Todd Whiting was absent.

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

The following call was read:

March 20, 2008

City of Crowley
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE:

You are hereby notified that a Special Council Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Avenue F.

The purpose of said meeting will be to:

1. Appoint a City Prosecutor; and
2. Consider a Resolution in support of Coastal Wetlands and Shoreline; and
3. Any other legal items to come before the Council.

S/ Greg A. Jones
Greg A. Jones, Mayor

Posted at City Hall on March 20, 2008 at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

The call was circulated on March 20, 2008 and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Elliot Doré	on March 20, 2008 at 2:50 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on March 20, 2008 at 2:44 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Lyle Fogleman	on March 20, 2008 at 2:43 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on March 20, 2008 at 2:51 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on March 20, 2008 at 2:51 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on March 20, 2008 at 2:52 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on March 20, 2008 at 2:45 o'clock p.m. by personal service
Kitty Valdetero	on March 20, 2008 at 2:50 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
Todd Whiting	on March 20, 2008 at 2:58 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Thomas K. Regan	on March 20, 2008 at 2:50 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
Tim Mader	on March 20, 2008 at 2:50 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
K. P. Gibson	on March 20, 2008 at 2:20 o'clock p.m. by personal service
Judy L. Istre	on March 20, 2008 at 2:20 o'clock p.m. by personal service

APPOINTMENTS:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Jeffery L. Brunson as the City's Prosecutor effective March 26, 2008. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 has not received a proportionate share of monies from its State and Federal partners, when it comes to protection and restoration of our wetlands and our shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the sediment once received from the Mississippi River to naturally build our chenier ridges has been altered leaving them vulnerable to the erosive forces of the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the marsh estuaries of Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 serve as a nursery ground to marine organisms, (Shrimp, crab and fish), furbearers, reptiles, waterfowl and a host of other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2010 Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 will host four of the Nation's Liquefied Natural Gas Plants and the Internationally known Henry Hub site, which services over 25% of the Nation's gas supply; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana 2050 Plan identifies clear restoration strategies to address coastal wetland loss which has garnered local support for implementation in Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 that will successfully help sustain the marshes and shorelines of the Calcasieu-Sabine, Mermentau and the Teche-Vermilion Basins; and

WHEREAS, protecting and restoring our coastline and wetlands will help serve as a buffer zone to high tides and hurricanes for the Parishes north of Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 need one strong voice promoting legislation, programs, and projects needed to sustain our coastal shoreline and wetlands.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Crowley on this 25th day of March, 2008, that this body stands with Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 in its fight to attain a proportionate share of recognition, research, and resourced, to construct projects that will work to sustain a critical part of America's Wetland along the Gulf of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Crowley joins in with the Cameron Parish Police Jury as one voice in an effort to protect and restore Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Region 3b & 4.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 25th day of March, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on March 26th, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on March 26th, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on March _____, 2008 at _____ .m.