

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 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 2:00 p.m. Saturday the 30th 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 and Todd Whiting. Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero was absent.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Mayor Greg Jones gave the invocation.

The following call was read:

August 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 Saturday August 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Ave. F.

The purpose of said meeting will be:

- 1) Hurricane Gustav; and
- 2) Any other legal items to come before the Council.

Greg A. Jones, Mayor

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

The call was circulated on August 29 2008 and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Elliot Doré	on August 29, 2008 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on August 29, 2008 at 11:54 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Lyle Fogleman	on August 29, 2008 at 1:44 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on August 29, 2008 at 1:45 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on August 29, 2008 at 1:32 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on August 29, 2008 at 1:28 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on August 29, 2008 at 11:55 o'clock a.m. by personal service
Kitty Valdetero	on August 29, 2008 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Todd Whiting	on August 29, 2008 at 1:42 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Thomas K. Regan	on August 29, 2008 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tim Mader	on August 29, 2008 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K. P. Gibson	on August 29, 2008 at 11:55 o'clock a.m. by personal service
Judy L. Istre	on August 29, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. by personal service
K.S.I.G.	on August 29, 2008 at 1:59 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
K.A.J.N.	on August 29, 2008 at 1:41 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Crowley Post Signal	on August 29, 2008 at 1:43 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Dailey Advertiser	on August 29, 2008 at 1:45 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
The Advocate	on August 29, 2008 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K.A.T.C. Channel 3	on August 29, 2008 at 1:49 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
K.L.F.Y Channel 10	on August 29, 2008 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by e-mail

Chamber of Commerce on August 29, 2008 at 1:47 o'clock p.m. by facsimile

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY ACTION TO PROTECT AND INSURE PUBLIC SAFETY, PRESERVE LIFE AND PROTECT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is directly in the predicted path of Hurricane Gustav and it is anticipated that the effect of hurricane force winds will reach the City of Crowley on the evening of Monday, September 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the hurricane force winds have the potential to inflict severe damage to property, topple large trees and power lines, damage or destroy buildings, businesses and homes, scatter debris and the anticipated rainfall amounts may flood many streets, roadways and highway; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a special meeting was duly issued and posted pursuant to the provisions of LA R.S. 42:6 and 42:7 to consider potential effect of Hurricane Gustav; and

WHEREAS, the probable loss of electrical power and communications and the potential for flooding and debris blocking of streets and roadways will hamper the ability to provide law enforcement, fire protection, health services, maintain sanitary conditions and secure the peace and public order and a declaration of emergency in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (Acts 1993, No 800 as amended by Acts 2003, No 40) (LA R.S. 29:721 et seq) is necessary and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in special session duly convened that they do hereby declare under the authority of LA R.S. 29:721 et seq, the "Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act" as amended, a state of emergency exists in the City of Crowley, Louisiana due to the predicted storm known as Hurricane Gustav and they do hereby authorize and invoke all emergency powers and necessary authorizations as may be required by law to insure public safety and health; preserve life; restore communications systems and electrical power; provide for the use of emergency equipment; to provide assistance to any and all other public bodies and agencies in need; continuation of vital City services, including public and private utility systems as may be necessary to maintain essential public services and all such acts as may be necessary, meet and proper under the emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all necessary action in his sole and complete discretion, to direct all department heads, employees and agents of the City of Crowley as may be necessary to preserve life and protect public and private property, to secure, negotiate, engage and contract for personnel, services, equipment, buildings and facilities as may be needed and to obtain emergency repairs, restoration and protection of citizens, public and private property, buildings and facilities in his sole discretion as such prices and terms as he may see fit and to execute such contacts and documents as may be necessary to accomplish same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all acts, contracts and expenditures in furtherance of this emergency declaration by the said Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and they are hereby fully authorized, ratified and approved herewith by this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of emergency shall extend from the 30th day of August, 2008 through the 29th day of September, 2008 unless terminated sooner.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED special emergency session duly convened pursuant to Notice thereof on the 30th day of August, 2008, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana after a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kitty Valdetero

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 Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on September 2nd, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on September 2nd, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on September , 2008 at _____ .m.