

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15TH, 2016

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 12:00 p.m. Monday the 15th, day of August, 2016 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, Tim Monceaux, and Steven Premeaux., and J.. Bryan Borill, Ezora Proctor, and Kitty Valdetero were absent. Alderman Tim Monceaux led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Jeff Doré gave the invocation.

The following call was read:

August 10th, 2016

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 Monday August 15th, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Ave. F, Crowley, LA.

The purpose of said meeting will be to:

- 1) Adopt the Ad Valorem Millage rate on all property subject to taxation within the corporate boundaries of the City of Crowley for the year 2016 (resolutions - roll call votes) ; and
- 2) Adjournment.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor
City of Crowley
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425 North Parkerson Avenue,
Crowley, LA. 70526
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-In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Erin S. Cradeur at (337) 788-4103, describing the assistance that is necessary.

- The Notice of Call was posted at City Hall on August 10th, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

- The call was circulated on August 10th, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Greg A. Jones, Mayor on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Elliot Dore', Alderman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Jeff Dore', Alderman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Lyle Fogleman, Alderman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tim Monceaux Alderman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Steven Premeaux, Alderman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Kitty Valdetero, Alderwoman on June 6, 2016 at 10:34 o'clock a.m. by e-mail

Bryan Borill, Alderman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Vernon Martin, Alderman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Ezora Proctor, Alderwoman on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Jimmy Broussard, Police Chief on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Tom Regan, City Attorney on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Tim Mader, City Engineer on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Crowley Post Signal on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 K.S.I.G on August 10, 2016 at 12:44 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
 K.A.J.N. on August 10, 2016 at 12:45 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
 Daily Advertiser on August 10, 2016 at 12:49 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
 The Advocate on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 KATC Channel 3 on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 KLFY Channel 10 on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Chamber of Commerce on August 10, 2016 at 12:16 p.m. o'clock a.m. by e-mail
 Erin S. Cradeur on July 1, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. by personal service
 Heads of the City's Departments and individuals with a request to be notified of meetings were also sent the call.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman Tim Monceaux offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider resolution for declaration of an extraordinary emergency in the City of Crowley due to the extreme rainfall amounts caused by the unnamed storm. Seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Steven Premeaux offered a motion to amend the agenda to include and consider resolution for adoption of the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and roll forward the millage to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2016. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Dore' and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Dore', duly seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ADOPTING AND LEVYING THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2016; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS the Notice of Public Hearing was published on the 7th and 14th of July 2016 and the Public Hearing was held on the 3rd day of August, 2016; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting and after a public hearing held on the 9th day of August, 2016, which meeting and hearing were conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and LA R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said City for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

General Alimony (Corporation)	6.98 Mills
Streets, Roads, Highways and Avenues Tax	4.99 Mills
Public Buildings & Drainage Tax	4.99 Mills

Public Parks & Recreation	2.99 Mills
Wastewater Disposal Facilities	3.49 Mills
Cemetery	.75 Mills
Youth Recreation Building	1.00 Mills
Fire & Police Departments	4.99 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Acadia shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied and the tax collector of said City shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, and Steven Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Kitty Valdetero, Bryan Borill and Ezora Proctor

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 15th day of August, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S, CRADEUR, City Clerk

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ADOPTING AND LEVYING THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATES OF THE PRIOR YEAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2016; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS the Notice of Public Hearing was published on the 7th and 14th of July 2016 and the Public Hearing was held on the 3rd day of August, 2016; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting and public hearing on the 3RD day of August, 2016, which meeting and hearing were conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and LA R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2016 Millage</u>
General Alimony (Corporation)	6.98 Mills	7.00 Mills

Streets, Roads, Highways and Avenues	4.99 Mills	5.00 Mills
Public Buildings & Drainage Tax	4.99 Mills	5.00 Mills
Public Parks & Recreation Tax	2.99 Mills	3.00 Mills
Wastewater Disposal Facilities	3.49 Mills	3.50 Mills
Cemetery	.75 Mills	.75 Mills
Youth Recreation Building	1.00 Mills	1.00 Mills
Fire & Police Department	4.99 Mills	5.00 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Acadia shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied and the tax collector of said City shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and LA R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, and Steven Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Kitty Valdetero, Bryan Borill, Ezora Proctor

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 15th day of August, 2016, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux, duly seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DECLARING AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY DUE TO THE EXTREME HEAVY AND CONTINUOUS FLOODING OF STREETS, HOMES AND OTHER EFFECTS OF FLOODING DUE TO THE EXTREME RAINFALL AMOUNTS CAUSED BY THE UNAMED STORM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY ACTION TO PROTECT AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH, TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY AND TO PRESERVE PEACE AND ORDER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO..

WHEREAS, the flooding due to the extreme and the continuous downpour of rain for several days and has caused flooding and backwater flooding will continue to occur and which has interfered with the ability of the City of Crowley to provide for public safety and flooding is

preventing the restoration of normal services and will hamper the ability of the city agencies to provide services and to protect the public health safety and welfare and other public needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in special session pursuant to written notice duly posted and previous notification via telephone, facsimile, email and the agenda was duly amended to consider declaration of emergency due to the effects of the continuous rain and flooding caused therefrom; the effects on public health, safety and well being of those citizens who have been effected by the torrential rains;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both; 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, they do hereby declare an extraordinary, public emergency within the City of Crowley due to the effects of the extreme heavy and continuous rain event and flooding caused thereby; and they do hereby authorize and invoke all emergency powers and necessary authorizations as may be required to ensure public safety and health; to provide communication; emergency public facilities; to assist and facilitate federal and state emergency services; to maintain public order; and to maintain essential public services as may be necessary, meet and proper under this emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana is hereby requested to invoke his powers under law and declare an emergency has occurred and exists in the City of Crowley in accordance with Emergency Assistance and Disaster act of the State of Louisiana as a result of the rainfall and flooding on August 13th and 14th, 2016 and flooding and backwater flooding continuing to occur; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, or his designated representative, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all necessary action, in his sole and complete discretion, and direct all department heads, employees and agents of the City of Crowley and other public bodies to provide personnel, buildings, facilities, equipment, care and other services, to protect public and private property and to expend the necessary funds to accomplish same as may be necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby authorized an emergency appropriation of funds from the general fund balance and from sales tax fund balance sufficient to pay necessary expenditures for employee wages and overtime, building and equipment operations, food, transportation and all other needs as may be necessary, meet and proper during this emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to file necessary applications and requests for assistance, submit necessary documents, contracts and information necessary to recover the expenditures from the appropriate federal and state agencies and that said applications and requests be and they are hereby fully authorized, ratified and approved by this Board of Aldermen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this emergency declaration be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and that they be furnished with all necessary documents as may be meet and property in the circumstances.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 15th day of August, 2016 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, after a roll call as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, and Steven Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Kitty Valdetero, Bryan Borill, Ezora Proctor

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Jeff Dore' the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on August 17th, 2016 at a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on August 17th, 2016 at a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on August , 2016 at p.m.

Publish in newspaper on August 24th, 2016