

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10TH, 2018

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 10th day of April 2018 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Premeaux presided with the following Aldermen present: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Ezora Proctor and Ira Thomas.

Alderman Vernon Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Lyle Fogleman gave the invocation.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Josh Guillory addressed the assembly to inform them of his candidacy for the position of the United States 3rd Congressional District.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman Ira Thomas offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider the request to co-sponsor the Rotary Club “Rise Against Hunger” event that will be held February 2019 with a date to be determined later. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Jeff Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 13th, 2018 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Ira Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Ezora Proctor moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

Mayor Pro-Tem presented the monthly budget-to-actual comparisons that report the spending of major funds.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Ira Thomas
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, and Lyle Fogleman, Jr.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to authorize CLECO to construct and add 27 LED lights and poles on Rice Capital Parkway. Motion carried with one abstention, Alderman Ira Thomas.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve a new 2018 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit and a new 2018 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit for Brookshires Grocery Company dba Super1Food #639 located at 2004 North Parkerson. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to renew a 2018 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit and renew a 2018 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit for DG Louisiana dba Dollar General Store located at 2019 North Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Ira Thomas
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Ira Thomas and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for a Home Occupancy variance for gunsmith shop for Scott Davy described as Lot 4 Block 3 Estes Addition located at 1213 South Avenue G. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Ira Thomas and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux, to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for a Preliminary and Final Plat due to re-subdivide relative to being described as Tract A & B Lot 18 Simon Addition, City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana on the preliminary plat submitted. Motion carried.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Ezora Proctor
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Vernon Martin, and Ira Thomas

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve the renewal of health plan proposal with the third party administrator as Meritain Health and the Stop Loss Carrier as United States Fire Ins. Co. and to keep the plan in compliance and offer alternatives to control high utilization and cost such as a High Deductible Plan (IRS Increase) - To keep this plan eligible to be used in conjunction with Health Savings Accounts, by IRS guidelines, the Individual Deductible was increased by \$50 and the Family Deductible increased by \$100. The Out of Pocket limits, which include the deductible were also changed to reflect these increases and a telemedicine service is being offered to encourage lower cost treatment for minor illnesses and control increased emergency room and urgent care utilization. Employees can access a doctor via phone app or telephone 24/7/365. The cost is \$0 to employees on the PPO Co-pay Plan and \$40 to employees on the High Deductible Plan effective May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 as presented by Julie Creswell with Assured Partners/Landry, Harris and Company. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Tim Monceaux
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Ezora Proctor and Kitty Valdetero

The following proclamation was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré, seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and duly adopted.

Proclamation

Whereas, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of person of low-and moderate-income; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate

Whereas, the City of Crowley and other local governments have a clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer the CDBG program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as the East and West Andrus Streets Improvements, West Crowley Drainage, West Crowley Sewer Improvements, sewer rehabilitation for Stutes Addition and various public improvement projects; and

Whereas, that during National Community Development Week 2018, the City of Crowley give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low- and moderate- income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

Now, Therefore, I, Greg A. Jones, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Crowley, do hereby proclaim the week of April 2-6, 2018, as

National Community Development Week

in Crowley and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program and the important role in our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Crowley to be affixed this 3rd day of April 2018.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor
City of Crowley, Louisiana

The following proclamation was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Ira Thomas, and duly adopted.

Proclamation

Whereas, the 450th of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

Whereas, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of the freely choosing a home; and

Whereas, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

Whereas, the department and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

Whereas, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

Now, Therefore, I, Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

Fair Housing Month

in the City of Crowley. I urge all citizens to celebrate the diversity and value the harmonious communities of neighbors to support the goal of equal housing opportunities for all people.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana this the 3rd day of April 2018.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor
CITY OF CROWLEY,
LOUISIANA

Alderman Ira Thomas offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider the request to co-sponsor the Rotary Club “Rise Against Hunger” event that will be held February 2019 with a date to be determined later. Seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux and duly adopted. Elliot Doré and Ezora Proctor recused themselves from the vote due to them being Rotarians.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY AND THE SIXTH WARD CROWLEY GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO ASSIST IN REPAIRS TO THE CENTER DITCH AT EAST 5TH STREET, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE USE OF THE FACILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Sixth Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District has requested assistance from the Acadia Parish Police Judy and the City of Crowley for financial contribution to repair drainage culverts, repair and prevent future erosion of the Center Ditch at East 5th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Center Ditch is one of the primary drains of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the total contract cost of the project of \$18,203.09 as per the bid of Frey Dirt Works L.L.C. is to be shared equally by the entities at a cost of approximately \$6,100.00 per entity; and

WHEREAS, the Sixth Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District has agreed to award and administer the contract and supervise the work; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana in regular session duly convened, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the Sixth Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District to provide funds for repairs to the Center Ditch at 5th Street contingent upon equal financial commitments from the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the Sixth Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District to fund the project and that the Sixth Ward Crowley Gravity Drainage District will award and administer the contract and provide supervision for the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize a financial contribution up to \$6,100.00 matching funds for the said project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, to sign and all documents as may be meet and proper in the premises in his sole discretion.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10th day of April 2018, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

STEVEN PREMEAUX, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Tracy Young addressed the council regarding an issue on his property 1304 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA 70526. He stated when northern avenue was overlaid they broke the culverts in the driveway and he determined this when the city ran jet water to clear the drainage and water came up through the cement. Tim Mader was contacted regarding the issue an he came out to the location and marked the area. No other action was taken and since then the driveway has fallen. He is concerned about the liability which is on the right of way. Mayor Pro Tem stated that he will contact Tim Mader and get back with Mr. Young.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Ezora Proctor the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 11th, 2018 at 1:56 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on April 11th, 2018 at 1:56 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April 11th, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
Publish in newspaper on April 18th, 2018