

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2011

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 11th day of January, 2011 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the following Aldermen present: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux, and Kitty Valdetero. Alderwoman Laurita Pete was absent.

Alderman Brian Borill led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman J. Elliot Doré gave the invocation.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Jeff Dore' to nominate Steven Premeaux as Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to close the nominations. Motion carried. Alderman Steven Premeaux was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened nominations for First Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to nominate J. Elliot Doré as First Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to close the nominations. Motion carried. Alderman J. Elliot Doré was appointed First Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened nominations for Second Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to nominate Kitty Valdetero as Second Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to close the nominations. Motion carried. Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero was appointed Second Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment of the following City officials. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and duly adopted.

Thomas K. Regan – City Attorney
Judy L. Istre – City Clerk & Tax Collector
Gilbert Onezine – Street Commissioner
Margaret J. Young – Administrative Assistant
Jody Viator – Fire Chief
Danny Hebert – City Inspector
Albert John – Public Building & Drainage Director
Tim Robichaux – Director of Recreation
Woody Carter – Wastewater Superintendent

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1417, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 44 OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROHIBIT

PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST 5TH STREET ADJACENT TO PART OF LOT 10 OF BLOCK 76 OF THE ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY; 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.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1417. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1417 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mr. Regan called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1417 to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman J. Elliot Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 14, 2010 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.

Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill

Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve a new 2011 Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a new 2011 Class A – Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Blake Cuccio & Chris Cuccio d/b/a Goodfellas' Grill, LLC located at 165 Odd Fellows Road. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve the renewal of a Class A - Retail Outlet Beer Permit for the Acadia Parish Police Jury d/b/a the Acadia Parish Police Jury located at 159 Cherokee Drive. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve the renewal of a 2011 Class B – Beer Permit and the renewal of a 2011 Class B – Liquor Permit for Walter Jacob d/b/a Jacob Stores, LLC located at 2435 North Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize the mayor to write a letter to the Acadia Parish Police Jury regarding fire services and fees to be recouped. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to authorize Mader Engineering to provide an evaluation of the feasibility of a sewer extension to the Cullen property west of VFW Hall on VFW Drive along I-10. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Mary Melancon
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Laurita Pete and Kitty Valdetero

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to discontinue JulyFête this fiscal year and until further notice, with funds previously used for this function being allocated for other city services. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Laurita Pete, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to authorize Mayor Jones and Police Chief Gibson to obtain cost estimates for a new animal control facility. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA. 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 for the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 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 AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 8th day of February, 2011 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, LA.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 11th day of January, 2011.

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 11th day of January, 2011, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, CANCELLING, RESCINDING AND RECALLING THE NOTICE OF RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AND THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 7 OF BLOCK 4 OF DUSON'S 3RD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation was issued by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley on the 10th day of August, 2010 against the property described as Lot 7 of Block 4 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, a condemnation hearing was held on the 14th day of September, 2010 at which time the building and/or structures situated on Lot 7 of Block 4 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley were ordered condemned; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the property owner has removed the trash, debris, noxious weeds and growths on the property and boarded up/secured the building and/or structure as required by the Code of Ordinances and ordered by the Order of Condemnation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to recall and cancel said Notice and Order of Condemnation recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court;

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 in consideration of the property owner having removed the trash, debris, noxious weeds and growths on the property and boarded up/secured the building and/or structure they do hereby rescind and recall the Order of Condemnation of the improvements situated on Lot 7 of Block 4 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Willie Jerry adopted on the 14th day of September, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon payment of all attorney's fees, charges, recording costs and certificates by the property owner, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby authorize, empower and direct the City Clerk to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court and to execute a request for cancellation of the recordation of the Notice of Rule to Show Cause recorded on the 12th day of August, 2010 under Original Act No. 807118 in Mortgage Book 836 at Page 960 and in Conveyance Book A-65 at Page 618 and the Order of Condemnation recorded on 17th day of September, 2010 under Original Act No. 808335 in Conveyance Book C-65 at Page 550.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of January, 2011.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1417

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 44 OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST 5TH STREET ADJACENT TO PART OF LOT 10 OF BLOCK 76 OF THE ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY; 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.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 11th day of January, 2011 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that due to vehicles parking on the street during daylight hours, access to the rear of the property belonging to Gloria Cart has been blocked; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, PARISH OF ACADIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENED, THAT:

SECTION 1: Section 44 of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended to include subsection (t) to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 14-44. Regulation at specific locations.

(a) The governing authority may from time to time designate areas in which parking is prohibited or prohibited during certain hours or limited in time or otherwise regulated or restricted. It shall be the duty of the chief of police to erect, install and maintain suitable signs or markings giving notice of such regulations and restrictions and it shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any such signs or markings.

(b) No person shall park any vehicle between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays on the south side of 9th Street and the north side of 10th Street between Avenue L and Eastern Avenue.

(c) No person shall park any vehicle on the south side of Hutchinson Avenue between Moore Avenue and Stagg Avenue.

(d) No person shall park any vehicle on either side of North Avenue G between Park Street and North Crowley Drainage Ditch.

(e) No person shall park any vehicle on the east side of North Avenue G north of East Hutchinson Avenue for a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet.

(f) No person shall park any vehicle on the south side of 1st Street between Avenue C and Avenue D.

(g) No person shall park any vehicle on the north side of 13th Street from Avenue H for a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

(h) No person shall park any vehicle on the north side of Northern Avenue between Milton Street and Chappuis Street.

(i) No person shall park any vehicle on the north side of 10th Street from its intersection with Avenue F for a distance of forty-five (45) feet from the crosswalk.

(j) No person shall park any vehicle on the north side of West 3rd Street from its intersection with Western Avenue for a distance of one hundred (100) feet from the crosswalk.

(k) No person shall park any vehicle on the east side of North Avenue F from its intersection with West 10th Street for a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

(l) No person shall park any vehicle on the north side of 13th Street east of its intersection with Avenue H for a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

(m) No person shall park any vehicle on the west side of Avenue N south of its intersection with 6th Street for a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

(n) No person shall park any vehicle on either side of Moore Avenue from its intersection with West Hutchinson Avenue to its intersection with 6th Street, on either side of 6th Street from its intersection with Moore Avenue to its intersection with Spann Avenue, on either side of Spann Avenue from its intersection with 6th Street to West Hutchinson Avenue, on either side of West Hutchinson Avenue from its intersection with Spann Avenue to its intersection with Moore Avenue.

(o) No person shall park any vehicle on the north side of 1st Street east of its intersection with Eastern Avenue to its intersection with North Avenue H.

(p) No person shall park any vehicle on the south side of West 15th Street east of its intersection with Chappuis Street and the intersection of Western Avenue during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(q) No person shall park any vehicle on 12th Street east of its intersection with Avenue K to its intersection with Eastern Avenue.

(r) No person shall park any vehicle on West Hutchinson Avenue west of its intersection with Mansfield Avenue and its intersection with Acadiana Railway Railroad right-of-way.

(s) No person shall park any vehicle on the east side of Avenue D south of its intersection with Mill Street and the intersection of Elm Street.

(t) No person shall park any vehicle on the north side of East Fifth Street for a distance of beginning ten (10) feet west of the driveway curb adjacent to Lot 10 of Block 76 to ten (10) feet west of the driveway curb adjacent to Lot 16 of Block 76 of the Original City of Crowley.

SECTION 2: 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 and phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect;

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 11th day of January, 2011, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux, and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Laurita Pete

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

Representative Jack Montoucet appeared before the assembly to inform the Mayor and Council of his commitment to resolve problems within Crowley and throughout his district and to welcome them to monthly meetings held at his office on those issues. He also invited them to a grand opening of his new office on January 20, 2011.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on January 12, 2011 at 9:00 a. m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on January 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on January 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.