

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 7th, 2016

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, while operating under an emergency declaration met in a special session at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday the 7th, day of December, 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: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Tim Monceaux, Ezora Proctor and Steven Premeaux. Kitty Valdetero and Vernon Martin were absent. Alderman Elliot Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Mayor Greg Jones gave the invocation.

The following call was read:

November 9th, 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 Wednesday, December 7th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Ave. F, Crowley, LA.

The purpose of said meeting will be to:

- 1) To consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 12-21 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR AUTHORITY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE, IN HIS DISCRETION, TO WAIVE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

- 2) Adjournment.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor

-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 November 9th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

- The call was circulated on November 9th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Greg A. Jones, Mayor on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail

Elliot Dore', Alderman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Jeff Dore', Alderman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Lyle Fogleman, Alderman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Tim Monceaux Alderman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Steven Premeaux, Alderman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Kitty Valdetero, Alderwoman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Bryan Borill, Alderman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Vernon Martin, Alderman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Ezora Proctor, Alderwoman on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Jimmy Broussard, Police Chief on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Tom Regan, City Attorney on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Tim Mader, City Engineer on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail Crowley Post Signal on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 o'clock p.m. by e-mail K.S.I.G on November 9th, 2016 at 1:57 p.m. o'clock by email K.A.J.N. on November 9th, 2016 at 2:19 o'clock p.m. by facsimile Daily Advertiser on November 9 th, 2016 at 2:19 o'clock p.m. by facsimile KATC Channel 3 on November 9 th, 2016 at 1:57 p.m. o'clock by email KLFY Channel 10 on November 9 th, 2016 at 1:57 p.m. o'clock by email Chamber of Commerce on November 9 th, 2016 at 1:57 p.m. o'clock by email Erin S. Cradeur on November 9th, 2016 at 1:45 o'clock p.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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

City Attorney, Thomas Regan, opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1482, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

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Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1482. Chief Jimmy Broussard spoke in favor of the ordinance. A third and final call was made with no one else coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1482 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1482 was closed.

ORDINANCE:

The following Ordinance no. 1482 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on October 11th, 2016, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on December 7th, 2016. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Tim Monceaux, seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

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THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS
RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has written qualifications for applicants to become members of the Reserve Police Force; and

WHEREAS, many applicants do not possess a high school graduate diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) which is required; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has indicated that in order to maintain an adequate number of reserve police officers, he believes the educational requirements of the Ordinance should be amended to allow the Chief of Police to determine that the applicant's age, experience, training, job performance and other relevant factors are considered satisfactory and that the applicant would be able to maintain the standards and qualifications of a reserve police officer; and

WHEREAS, applicants who are accepted without a high school graduate diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) can be required to obtain a GED within a reasonable period of time not less than one (1) year from the date of acceptance as a member of the Reserve Police Force; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance was duly introduced and notice of the proposed adoption of this ordinance and public hearing was published on the 1st day of December, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 7th day of December, 2016, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in Council Chambers at the Criminal Justice Building, 2nd Floor, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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:

SECTION 1: That Section 12-21 of Article II of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec.12-21. Qualifications of applicants.

All applicants for membership in the reserve police force shall be:

- (1) A citizen of the United States;
- (2) A qualified elector of the state;
- (3) Of good moral character and temperate and industrious habits;
- (4) Not less than eighteen (18) years of age, nor more than fifty (50) years of age, at the time of original appointment;
- (5) A high school graduate or possess a general equivalency diploma;
- (6) The Chief of Police, in his sole discretion, may waive the educational requirements in Subsection (5) upon written finding that the applicant's age, experience, training, performance and other relevant factors prove to the satisfaction to the Chief of Police that the applicant will otherwise be able to maintain the standards and qualifications of a Reserve Police Officer;
- (7) In the event the Chief of Police waives educational requirements pursuant to Subsection (6) above, the applicant shall immediately enroll in a state certified educational program to obtain a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) which shall be completed within one (1) year of the date of the applicant's appointment.

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 or 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 special session duly convened on the 7th day of December, 2016, pursuant to notice thereof duly published and called in accordance with law and notice thereof having been properly posted, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Tim Monceaux, Ezora Proctor and Steven Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kitty Valdetero and Vernon Martin

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 Alderwoman Ezora Proctor the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on December 8th, 2016 at 1:28 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on December 9th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on December 9th, 2016 at 10:10p.m.

Publish in newspaper on December 19th, 2016