

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 2007

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 4:00 p.m. Thursday the 17th day of May, 2007 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, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux, and Todd Whiting. Aldermen Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete, and Kitty Valdetero were absent.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Mayor Jones gave the invocation.

May 16, 2007

**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 Thursday May 17, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Ave. F.

The purpose of said meeting will be to consider:

- 1) Resolution of Urban Forestry Grant; and
- 2) Any other legal items to come before the Council.

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

The call was posted at City Hall on May 16, 2007 at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

The call was circulated on May 16, 2007 and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Elliot Doré	on May 16, 2007 at 12:25 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on May 16, 2007 at 1:36 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Lyle Fogleman	on May 16, 2007 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on May 16, 2007 at 1:39 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on May 16, 2007 at 2:19 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on May 16, 2007 at 2:01 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on May 16, 2007 at 3:05 o'clock p.m. personal service
Kitty Valdetero	on May 16, 2007 at 12:25 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
Todd Whiting	on May 16, 2007 at 1:42 o'clock p.m. by telephone
K. P. Gibson	on May 16, 2007 at 1:10 o'clock p.m. by personal service
Thomas K. Regan	on May 16, 2007 at 1:33 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Tim Mader	on May 16, 2007 at 12:25 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
Judy L. Istre	on May 16, 2007 at 12:00 o'clock p.m. personal service

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION
TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND FORESTRY FOR A HURRICANE SUPPLEMENTAL
URBAN FORESTRY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$40,000.00 PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL MATCH OF

\$20,000.00; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS
RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been a recognized Tree City, USA, for the past 19 years and has complied with all requirements as a Tree City, including the adoption of ordinances and regulations which are currently in force; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Lily in October, 2002 and Hurricane Rita in 2005 caused extensive damage to numerous trees throughout the City of Crowley requiring the removal of a large number of fallen trees and the removal and/or severe pruning of large limbs which was accomplished with the use of FEMA funds and City funds; and

WHEREAS, many large trees which showed little or no damage immediately after the hurricanes are now exhibiting signs of extreme distress, loss of large limbs and indications of death which have been identified by concerned citizens and City workers as posing hazards throughout the community and are in need of removal and/or significant attention; and

WHEREAS, many of the trees showing signs of extreme distress and probable death are very large and are beyond the capability of the City's equipment which would require an outside contractor properly equipped for such work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is able to commit matching funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 to remove the hazard caused by these trees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in special session, after due notice, duly convened, that they do hereby authorize the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to file application for a Hurricane Supplemental Urban Forestry Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and commit to a matching amount of \$20,000.00 by the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby designated the contact person for the Hurricane Supplemental Urban Forestry Grant on behalf of the City of Crowley and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to negotiate and execute, on the terms he may deem advisable, such contract or contracts with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry as may be necessary and proper on behalf of the City of Crowley and is further authorized, empowered and directed to do all things necessary and proper in the premises on behalf of the City of Crowley;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session, after due notice, duly convened on the 17 day of May, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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 Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon 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 May 18th 2007 at 8:45 a.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on May 18th, 2007 at 8:45 a.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on May 18th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.