

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11TH, 2014

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 February, 2014 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, and Steven Premeaux. Alderwomen Laurita Pete (illness) and Kitty Valdetero were absent.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Bryan Borill gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman Bryan Borill offered a motion to amend the agenda to include the Class A Retail Beer application for Sheryl A. Bartlett d/b/a Burger Zone. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated on Lot 4 of Block 7 of Duson's 4th Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 917 East 6th Street, belonging to the Unopened Succession of Verna Hoffpauir Marx. There was no one present for the property owners. Danny Hebert, City Inspector recommended that the property be condemned. Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property situated on a certain lot or parcel of land situated immediately Northwest of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, measuring fifty (50) feet front on Eighth Street, and/or its continuation, of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, commencing at the Southwest corner of property purchased by John Henney, et al; thence running in a westerly direction along the north side of the continuation of said Eighth Street a distance of fifty (50) feet; thence running in a northerly direction a distance four hundred (400) feet; thence running in an easterly direction a distance of fifty (50) feet; thence running in a southerly direction a distance of four hundred (400) feet to the point of beginning (located in Section 37, Township 10 South, Range 1 East), belonging to Andrew Goodwill. There was no one present for the property owners. Danny Hebert, City Inspector recommended that the property be condemned. Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

ATTENDANCE:

Members of Boy Scout Troop 70 with scout master E. J. Marceaux, Jr. attended the meeting to observe; as part of the requirements to earn their Citizenship of the Community merit badge and were recognized by Mayor Jones.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 14th, 2014 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin 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 – Alderwoman Mary Melancon
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Laurita Pete
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$124,493.95 to Coastal Bridge Co. for the FY 2012-2013 Street Improvements Project. The project is 46% complete by time and 48% by cost. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve a new 2014 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit for Sheryl Bartlett d/b/a Burger Zone located at 1706 North Parkerson Avenue. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE :

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to allow Richard Delahoussaye of the Delahoussaye Company to obtain the quotes on his recommendations to prevent the windows from leaking at the Central Fire Station and to report his findings to the Council. 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 Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve a lease with an option to purchase a 2014 John Deere, Compact Utility Tractor 2320 in the amount of \$15,923.22 from John Deere Company (*Quality Equipment Company*) for a term of four years with a trade-in of a John Deere 25 horse power tractor with Serial # W00420X012518 with a trade-in allowance of \$3,000 for a total lease amount of \$12,923.22 with an option to purchase for \$1.00 at the end of the lease term. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to authorize the co-sponsorship of Acadia Parish Sheriff Choices Program in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to accept the financial report for the year ended August 31, 2013 as presented by Rob Carter with Kolder, Champagne and Slaven Company. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act contains a number of provisions to address homeowners issues, including but not limited to delaying implementation of BW-12 until an affordability study is completed by FEMA and also requiring the reimbursement to homeowners who successfully appeal flood map finding; and

WHEREAS, Greater New Orleans, Inc. (GNO, Inc.) a regional economic development group supporting the ten parishes in and around the New Orleans area has created the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance which is gaining support from business, civic and government organizations across the State of Louisiana and the United States; and

WHEREAS, GNO, Inc. through the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance has taken action to bring awareness to the NFIP issues in Washington through testimony before committees and visiting the congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley through this resolution joins as a member of the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance to support their efforts in bringing awareness to the issues being felt as a result of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to assist in bringing the necessary changes to eliminate these extraordinary costs on homeowners and business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley requests:

SECTION 1. All members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor and support S 1610/ H. R. 3370 The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act and to take all the necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its passage and enactment into law.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

SECTION 3. Officially join as a member of GNO, Inc.'s Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance and to support all of their efforts on this issue.

SECTION 4. Transmit a copy of this resolution to GNO, Inc. as a formal request to become a member to the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Crowley, on this 11th day of February, 2014, does hereby thank our legislative delegation for their leadership on this issue and request their continued effort to amend or revise the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 11th day of February, 2014 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, 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, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON LOT 4 OF BLOCK 7 OF DUSON'S 4TH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, BEARING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 917 EAST 6TH STREET, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the hearing on the Rule to Show Cause why the buildings and improvements situated on Lot 4 of Block 7 of Duson's 4th Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to the Unopened Succession of Verna Hoffpauir Marx was continued and suspended per resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted on the 12th day of July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of January, 2014, a resolution was adopted re-fixing the hearing on the Rule to Show Cause for the property belonging to the Unopened Succession of Verna Hoffpauir Marx for the 11th day of February, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, notice of the re-fixing of said Condemnation Hearing for February 11, 2014, was hand delivered to Corey L. Faulk and an Affidavit & Indemnity Agreement was executed by Corey L. Faulk and Casey C. Faulk, heirs of the deceased property owner, on January 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 11th day of February, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector's office confirmed that a demolition permit was applied for by and issued to Corey L. Faulk on January 15, 2014, however the City Inspector reported the property owner's contractor had not commenced demolition work on the property; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building and the report of the City Inspector;

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 they DO HEREBY ORDER the building and/or structure situated on Lot 4 of Block 7 of Duson's 4th Addition to the City of Crowley, being the property of Verna Hoffpauir Marx, having a municipal address of 917 East 6th Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned and IT IS ORDERED that the building and/or structure shall be brought up to building code requirements and/or demolished and/or removed, together with all trash and debris, within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 11th day of February, 2014, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED LOCATED ON THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, MEASURING FIFTY (50) FEET FRONTING ON EIGHTH STREET AND/OR ITS CONTINUATION BY A DEPTH BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED (400) FEET, BEARING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 1214 WEST 8TH STREET, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the hearing on the Rule to Show Cause why the buildings and improvements situated on the above described property belonging to the Andrew Goodwill was continued and suspended per resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted on the 12th day of July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of January, 2014, a resolution was adopted re-fixing the hearing on the Rule to Show Cause for the property belonging to Andrew Goodwill for the 11th day of February, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, notice of the re-fixing of said Condemnation Hearing date for February 11, 2014, was mailed to the Unopened Succession of Andrew Goodwill c/o Leroy Goodwill on January 16, 2014, and was received by Leroy Goodwill on February 4, 2014, as evidenced by the United States Postal Return Receipt No. 70091410000213341853; and

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 11th day of February, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector testified to the condition of the property and provided photographs of and written reports on the property and stated that no building or demolition permit had been obtained by Leroy Goodwill as he previously indicated and no demolition work has commenced on the property; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building and the report of the City Inspector;

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 they DO HEREBY ORDER the building and/or structure situated on that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, measuring fifty (50) feet fronting on Eighth Street and/or its continuation by a depth between parallel lines running in a northerly direction a distance of four hundred (400) feet being the property of Andrew Goodwill, having a municipal address of 1214 West 8th Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned and IT IS ORDERED that the building and/or structure shall be brought up to

building code requirements and/or demolished and/or removed, together with all trash and debris, within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notice; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the property owner's heirs shall obtain a building permit or demolition permit within seven (7) days of the date of receipt of this notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 11th day of February, 2014, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on February 12th, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on February 12th, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on February th, 2014 at .m.

Publish in newspaper on February 19th, 2014