

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 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, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux, Steven Premeaux, and Ezora J. Proctor. Lyle Fogleman Jr., and Kitty Valdetero were absent.

Alderman Bryan Borill led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Tim Monceaux gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1473, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

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, BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (30) TO DESIGNATE 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND CRAWFORD AVENUE 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.

Mayor Jones asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1473. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1473 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1473 was closed.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Alderman Vernon Martin offered a motion to amend the agenda to include a presentation from Mr. Charles Evins, Jr., funeral director, with Evins, Larry and Perry Funeral Home to speak to the Council in regards to opening a new business at 617 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Seconded by Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor duly and adopted after a unanimous vote.

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:**

Alderwoman Ezora J. Proctor moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Vernon Martin moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré 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 Jeff Doré to award a contract to Coastal Culvert and Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$12,149.50 for N. Avenue O Drainage Improvements (Furnishing of Drainage Structures). Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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

Reverend Sherard M. Joseph, pastor at Jerusalem Baptist Church, spoke in favor of the request to designate West Jacob Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street a 4-way stop intersection. Members of the congregation and residents of the area were also in attendance in favor of the request.

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve a new 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a new 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Ismet Hoxha dba Govani's Italian Grille, Inc. located at 200 Fairway Drive, Suite D contingent upon Chief Gibson's approval and legal clearance of applicants. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve a new 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a new 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Carol Augustus, Shawn Augustus & Damian Joseph dba A & J Convenient Store located at 803 West Hutchinson Avenue contingent upon Chief Gibson's approval and legal clearance of applicants. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve a new 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a new 2016 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Xiaobing chen dba Chen's Tokyo JaPan, LLC. located at 1823 North Parkerson Avenue, Suite D. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve the renewal of a 2016 Class B Retail Package Beer Permit and the renewal of a 2016 Class B Retail Package Liquor Permit for John E. Reihart dba Corner Store #378 located at 1704 North Parkerson. 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 Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by and Alderman Elliot Doré to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for a Home Occupancy variance for the purposes of tax preparation services offered by Kenneth Poullard described as Lot 16 Blk 86 City of Crowley West located 608 W Hutchinson Avenue. Motion carried

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

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

Mr. Charles Evins, Jr., funeral director, with Evins, Larry and Perry Funeral Home spoke to the Council with regards to the procedures and requirements of opening a funeral home located at 617 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:**

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to accept the audit for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2015 as prepared by Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Company. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:**

Mayor Greg A. Jones recused himself over presiding the next proceeding due to the conflict that it involved his previous employment and stepped down as Chair; Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Premeaux presided.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor, and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AUTHORIZING A STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT TO BE ISSUED BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOUISIANA ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00; AND TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT UP TO \$300,000.00 EVIDENCED BY A PROMISSORY NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PLEDGE OF AN UNENCUMBERED CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AS SECURITY FOR THE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT; AND TO PROVIDE ALL MATTER RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has maintained and administered a self-insured workers' compensation plan approved by the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation and since 1994, the First National Bank has issued a Standby Letter of Credit on behalf of the City of Crowley in favor of the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation to secure the self-insured plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley was granted authority by the Louisiana State Bond Commission to pledge unencumbered excess funds up to \$300,000.00 in the form of Certificate of Deposit to secure a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$300,000.00, as is more fully shown by reference to that certain Resolution of the Louisiana State Bond Commission No. L94-174 dated May 19, 1994; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary the City reauthorize a revolving line of credit, the issuance of a Standby Letter of Credit and the pledge a Certificate of Deposit to secure the Standby Letter of Credit as required by the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, find that it is appropriate to continue the self-insured plan and to authorize the Mayor Pro-Tem to execute the promissory note and the pledge of funds as security;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Steven Premeaux, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Crowley, to execute an application for a line of credit in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 from First National Bank of Louisiana, to approve the form and substance of the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit, to execute a promissory note or notes in favor of the First National Bank of Louisiana in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 payable on demand, said note or notes bearing simple interest at a variable rate per annum equal to three (3) percentage points over the six month CD rate, to pledge an unencumbered Certificate(s) of Deposit in an equivalent amount of the promissory note or notes to the First National Bank of Louisiana as security for the said Standby Letter of Credit and to authorize the assignment of the deposit account as required by the Bank; to pay an annual fee not to exceed one (1%) percent of the amount of the Standby Letter of Credit, to pay all costs and fees in connection with this transaction, to provide a governmental certificate of existence and authority, to pledge the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit by the First National Bank of Louisiana on behalf of the City of Crowley to the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation up to \$300,000.00 as security for the City's self-insured workers' compensation program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, that the Honorable Steven Premeaux, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary forms, documents, assurances and provisions as may be meet and proper in the premises necessary to conclude said transaction.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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STEVEN PREMEAUX, MAYOR-PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CLERK

**ORDINANCE:**

The following ordinance no. 1473 has been previously introduced at a regular meeting convened on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, published by title in the official journal of the City, and a public hearing held thereon on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It was offered for final adoption by Alderman Elliot Doré, seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1473

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AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE  
THERETO.

WHEREAS, to control traffic and enhance safety, it is necessary that 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Crawford be designated a four (4) way stop intersection and added to the Code of Ordinances; 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, 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 14-23(c) of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be amended and re-enacted to add Subsection (30) to designate 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Crawford as a four (4) way stop to read as follows, to-wit:

**Sec.14-23. Right-of-way streets; four-way stop intersections.**

(c) *Four-way stop intersections.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein provided, the following described intersections shall be four-way stop intersections and each operator of a motor vehicle, upon approaching such intersection, shall bring such driver's vehicle to a complete stop and shall remain stopped until any vehicle previously stopped at the intersection has proceeded through such intersection and, thereafter, the drivers of vehicles on the intersecting streets shall, after stopping, alternate in proceeding through such intersection:

(30) 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND CRAWFORD AVENUE

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 regular session duly convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux, and Ezora Proctor.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tim Monceaux, Lyle Fogleman Jr., and Kitty Valdetero

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERIN S. CRADEUR, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:45 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:45 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:15 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016