

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

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. Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Tim Monceaux presided with the following Aldermen present: Jeff Cavell, Thompson Bradford Core, Clint Cradeur, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Steven Premeaux, Samuel J. Reggie, III, Kim Stringfellow, Byron K. Wilridge and Vernon Martin.

Alderman Byron Wilridge led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow gave the invocation.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

A motion was made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to amend the agenda to include under appearance Mr. Cliff Palmer, Executive Director of Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMats) and Mr. Paul Holmes, Procurement Specialist to discuss the procurement laws regarding the bid for the turfing of the fields. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**APPEARANCES:**

Mr. Michael Landry appeared before the Council and announced his candidacy for 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge.

Mr. Cliff Palmer and Mr. Paul Holmes with LaMats addressed the council regarding the services they offer and offered the City to review the business plan and offer their advice regarding the bid procedures at no cost to the City.

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Alderman Jeff Cavell moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 council meeting seconded by Alderman Byron Wilridge and duly adopted.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 special council meeting seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and duly adopted.

Alderman Byron Wilridge moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 council meeting seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell and duly adopted.

**MAYOR'S REPORTS:**

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Clint Cradeur  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Brad Core  
Members – Aldermen Byron Wilridge, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 to Southern Constructors, Inc. for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$283,948.33. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Byron Wilridge, Sr. to approve Change Order No. 1 under the Southern Constructors, Inc. contract for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements Project to extend the subsurface drainage system on Eastern Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the estimated amount of \$44,249.30. Motion carried.

**ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin  
Members – Aldermen Sammy Reggie, Kim Stringfellow and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the favorable recommendation of the City of Crowley Planning Commission for a conditional use permit to be issued for a hair salon business operated by Ms. Jackie Broussard to be located at 571 Mims Drive. Motion carried.

Mr. Caleb Guidry addressed the council regarding the purchase of the Hayes Carpet Building and how the Gateway Ordinance has affected them in their purchase.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to offer the resolution to repeal, in its entirety, Ordinance 1483, also known as the Special Gateway Overlay District Ordinance. Alderman Lyle Fogleman amended the original ordinance to offer a resolution to amend and redact section 3.14 of article III of the zoning ordinance of the City of Crowley by repealing subsection 3.1407, prohibited uses, of the special gateway overlay districts seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Brad Core.  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Byron Wilridge  
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Kim Stringfellow and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow to approve the following 2020 Beer & Liquor Licenses:

**NEW:**

Big Daddy 2020 Inc.  
d/b/a Cajun Market (Gamal Al Thabti)  
109 S. Eastern Ave.  
2020 Class “B” Package Beer Permit

Big Daddy 2020 Inc.  
d/b/a Winners Circle (Gamal Al Thabti)  
815 Hargrave  
2020 Class “A” Retail Beer Permit  
2020 Class “A” Retail Liquor Permit  
Motion carried.

**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Byron Wilridge  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Kim Stringfellow.  
Members – Aldermen Brad Core, Clint Cradeur, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Byron Wilridge and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to co-sponsor a Food Truck Competition, spearheaded by Rick Villejoin, on Saturday, July 25, 2020, in the parking lot of the Enterprise Center. Motion carried.

**REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Cavell  
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Steven Premeaux  
Members – Aldermen Sammy Reggie, Brad Core, and Kim Stringfellow

Alderman Jeff Cavell read a letter from the City Attorney, Tom Regan that is to be put into record regarding the issue with the Axon body camera purchase.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow to recommend an authorization to appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 to Axon, representing two prior years' payments, for police body cameras, and, to amend the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to authorize the payment prior to August 30, 2020. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Sammy Reggie, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR "FY 2020 - 2021 MATERIALS CONTRACTS".

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Mader Engineering, Inc. is hereby authorized to prepare the specifications for "FY 2020 - 2021 MATERIALS CONTRACTS" and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advertisement For Bids for said contracts is hereby authorized, that bids will be received at Crowley City Hall on a date that is in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Laws, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date, time, and location may be amended as long as changes are processed in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR “FY 2020- 2021 LABOR AND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT”.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Mader Engineering, Inc. is hereby authorized to prepare the specifications for “FY 2020 - 2021 LABOR AND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT” and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specifications shall include a provision that any subcontractor procured by the Contractor for any work under the contract must be properly licensed for such work by the State of Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advertisement For Bids for said contract is hereby authorized, that bids will be received at Crowley City Hall on a date that is in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Laws, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date, time, and location may be amended as long as changes are processed in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Sammy Reggie and seconded by Alderman Brad Core, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO UTILIZE LDEQ-CWSRF LOAN FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMINUTOR AT THE CITY OF CROWLEY’S MAIN SEWERAGE PUMP STATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has determined that the installation of a comminutor at the Main Sewerage Pump Station is necessary for proper operation and the health and safety of its workers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley currently has an active LDEQ-CWSRF Loan for sewerage improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley’s LDEQ-CWSRF Loan Number CS221145-02 appears to have sufficient funding available for the costs associated with the Installation of a Comminutor at the City of Crowley’s Main Sewerage Pump Station project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that they do hereby authorize the use of LDEQ-CWSRF loan funds for the Installation of a Comminutor at the City of Crowley’s Main Sewerage Pump Station project.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>h</sup> day of July, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following amended resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
INTRODUCING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND CALLING  
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SAME.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal and the notice shall provide the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REACT SECTION 3.14 OF ARTICLE III OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY REPEALING SUBSECTION 3.1407, PROHIBITED USES, OF THE SPECIAL GATEWAY OVERLAY DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the City Clerk shall publish the following notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE  
AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 12th day of August, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REACT SECTION 3.14 OF ARTICLE III OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY REPEALING SUBSECTION 3.1407, PROHIBITED USES, OF THE SPECIAL GATEWAY OVERLAY DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation(s) of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Violations has been issued to the property owner, Jason M. Montz, by the City Inspector's office dated June 8, 2020, via Certified Mail Return Receipt No. 70172620000046509698 for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lot 9 of Block 145 of the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 318 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, which notice was received by the property owner, Jason Montz, on June 12, 2020, as confirmed by the United States Postal Service Return Receipt No. 70172620000046509698; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing for the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Jason M. Montz for a public hearing to show cause why the improvements on the property situated on Lot 9 of Block 145 of the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 318 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, should not be condemned, to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
INTRODUCING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND CALLING  
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SAME.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal and the notice shall provide the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration and to hold a public hearing at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 11-211 OF ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROVIDE FOR SECURED TRASH CONTAINERS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the City Clerk shall publish the following notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

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AND PUBLIC HEARING

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 9-22 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO ADD THERETO SECTION A TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL LITTERING PROHIBITIONS AND SECTION B TO PROVIDE FOR COMMERCIAL LITTERING PROHIBITIONS AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES THEREFOR AND TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 11-211 OF ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROVIDE FOR SECURED TRASH CONTAINERS AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES THEREFOR; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in special session pursuant to notice thereof duly published and called in accordance with law at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INTRODUCING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SAME.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal and the notice shall provide the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT ARTICLE III OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY REPEALING SECTION 3.14, SPECIAL GATEWAY OVERLAY DISTRICTS, IN ITS ENTIRETY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE OR PERTAINING THERETO.

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AND PUBLIC HEARING

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Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>h</sup> day of July, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTRPRISE INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIRTY (30) BODY CAMERAS, TASERS AND ACCOMPANYING EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND SEVICES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH INCLUDING A “NON-APPROPRIATION CLAUSE” AND “ANTI-SUBSTITUTION CLAUSE” AND PROVIDING FOR ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS MAY BE MEET AND PROPER IN THE SAID LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY NEGOTIATE THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES WITH REGARD TO THE PURCHASE OF THE CAMERAS, TASERS AND ACCOMPANING EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES FROM THE VENDOR; AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE HONORABLE TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE SAID LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE MEET AND PROPER IN CONNECTION WITH SAID TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 (\$87,500.00) DOLLARS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO (2) ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENTS TO AXON ENTERPRISES INC.; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Crowley Police Department received the delivery of thirty (30) body cameras, tasers and accompanying equipment, related technology and services from Axon Enterprise, Inc. upon the signature of Chief Jimmy Broussard; and

WHEREAS, the purported agreement was made without the necessary authorizations, procedures and requirements of the Lawrason Act for contracts with the City; and

WHEREAS, the equipment consists of devices and technology which performs a valuable service need for law enforcement functions and is commonly used by police departments; and

WHEREAS, the state contract price for the State of Louisiana under participating State Contract No. 4400011240, the master agreement with Taser International Inc. administered by the State of Oklahoma was utilized to obtain the purchase price; and

WHEREAS, certain price adjustments were made in the cost of acquisition of the body cameras, tasers and accompanying equipment, related technology and services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen have determined that a true and real need exists to resolve the matter of the acquisition of the body cameras, tasers and accompanying equipment, related technology and services and find it is in the best interest of the City of Crowley to authorize negotiations for and equitable solution to resolve the manner in which the body cameras, tasers and accompanying equipment, related technology and services were acquired; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise Inc. has offered a Lease Purchase Agreement which includes a “non-appropriation clause” and a “anti-substitution clause” in accordance with the requirements of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana State Bond Commission, the Louisiana Attorney General and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen believe it is in the best interest of the City of Crowley that the Mayor and City Attorney negotiate equitable terms and conditions of the agreement which are acceptable and in the best interest of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the General Fund balance is sufficient to appropriate a sum not to exceed Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred & No/100 (\$87,500.00) Dollars and transfer same to the Police Department Capital Outlay Budget for public safety purposes to provide funds for payments to acquire the body cameras, tasers and accompanying equipment, related technology and services and to resolve the issues; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby authorize the appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2020 annual budget of not more than Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred & No/100 (\$87,500.00) Dollars from the General Fund Balance for the amount of payment to be to the Police Department Capital Outlay Budget for said acquisition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of the City of Crowley and the City Attorney be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to negotiate the remaining terms and conditions of the contract which they find acceptable, equitable and in the best interest of the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to purchase and acquire thirty (30) body cameras, tasers and accompanying equipment, related technology and services for an amount deemed to be acceptable and in conformity with the pricing schedule of the State of Louisiana Division of Administration contract for the Fiscal Year 2017 and to execute any and all necessary documents as may be meet and proper in connection therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor, to enter into and execute a Lease Purchase Agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. for a term of not more than five (5) years with acceptable annual installment payments and other suitable terms and conditions, including a non-appropriation clause and anti-substitution clause and providing for annual appropriations for lease payments not to exceed the cost of the said

equipment, technology and services of the pricing schedule of the State of Louisiana Division of Administration contract for Fiscal Year 2017 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lease Purchase Agreement shall not be a financing transaction but shall be subject to annual appropriation for lease payments and shall contain a non-appropriation clause and an anti-substitution clause nor any penalty clause whatsoever for early termination by the City or any reason whatsoever; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an amount not to exceed Eighty-Seven Thousand and Five Hundred & No/100 (\$87,500.00) Dollars be appropriated for Fiscal Year 2020 and to be included as an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

YAYS: Jeff Cavell, Brad Core, Clint Cradeur, Lyle Fogleman, Steven Premeaux  
Sammy Reggie, Kim Stringfellow, Byron Wilridge, and Vernon Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE:**

ORDINANCE NO. 1506

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and notice of public hearing having been published; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020 at 4:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 8th day of July, 2020 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Adopted Budget 2019-2020	Amendment	Amended Budget 2019-2020
<b>General Fund Revenue</b>			
Cleco Franchise Tax	595,000	(95,000)	500,000
Occupational License	475,000	(188,000)	287,000
Electric, Gas & Plumbing Permit	30,000	(6,000)	24,000
Rice Festival	31,000	(4250)	26,750
Demolishing Permit	200.00	500	700
Dare	14,000	(4,537)	9,453
Byrne/Jag	0	8,000	8,000
Video Draw Poker	400,000	(100,000)	300,000
Beer Tax	25,000	(5,000)	20,000
Lot Cut/Trash	50,000	(45,000)	5,000
Animal Control Fees	4,000	(2,500)	1,500
Court Fines (City)	40,000	(15,000)	25,000
Teds/Traffic	120,000	50,000	170,000
Code Enforcement Citations	10,000	(10,000)	0
Witness Fees (City Court)	10,000	15,000	25,000
Witness Fees – Acadia Police Jury	12,000	(8,500)	3,500
Property Tax Redemption	25,000	(22,500)	2,500
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	46,500	46,500
Mardi Gras	0	6,730	6,730
<b>General Fund Expenditure</b>			
Wages	504,792	(31,801)	472,991
Municipal Employees Retirement	114,398	(8,974)	105,424
Unemployment	670	(67)	603
Workers Compensation	20,937	(1,988)	18,949
Medicare/FICA	12,050	(461)	11,589
Attorney Fees	60,000	53,500	113,500
Audit Fees	20,000	500	20,500
Professional Fee	10,000	15,000	25,000
Election Expense	4,000	3,200	7,200
Mardi Gras	0	11,230	11,230
<b>Court Expenditures</b>			
Wages	168,963	(6,092)	162,871
Municipal Employees Retirement	38,644	(1,691)	36,953
Unemployment	205	(12)	193
Workers Compensation	6,406	(381)	6,025
Medicare/FICA	2,467	(88)	2,379
<b>Police Department Expenditures</b>			
Capital Outlay	0	63,127	63,127
<b>Fire Department Expenditures</b>			
Wages	1,347,421	(31,984)	1,315,437
Firefighters Retirement	450,493	(8,876)	441,617
Unemployment	3,411	(64)	3,347
Workers Compensation	123,462	(2,319)	121,143
Medicare/FICA	26,713	(464)	26,249
<b>Code Enforcement</b>			
Wages	153,446	5,110	158,556
Municipal Employees Ret.	38,923	1,288	40,211
Workers Comp.	10,532	370	10,902
Medicare/FICA	2,106	73	2,179
<b>Street Department Expenditures</b>			
Wages	282,659	(23,635)	259,024

Municipal Employees Ret.	64,931	(6,640)	58,291
Unemployment	577	(52)	525
Workers Comp.	18,041	(1,478)	16,563
Medicare/FICA	5,346	(280)	5,066
Annual Street Maint. Contract	0	60,000	60,000
Public Building & Drainage Expenses			
Annual Drainage Maint. Contract	15,000	157,000	172,000
½ Cent Sales Tax - Expenditures			
Audit Fees	3,500	2,331	5,831
½ Cent Sales Tax – Salary 1982 Expenditures			
Audit Fees	3500	2331	5,831
½ Cent Sales Tax Infrastructure 2012 – Expenditures			
Audit Fee	4,000	373	4,373
Rice Theatre – Expenditures			
Building Repairs	2,000	14,200	16,200
Cemetery - Expenditures			
Wages	39,520	(15,504)	24,016
Municipal Retirement	10,967	(4,198)	6,769
Unemployment	79	(32)	47
Workers Compensation	2,470	(969)	1,501
Medicare/FICA	573	(225)	348
Repairs and Supplies	300	8,000	8,300
Utility Fund – Expenditures			
Audit Fees	11,000	6,775	17,775

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2019-2020 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Tim Monceaux, is hereby authorized and in his sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as he may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 8th day of July, 2020 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Jeff Cavell, Brad Core, Clint Cradeur, Lyle Fogleman, Steven Premeaux

NAYS: Sammy Reggie, Kim Stringfellow, Byron Wilridge

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Brad Core the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on July 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor signature on July 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on July 13, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on July 28th, 2020