

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2017

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 14th day of February, 2017 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, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, Ezora J. Proctor and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderman Bryan Borill led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Vernon Martin gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero offered a motion to amend the agenda to include the appearance of Mr. John Stefanski to address council to state his intentions on running for State Representative House District 42. Seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Attorney, Thomas Regan opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no.1484, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND SETTING THE FRANCHISE FEES TO BE PAID BY ANY ENTITY PROVIDING CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY A STATE GRANTED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA R.S. 45:1361 ET SEQ; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH EXCEPT FOR THOSE ORDINANCES IN EFFECT PROVIDING A CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Thomas Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1484. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1484 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1484 was closed.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Jay Suire came before the assembly to state his intentions on running for State Representative in House District 42.

Mr. John Stefanski addressed the council to state his intentions on running for State Representative House District 42.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 10th, 2017 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Ezora Proctor moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 24th, 2017. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Tim Monceaux
 Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Ezora Proctor
 Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to award contracts to the various low bidders for the FY 2016-17 (March through August) Annual Materials and Crack Repair work in accordance with results and bid tabulation presented by Mader Engineering, Inc. Motion carried.

Acadiana Shell and Limestone is awarded

Proposal No. 1 - Surface Coarse Aggregates, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
35.40	31.00	1	Gray Limestone #610 (6 Month Unit Price) (3000 lbs. per cu. yd.), per ton
35.90	33.00	2	Gray Limestone #57 (2600 lbs. per cu. yd.), per ton

No Bids Received

Proposal No. 2 – Asphalt Cold Mix, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
N/A	N/A	1	Cold Mix, per ton

No Bids Received

Proposal No. 3 - Crack Routing, Cleaning, and Sealing Pavement Cracks

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
N/A	N/A	1	Mobilization for Routing, Cleaning and Sealing Pavement Cracks, per each
N/A	N/A	2	Routing Pavement Cracks, per ln. ft.
N/A	N/A	3	Cleaning and Sealing Pavement Cracks, per ln. ft.

No Bids Received

Proposal No 4- Concrete Pipe and Arch Pipe, Furnish Only
 (Prices shall include cost of Flexible watertight Gaskets), 8' Joints

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
N/A	N/A	1	15" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	2	18" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	3	24" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.

N/A	N/A	4	30" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	5	36" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	6	42" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	7	48" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	8	54" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	9	60" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	10	72" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	11	84" Reinforced Concrete Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	12	11"X18"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	13	13"X22"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	14	18"X28"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	15	23"X36"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	16	27"X44"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	17	31"X51"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	18	36"X58"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	19	40"X65"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	20	45"X73"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	21	54"X88"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe,per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	22	62"X102"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	23	77"X122"(Nominally)Reinforced Concrete Arch Pipe, per ln.ft.

Coastal Culvert & Supply is awarded

Proposal No 5- Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
8.05	8.00	1	15" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
	11.52	2	18" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
	20.81	4	24" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	5	27" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
28.89	28.22	6	30" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
42.20	41.87	7	36" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.

Lafayette WinWater Works is awarded

Proposal No 5- Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
	11.70	2	18" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
19.98	19.78	3	21" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
21.10		4	24" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.
N/A	N/A	5	27" Ribbed Polyvinyl Chloride Culvert Pipe(RPVCCP), per ln.ft.

Port Aggregates, Inc.

Proposal No.6 - Portland Cement Concrete & Flowable Fill, Furnish Only

F.O.B. City of Crowley	Pick-Up by City Vehicle	Item No.	Description & Unit
110.00	106.00	1	Portland Cement Concrete, per cu. yd.
100.00	96.00	2	Flowable Fill, per cu. yd.

*polypropelene fibers (1 pound bag) \$9.00 per yard extra charge

A motion was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to authorize a Change Order to the FY 2016-17 Annual Materials (September through February) contract with Vermilion Shell and Limestone Co. for Proposal No. 2 (Asphalt Cold Mix, Furnish Only) to extend the contract period to August 31, 2017. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to authorize a Change Order to the FY 2016-17 Annual Materials (September through February) contract with Vermilion Shell and Limestone Co. for Proposal No. 4 (Concrete Pipe and Arch Pipe, Furnish Only) to extend the contract period to August 31, 2017. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Tim Monceaux and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of “Durable Piling Restoration” and to execute a contract to repair three pilings at the Jacobs Avenue Bridge in the lump sum amount of \$9,785. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy Geesey addressed the council regarding litter in and around the city and in our waterways.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, and Lyle Fogleman, Jr.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$19,441.82 to Cecil Perry Improvements, LLC for “Restoration of the Rock Filter at the Waste Water Treatment Facility”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

Chief Jimmy Broussard presented the results of traffic study conducted in the vicinity of 221 West Jeanette Street & North Avenue E.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the following beer and liquor renewals:

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| 1. | Maura Lacani
Rice City Chevron
530 North Eastern Avenue | 2017 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit
2017 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit |
| 2. | Alfredo Cortes
El Dorado Mexican Restaurant
115 Broadacres Drive. | 2017 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit
2017 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit |
- 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 Vernon Martin to approve a mobile home for David Hodge to be placed on the property located at 1822 Canal Street described as Lots 1-2-3, Block 4, Stutes Addition. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE :

Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Tim Monceaux, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to co-sponsor the Acadia Parish 4-H Association to hold a Bingo at the Rice Festival building on March 4, 2017. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease with the Public Service Commissioner to rent office space at City Hall. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Aldermen Bryan Borill to co-sponsor the 2017 Season of Greetings from Levy Park. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

MWPP RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has directed the City of Crowley, Louisiana to perform a Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) audit on its Wastewater Treatment Facility located on Conrad Road and;

WHEREAS: The City of Crowley, Louisiana has prepared and reviewed the attached MWPP audit and;

WHEREAS: The City has received a low interest loan from the SRF Program along with FEMA funding to help complete the rehabilitation/restoration of the rock filters and;

WHEREAS: The City of Crowley, Louisiana wishes to guard the public health and assure discharge compliance;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City of Crowley, Louisiana hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) that it has set forth through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the following actions necessary to attain and maintain permit discharge compliance contained in LPDES Permit Number LA0041254:

- 1) The City of Crowley expects to continue the rehabilitation of public leaks through an ongoing smoke testing/repair maintenance crew.
- 2) The City has a notification program for private leaks. Private individuals are notified of defects on their property and the repairs are monitored and cataloged.
- 3) With the increase of flows being experienced at the treatment facility, the City will increase its efforts toward combating I/I.

- 4) The City has entered into a \$3.35 Million construction contract for the rehabilitation of the rock filter to be completed in 2017.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was declared adopted in regular session on this the 14th day of February, 2017, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, GRANTING A THIRTY (30) DAY EXTENSION OF THE CONDEMNATION ORDER AGAINST THE SUCCESSION OF PAUL BENOIT WITH REGARD TO THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES SITUATED ON THE NORTH ½ OF LOTS 13-14 OF BLOCK 8 OF SOUTH CROWLEY ADDITION AND LOT 17 OF BLOCK 23 OF ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, an Order of Condemnation was issued by the Board of Aldermen in regular session on the 8th day of November, 2016, condemning the buildings and structures situated on the North ½ of Lots 13-14 of Block 8 of South Crowley Addition bearing a municipal address of 404 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, and Lot 17 of Block 23 of Original City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 408 East Clay Street, Crowley, Louisiana, and ordering the buildings and structures be brought up to code requirements or demolished and removed within sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, the Succession of Paul Benoit has been opened and Elaine McMullen Beniot, spouse of the deceased, has qualified as Independent Administratrix of the Succession; and

WHEREAS, the Administratrix's attorney, J. Clay LeJeune, has made a request for an extension of the Condemnation Order to allow additional time to complete the improvements to the property or demolish and remove the buildings and structures situated thereon; and

WHEREAS, J. Clay LeJeune represented to the City Attorney that the Succession representative and the heirs are discussing the demolition and removal of the buildings and structures and the City Inspector's office reports no work has been done on the property; and

WHEN AFTER considering the information provided by J. Clay LeJeune and the testimony of the City Inspector, the opening of the Succession of the deceased property owner and an Independent Administratrix having qualified;

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 GRANT an extension of the Condemnation Order for an additional THIRTY (30) DAYS from the date hereof for the buildings and structures situated on the property condemned on November 8, 2016, to be brought up to building code requirements or demolished and removed, together with all trash and debris.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of February, 2017, at 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 Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill, 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 SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO DESIGNATE AVENUE N AND ELM STREET AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; 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:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 14th day of March, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO DESIGNATE AVENUE N AND ELM STREET AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; 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 14th day of February, 2017.

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of February, 2017, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by and Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Vernon Martin calling for a Special Election to renew Ad Valorem Tax Millage for the Wastewater Disposal Facilities, Public Parks and Recreation and the Youth Recreation Building Maintenance taxes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THREE (3) PROPOSITIONS FOR THE RENWAL OF TAX MILLAGES, TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION AND LEVY OF (1) A THREE & ONE-HALF (3.5) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES; (2) A THREE (3) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PARKS; AND (3) A ONE (1) MILL TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE; AND MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley currently collects a three and one-half (3.5) mill tax for the maintenance of the Wastewater Disposal Plant; a three (3) mill tax on all property situated in the City dedicated for Public Parks and Recreation; and a one (1) mill tax for Youth Recreation Building maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley was called to consider this Resolution to meet the deadline for submission to the State Bond Commission which special meeting was noticed to be held on January 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Criminal Justice Building, 2nd Floor, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, said notice having been posted at City Hall on January 19, 2017 and circulated to all members of the Board of Aldermen and other requesting notice on January 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said millage taxes represent a significant portion of the funding for maintenance of the wastewater disposal plant, maintenance of public parks and recreation and maintenance of youth recreation buildings, all of which will expire at the end of 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to renew the ad valorem millages and continue to levy and collect said taxes in order to provide revenue dedicated for the purposes of maintenance of the wastewater disposal plant, maintenance of public parks and recreation and maintenance of youth recreation buildings; 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:

SECTION 1: Under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, (the "Act"), a special election, be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, on April 29, 2017, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code of the State of Louisiana, at which election there shall be submitted to all registered voters of the City of Crowley, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following three (3) propositions, together with a simple and unbiased, concise **summary** in easily understood language which sets forth the substance of each proposition as required by Act 426 of 1993 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

RENEWAL OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES TAX

Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a Three and One-Half (3.5) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$255,050.74), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2018 and ending in the year 2027 for the purpose of maintaining the wastewater disposal facilities?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

RENEWAL OF PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION TAX

Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a Three (3) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$218,614.92), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2018 and ending in the year 2027 for the purpose of public parks and recreation?

PROPOSITION NO. 3

RENEWAL OF YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE TAX

Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 27(B), Section 30(A) and Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, levy and collect a One (1) Mill Tax on all property subject to taxation situated within said City (current estimated annual amount of \$72,871.64), annually for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2018 and ending in the year 2027 for the purpose of youth recreation building maintenance?

SECTION 2: Publication of Notices. There shall be published in the Crowley Post Signal, newspaper published in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, having general circulation throughout the City, and being the official journal of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, Notice of Special Election and which notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3: Canvas. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, the governing authority thereof (the "Governing Authority") shall meet in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Criminal Justice Building, 2nd Floor, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, on May 9, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said special election.

SECTION 4: Polling Places. Said election on each said date shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code at the following designated polling places in the City of Crowley, to-wit:

Ward 6, Precinct 1(P) - North Crowley Middle School
Ward 6, Precinct 2(P) - Notre Dame High School
Ward 6, Precinct 3A(P) - North Crowley Kindergarten
Ward 6, Precinct 3B(P) - North Crowley Kindergarten
Ward 6, Precinct 4 – St. Michael's Church Hall
Ward 6, Precinct 6 - Old Ross High School
Ward 6, Precinct 7(P) - Rice Festival Building
Ward 6, Precinct 8(P) - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall
Ward 6, Precinct 9 - South Crowley Elementary School
Ward 6, Precinct 11(P) - Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
Ward 6, Precinct 12(P) - School Board Media Center
Ward 6, Precinct 13(P) - School Board Media Center
Ward 6, Precinct 14(P) - Acadia Animal Clinic
Ward 6, Precinct 15(P) - South Crowley Elementary School
Ward 6, Precinct 16(P) - LSU Rice Experiment Station

and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the above propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

SECTION 5: Election Commissioners and Voting Machines. The officers shall be designated to serve as Commissioner in Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 18:434 and the compensation of said officers shall be fixed in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 18:424 and 18:425. The Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall appoint Commissioners of Election and alternate Commissioners for each precinct, all of whom shall meet the qualifications set forth in Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The Commissioner-in-Charge for each precinct shall be the Commissioner-in-Charge selected or appointed for such precinct under the provisions of Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at the said election and voting machines shall be used in the conduct of said election. A compiled statement of qualified voters shall be provided to all polling places in the conduct of the election.

SECTION 6. Officers. The officers confirmed or designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:1287) shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and make due returns of said special election to the Honorable Secretary of State, the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, and the Honorable Clerk of Court of Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall promulgate the results of said election as provided in Section 3 hereof. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by R.S. 18:424 and R.S. 18:425.

SECTION 7: Authorization of Officer. The Clerk of the governing authority be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for the said special election, and to furnish to the said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election as provided by State and Federal Law.

SECTION 8: Furnish Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State and Commissioner of Elections of the State of Louisiana, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Acadia, Chairman of the Board of Supervisor for the Parish of Acadia and to the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish of Acadia, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 9: Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided and in the event the Propositions carry, for the Commission's consent and authority to levy said taxes, as provided for in the Propositions above. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the City, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 10: Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. All orders, resolutions and ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing resolution was submitted to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was declared adopted in regular session on this the 14th day of February, 2017, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

ORDINANCE:

The following Ordinance no. 1484 has been previously introduced at a special meeting convened on January 24th, 2017, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on February 14th, 2017. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1484

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND SETTING THE FRANCHISE FEES TO BE PAID BY ANY ENTITY PROVIDING CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY A STATE GRANTED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LA R.S. 45:1361 ET SEQ; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH EXCEPT FOR THOSE ORDINANCES IN EFFECT PROVIDING A CABLE OR VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Consumer Choice for Television Act of 2008, codified with LA R.S. 45:1631 et seq, any person or entity desiring to provide cable or video services within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley may do so by obtaining a state-issued certificate of franchise authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of LA R.S. 45:1366, the holder of a state-issued certificate of franchise authority for cable or video service is required to pay a franchise fee to a municipality in which it operates upon the passage of an ordinance by municipality setting such a fee; and

WHEREAS, there are persons or entities which operate or desire to operate cable or video service within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the maximum franchise fee provided for under the authority of LA R.S. 45:1366 is five (5%) percent; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 14th day of February, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in Council Chambers at the Criminal Justice Building at 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana;

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

SECTION 1: All persons or entities providing cable or video services to the citizens of the City of Crowley pursuant to a state-issued certificate of franchise authority as provided in LA R.S. 45:1361 et seq shall, pursuant to the provisions of LA R.S. 45:1366, pay the City of Crowley a franchise fee of Five (5%) Percent of the cable or video service provider's gross revenues, as that term is defined by the "Consumer Choice for Television Act of 2008", as codified under LA R.S. 45:1363(8), derived from any operations or services provided within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley, which said fee shall be paid quarterly and shall be due and payable within forty-five (45) days after the end of the preceding quarter for which the payment is being made.

SECTION 2: The persons or entities providing cable or video services to the citizens of the City of Crowley shall provide a complete statement with each quarterly payment showing the certificate holder's "gross revenue" of all revenues for such services as defined in LA R.S. 45:1363(8).

SECTION 3: 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 4: All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, except those approving any cable or video franchise agreement in force and effect with the City of Crowley and any cable or video service provider.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14th day of February, 2017, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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 Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on February 16th, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on February 16th, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on February 16th, 2017 at 1:24 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on February 23rd, 2017