

CITY OF CROWLEY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2008

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a special session at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting.

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

The following call was read:

July 29, 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 Wednesday August 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Avenue F.

The purpose of said meeting will be to:

- 1) Adopt the adjusted millage rates for the tax year 2008,
- 2) Adopt the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and roll forward the millage to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2008; and
- 3) Any other legal items to come before the Council.

S/ Greg A. Jones  
Greg A. Jones, Mayor  
City of Crowley  
P. O. Box 1463  
425 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA. 70526  
(337) 783-0824

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

Notice Posted at City Hall on July 29, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Notice Published in Crowley Post Signal: August 1, 2008

The call was circulated on August 1, 2008 and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Elliot Doré	on August 1, 2008 at 9:57 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on August 1, 2008 at 11:58 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Lyle Fogleman	on August 1, 2008 at 10:02 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on August 1, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on August 1, 2008 at 10:45 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on August 1, 2008 at 1:33 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on August 1, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. by personal service
Kitty Valdetero	on August 1, 2008 at 9:57 o'clock a.m. by e-mail

Todd Whiting on August 1, 2008 at 1:25 o'clock p.m. by telephone  
 Thomas K. Regan on August 1, 2008 at 9:57 o'clock a.m. by e-mail  
 Tim Mader on August 1, 2008 at 9:57 o'clock a.m. by e-mail  
 K. P. Gibson on August 1, 2008 at 9:55 o'clock a.m. by personal service  
 Judy L. Istre on August 1, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. by personal service  
 K.S.I.G. on August 1, 2008 at 10:22 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
 K.A.J.N. on August 1, 2008 at 10:24 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
 Crowley Post Signal on August 1, 2008 at 10:25 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
 Dailey Advertiser on August 1, 2008 at 10:27 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
 The Advocate on August 1, 2008 at 10:27 o'clock a.m. by e-mail  
 K.A.T.C. Channel 3 on August 1, 2008 at 10:29 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
 K.L.F.Y Channel 10 on August 1, 2008 at 9:57 o'clock a.m. by e-mail  
 Chamber of Commerce on August 1, 2008 at 10:28 o'clock a.m. by facsimile

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Alderwoman Mary Melancon offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a resolution to execute an application for a line of credit from First National Bank on behalf of the City of Crowley as security for the City's self-insured workers' compensation program. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1) Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on the proposed resolution to "Adopt the adjusted millage rate for the tax year 2008" and it was read.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed resolution. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed resolution was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing on the proposed resolution to "Adopt the adjusted millage rate for the tax year 2008" to a close.

- 2) Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on the proposed resolution to "Adopt the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and roll forward the millage to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2008" and it was read.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed resolution. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed resolution was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing on the proposed resolution to "Adopt the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and roll forward the millage to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2008" to a close.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux, duly seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and unanimously carried:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ADOPTING AND LEVYING THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2008; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting and after a public hearing held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, which meeting and hearing were conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and LA R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said City for the year 2008, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Corporation	6.30 Mills
Firemen & Policemen Salaries	4.50 Mills
Cemetery	.67 Mills
Public Buildings & Drainage Tax	4.50 Mills
Public Parks & Recreation Tax	3.00 Mills
Street Maintenance Tax	4.50 Mills
Disposal Plant Maintenance Tax	3.50 Mills
Youth Recreation Building Tax	1.00 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Acadia shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2008 the taxes herein levied and the tax collector of said City shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman , Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ADOPTING AND LEVYING THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATES OF THE PRIOR YEAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2008; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting and public hearing on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, which meeting and hearing were conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and LA R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2008, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2008 Millage</u>
Corporation	6.30 Mills	7.00 Mills
Firemen & Policemen Salaries	4.50 Mills	5.00 Mills
Cemetery	.67 Mills	.75 Mills
Public Buildings & Drainage Tax	4.50 Mills	5.00 Mills
Street Maintenance Tax	4.50 Mills	5.00 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Acadia shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2008 the taxes herein levied and the tax collector of said City shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and LA R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman , Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Mayor Jones stepped down as Chair and Mayor Pro-Tem presided.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and unanimously carried:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AUTHORIZING A STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT TO BE ISSUED BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOUISIANA ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00; AND TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT UP TO \$300,000.00 EVIDENCED BY A PROMISSORY NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PLEDGE OF AN UNENCUMBERED CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AS SECURITY FOR THE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT; AND TO PROVIDE ALL MATTER RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has maintained and administered a self-insured workers' compensation plan approved by the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation and since 1994, the First National Bank has issued a Standby Letter of Credit on behalf of the City of Crowley in favor of the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation to secure the self-insured plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley was granted authority by the Louisiana State Bond Commission to pledge unencumbered excess funds up to \$300,000.00 in the form of Certificate of Deposit to secure a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$300,000.00, as is more fully shown by reference to that certain Resolution of the Louisiana State Bond Commission No. L94-174 dated May 19, 1994; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary the City reauthorize a revolving line of credit, the issuance of a Standby Letter of Credit and the pledge a Certificate of Deposit to secure the Standby Letter of Credit as required by the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, find that it is appropriate to continue the self-insured plan and to authorize the Mayor Pro-Tem to execute the promissory note and the pledge of funds as security;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Steven Premeaux, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Crowley, to execute an application for a line of credit in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 from First National Bank of Louisiana, to approve the form and substance of the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit, to execute a promissory note or notes in favor of the First National Bank of Louisiana in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 payable on demand, said note or notes bearing simple interest at a variable rate per annum equal to three (3) percentage points over the six month CD rate, to pledge an unencumbered Certificate(s) of Deposit in an equivalent amount of the promissory note or notes to the First National Bank of Louisiana as security for the said Standby Letter of Credit and to authorize the assignment of the deposit account as required by the Bank; to pay an annual fee not to exceed one (1%) percent of the amount of the Standby Letter of Credit, to pay all costs and fees in connection with this transaction, to provide a governmental certificate of existence and authority, to pledge the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit by the First National Bank of Louisiana on behalf of the City of Crowley to the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation up to \$300,000.00 as security for the City's self-insured workers' compensation program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, that the Honorable Steven Premeaux, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary forms, documents, assurances and provisions as may be meet and proper in the premises necessary to conclude said transaction.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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STEVEN PREMEAUX, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tem Premeaux stepped down as Chair and Mayor Jones presided.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9:15 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9:15 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on August , 2008 at \_\_\_\_\_ .m.