

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2011

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 12th day of April, 2011 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., Mary Melancon, and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete, and Steven Premeaux were absent.

Alderman Bryan Borill led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and J. Elliot Doré gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of Property situated on Lots 8, 9 and 10 of Block 2 of Standard Subdivision, of the City of Crowley, located at the corner of Standard Mill and Dronet Street, Crowley, Louisiana belonging to Ophelia W. Andrew.

City Inspector, Danny Hebert said he found the building was not in compliance with building codes and recommended condemnation. Ophelia Andrew and her family asked for time to do the repairs to the home in order to meet the code requirements.

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 Lot 7 of Block 1 of Duson's 3rd Addition of the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 613 Valien Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana belonging to Winnie Cade Berard c/o Mary Ledee.

City Inspector, Danny Hebert said he found the building was not in compliance with building codes and recommended condemnation. Mary Ledee was present and said she did not want to repair the structure and agreed it should be taken down.

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 Lot 17 of Block 26 of West Crowley Addition of the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 120 North Avenue B, Crowley, Louisiana belonging to James W. Labb et al.

City Inspector was unable to properly locate the owners and this public hearing will continue next month with an appointed attorney.

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 Lots 9 & 10 and the South 40' of Lot 16 of Block 31 of West Crowley Addition of the City of Crowley, located in the 500 Block of West 2nd Street, Crowley, Louisiana belonging to Thomas J. LaHood.

City Inspector, Danny Hebert said he found the building was not in compliance with building codes and recommended condemnation. There was no one present to represent the owners of the property.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1420, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1420. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1420 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1420 to a close.

PROCLAMATIONS:

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to adopt the following earth day proclamation. Motion carried.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, a green economy can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to broaden and diversify this global movement to achieve maximum success; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, Louisiana hereby proclaim April 22, 2011 as

Earth Day

in the City of Crowley and encourage encourages all citizens, businesses and institutions to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy and to support green economy initiatives and to encourage others to undertake similar actions

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Crowley, Louisiana to be affixed this the 12th day of April 2011.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor
City of Crowley, Louisiana

Attest: S/Judy L. Istre, City Clerk

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to adopt the following fair housing proclamation. Motion carried.

Proclamation

Whereas, the 43rd of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

Whereas, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of the freely choosing a home; and

Whereas, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

Whereas, the department and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

Whereas, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

Now, Therefore, I, Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

Fair Housing Month

in the City of Crowley. I urge all citizens to celebrate the diversity and value the harmonious communities of neighbors to support the goal of equal housing opportunities for all people.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana this the 12th day of April 2011.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor
City of Crowley, Louisiana

Attest: S/Judy L. Istre, City Clerk

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to adopt the following National Community Development Week proclamation. Motion carried.

Proclamation

Whereas, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has operated since 1982 to provide a local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of person of low-and moderate-income; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has had a significant impact on our local economy through either job creation and retention, public infrastructure improvements and/or improved housing; and

Whereas, the City of Crowley and other local governments have a clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer the CDBG program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as housing and rehabilitation and relocation, neighborhood centers, job creation and retention, and public infrastructure; and

Now, Therefore, I, Greg A. Jones, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Crowley, do hereby proclaim the week of April 25 – 30, 2011, as

National Community Development Week

in Crowley and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program and the important role in our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Crowley to be affixed this 12th day of April 2011.

S/Greg A. Jones, Mayor
City of Crowley, Louisiana

Attest: S/Judy L. Istre, City Clerk

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman J. Elliot Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 8th, 2011 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Jeff Doré moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 6th, 2011 special council meeting. Seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Greg A. 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 J. Elliot Doré to approve the final partial payment estimate to Merrick Construction in the amount of \$2,118.90 to release funds that were retained for the landscaping work on the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project. Motion carried.

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 Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve partial Payment No. 1 to Hemphill Construction Company in the amount of \$29,250.00 for the Main Pump Station Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Main Pump Station Rehabilitation Contract with Hemphill Construction Company in the amount of \$45,026.00. This is for the replacement of corroded discharge piping (3-10” x 28’ pump discharge pipes) and fittings, 3 pump mountings, one sealing flange assembly, and 4 intermediate guide rail attachments, and installation of additional wet well vents. Contract time will increased by 32 calendar days. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to authorize the Mayor to request funding for Change Order No. 1 to the Main Pump Station Rehabilitation Contract under the DEQ SRF Loan #2 (at 2.95% interest), and submit the corresponding request for re-budgeting Loan #2 accordingly. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to award a construction contract to E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$368,172.50 for the LCDBG FY 2010-11 Project (Sewerage Repairs in the Northeast and Southeast Crowley). Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to table the increase of peddler’s license to \$500 and to authorize the City Attorney to further research the regulations to increase the license fees. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to authorize the City Attorney to amend ordinance no. 1247 on Temporary or Seasonal Food Service Permits issued by the State of Louisiana to limit non-profit sales to two permits per year in the amount of \$50 per permit. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to approve a new Class A – Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Asa Stevenson d/b/a Big “A” Old School located at 527 West 2nd Street. 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 Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve a trailer petition for Bryan & Orita Dejean described as Lots 9-10, Block 143, Original Crowley located at 527 West 9th Street. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve a rear Yard Setback variance for a garage placement of 1 foot from the property line described as W ½ of Lots 5 & 6, Block 61, Original Crowley owned by Early and Cheryl Henry located at 325 West 5th Street. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Brian Borill to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve an accessory building variance based on the total size of the accessory building. The variance is 35 square feet larger than the maximum allowance of total required footage. The property is described as W ½ of Lots 5 & 6, Block 61 Original Crowley owned by Early and Cheryl Henry located at 325 West 5th Street. Motion carried.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Laurita Pete
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Vernon Martin, and Kitty Valdetero

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve the renewal of the health and medical insurance proposal effective May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012 as presented by Mark Landry of Landry, Harris and Company. The third party administrator is Meritain Health and the reinsurer is HM Insurance. Contract type (MED/RX) is 36/12 with a specific deductible of \$50,000 and an aggregating specific deductible of \$55,000. The census is 151 employees with 12 families and the annual fixed cost is \$383,294.80. 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 J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to engage Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company for auditing services for the City of Crowley's year ending August 31, 2011. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to table a resolution adopting the parish wide Hazard Mitigation Plan until future study can be done. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, CANCELLING, RESCINDING AND RECALLING THE NOTICE OF RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AND THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 11 OF BLOCK 104 OF ORIGINAL CITY CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, Notice of Rule to Show Cause was issued by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley on the 13th day of October, 2010 for condemnation of the property described as Lot 11 of Block 104 of Original City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 623 North Avenue H, Crowley, Louisiana; which was duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder on the 18 day of October, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a condemnation hearing was held on the 9th day of November, 2010 in which time the building and/or structures situated on Lot 11 of Block 104 of Original City

Crowley were ordered condemned and the Order of Condemnation was duly recorded on the 12th day of November, 2010 in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Acadia Parish; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the property owner failed to comply with the Order of Condemnation within the thirty (30) days of receipt of the Order; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley contracted for the demolition of the building/structure and removal of all debris and trash from the property and has incurred costs and expenses therefor; and

WHEREAS, in consideration thereof and the payment of all charges, attorney's fees, recordation, certification, postage, costs of demolition and cleanup and cancellation costs incurred by the City of Crowley, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to rescind and cancel said Notice of Rule to Show Cause and Order of Condemnation recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court and placed of record against the property described as Lot 11 of Block 104 of Original City of Crowley owned by the Bryan B. Frey.

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 they do hereby rescind and recall Notice of Rule to Show Cause and do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel the Notice of Rule to Show Cause for condemnation of the improvements situated on Lot 11 of Block 104 of Original City of Crowley belonging to Bryan B. Frey recorded on the 18th day of October, 2010 under Original Act No. 809324 in Mortgage Book 841 at Page 221 and in Conveyance Book E-65 at Page 232, records of the Clerk and Recorder of Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby rescind and recall the Order of Condemnation of the improvements situated on Lot 11 of Block 104 Original City of Crowley belonging to Bryan B. Frey and do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court to cancel same recorded on the 12th day of November, 2010 under Original Act No. 810122 in Conveyance Book E-65 at Page 944, records of the Clerk and Recorder of Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon payment of all costs and charges of notices of violations, service thereof, recordation and certification, the Honorable Judy L. Istre, City Clerk of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution authorizing the cancellation of the Notice of Rule to Show Cause and Order of Condemnation to the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 12th day of April, 2011.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Mayor Greg A. Jones stepped down as Chair (he serves on the Board at First National Bank) and First Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem J. Elliot Doré presided.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré, and duly resolved 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 12th day of April, 2011 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

J. ELLIOT DORÉ
FIRST ALTERNATE MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

First Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem J. Elliot Doré stepped down as Chair and Mayor Greg A. Jones presided.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, duly seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré, and duly resolved 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 LOTS 8 & 9 of BLOCK 2 OF STANDARD SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 12^h day of April, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed properly addressed to the property owner returned as shown by the letter marked "Unclaimed"; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested 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 Lots 8, 9 and 10 of Block 2 of Standard Subdivision of the City of Crowley, being the property of Ophelia W. Andrew located at the corner of Standard Mill and Dronet Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the said building and/or structure be brought up to building code requirements or demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within 60 days from the date of receipt of notice which may be extended in the event the property owner demonstrates a good faith effort to complete demolition and/or removal but has been unable to do so through no fault of his own; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall obtain a building permit after complying with the requirements of La. R. S. 33:4761, et seq.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of April, 2011 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 Bryan Borill, and duly resolved 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 7 of BLOCK 1 OF DUSON'S 3rd ADDITION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 12^h day of April, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed and received by the property owner as shown by U. S. Postal Return Receipt dated March 15, 2011"; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested 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 7 of Block 1 of Duson's 3rd Addition of the City of Crowley, being the property of Winnie Cade Berard, having a municipal address of 613 Valien Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the said building and/or structure be brought up to building code requirements or demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice which may be extended in the event the property owner demonstrates a good faith effort to complete demolition and/or removal but has been unable to do so through no fault of his own; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall obtain a building permit after complying with the requirements of La. R. S. 33:4761, et seq.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of April, 2011 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 Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE HEARING AND THE RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON LOT 17 of BLOCK 26 WEST CROWLEY ADDITION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO BE CONTINUED UNTIL ITS NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT ABSENT DEFENDANT AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO;

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing regarding the above described property was called for the 12th day of April, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed properly addressed to the property owner returned as shown by the letter marked "Attempted Not Known, Unable to Forward"; and

WHEREAS, the property owner and/or his representative is a resident of Los Angeles, California, and therefore an Absentee under the provisions of La. R.S. 33:4761, et seq. and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the mayor to appoint an attorney to represent the absentee defendant;

WHEREAS, this matter should be continued and refixed for the next regularly scheduled meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the hearing be continued and reset for the 10th day of May, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and that the mayor appoint an attorney at law to represent and absentee defendant at said hearing, and that the attorney at law be served with notice of these proceedings as is required by law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of April 2011 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 J. Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, and duly resolved 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 LOTS 9 & 10 AND THE SOUTH 40' OF LOT 16 OF 17 OF BLOCK 26 WEST CROWLEY ADDITION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 12^h day of April, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed properly addressed to the property owner returned as shown by the letter marked "Not Deliverable as Addressed"; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested 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 Lots 9 & 10 and the South 40' of Lot 16 of Block 31 of West Crowley Addition of the City of Crowley, being the property of

Thomas J. Lahood located in the 500 Block of West 2nd Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the said building and/or structure be brought up to building code requirements or demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice which may be extended in the event the property owner demonstrates a good faith effort to complete demolition and/or removal but has been unable to do so through no fault of his own; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the owner shall obtain a building permit after complying with the requirements of La. R. S. 33:4761, et seq.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of April, 2011 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1419

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

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

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 12th day of April 2011 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 12th day of April, 2011 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Adopted 2010-2011	Amendment	Amended 2010-2011
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	Budget		Budget
General Fund-Revenues			
Licenses & Permits	530,400	15,150	545,550
Other Revenues	109,025	36,000	145,025
General Administration Expenditure			
Operational Expense	214,600	20,775	235,375
Fire Expenditure			
Repairs & Supplies	188,500	11,975	200,475
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	5,286,925	(400,000)	4,886,925
1 & 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Budget			
Revenues - Sales Taxes	4,000,000	(100,000)	3,900,000
Expenditures			
Operational Expense	63,000	(1,500)	61,500
Debt Service	100,000	60,060	160,060
Other Financing Uses			
Operating Transfers Out	3,982,000	(345,000)	3,637,000
1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Salary Budget			
Revenues - Sales Taxes	1,333,333	(33,333)	1,300,000
Operational Expense	23,300	(500)	22,800
1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Street Improvement Budget			
Revenues - Sales Taxes	1,333,333	(33,333)	1,300,000
Operational Expense	21,750	(500)	21,250
Youth Recreation Building Maintenance Budget			
Expenditure			
Repairs & Supplies	139,000	10,000	149,000
Capital Outlays	50,500	3,750	54,250
Other Expense	9,105	45	9,150
Other Financing Sources			
Operating Transfers In	167,200	50,000	217,200
Rice City Civic Center Budget			
Revenues - Charges for Services	8,000	2,000	10,000
Other Expense	15,200	7,000	22,200
Other Financing Sources - Operating Transfers In			
Transfers & Appropriations	60,000	5,000	65,000
Employee Benefit Plan Budget			
Other Revenue	165,000	130,000	295,000
Expense - Insurance Claims	1,115,825	125,000	1,240,825
Workmen's Compensation Budget			
Operational Expense	128,600	3,700	132,300

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2010-2011 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Greg A. Jones, is hereby authorized and in his sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as he may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 12th day of April, 2011 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Mary Melancon, and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vernon Martin, Laurita Pete and Steven Premeaux

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 Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 13, 2011 at 8:30 a. m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on April 19, 2011 at 10:30 a. m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April 19, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

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