

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009

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 April, 2009 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: J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Lyle Fogleman Jr., Steven Premeaux, and Todd Whiting were absent.

Alderman Elliot Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderman J. Elliot Doré offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a resolution to concur with DOTD on the bid for the street lighting of exit 82 on I-10. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 10th, 2009 regular council meeting. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and duly adopted.

APPOINTMENTS:

Alderman Vernon Martin offered a motion to ratify Mayor Greg A. Jones re-appointment of Rita Nicholson, John LeLeux and Ralph Byers as members of the Crowley Civil Service Board. Seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and duly adopted.

Rita Nicholson, John LeLeux and Ralph Byers were then administered the oath of office by the city attorney, Thomas K. Regan.

PRESENTATIONS:

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to approve the following health & medical insurance renewal proposal effective May 1, 2009 as presented and recommended by Mark Landry representing Landry, Harris & Company. Motion carried.

Third Party Administrator	Meritain Health
Reinsurer	Mutual of Omaha
Contract Type (MED/RX)	5/12
Specific Deductible	\$50,000
Aggregating Specific Deductible	\$50,000

Census	
Employees	139
Family	8
Annual Fixed Cost	\$178,785.48

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Greg A. Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend since fiscal 1992.

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 Dore' to approve Partial Payment No. 10 in the amount of \$613,505.13 to Merrick Construction Company for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Dore' to approve Partial Payment No. 2 for the Release of Retainage to R. Cloud Construction Company in the amount of \$4,531.47 for the Parkerson Avenue median at B.N.S.F. Main Line. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Members – Aldermen Kitty Valdetero, Laurita Pete and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and accept the request of Troy Hebert for a rear yard setback variance on the property described as North ½ of Lot 6-7, Block 68 CICO #1 Subdivision located at 1020 ½ South Avenue L. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and accept the request of Charles Ashby, Jr. for a rear yard setback variance of 17' into setback on the property described as Lot 9, Country Club Subdivision located at 113 West Hoyt Avenue. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE :

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

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids to repair and restore the Wastewater

facility and to include engineering fees, architect fees and any necessary fees. Mayor Jones is further authorized to sign all necessary professional contracts. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to cosponsor a city wide Revival on April 19, 2009 at the Rice Theatre. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Mary Melancon
Members – Aldermen Kitty Valdetero, J. Elliot Doré and Todd Whiting

The following proclamation was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré, seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, and duly adopted.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this City and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrificed for this City, State and Nation and

WHEREAS, the people and Mayor of Crowley wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten

NOW THEREFORE, I GREG A. JONES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY do hereby proclaim my appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1st

Silver Star Banner Day

the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the City of Crowley.

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 14th day of April 2009.

Greg A. Jones, Mayor
CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

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

Proclamation

Whereas, the 41st of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 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 2009 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 14th day of April 2009.

Greg A. Jones, Mayor
CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Todd Whiting
Members – Aldermen Laurita Pete, Jeff Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete to authorize the Mayor to sign Cintas standard uniform rental service agreement. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to engage Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, CPA for auditing services for the year ending August 31, 2009. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to amend the policy and procedures for meal expenses at the federal per diem rate when an employee qualifies for travel on city business. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré, and duly resolved 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 BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (27) TO DESIGNATE AVENUE E AND 10TH STREET AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION AND TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (4) TO DESIGNATE NORTHERN AVENUE AND WILLIAM EGAN AVENUE AS A THREE (3) 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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 12th day of May, 2009, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 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 BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (27) TO DESIGNATE AVENUE E AND 10TH STREET AS A FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION

AND TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (4) TO DESIGNATE NORTHERN AVENUE AND WILLIAM EGAN AVENUE AS A THREE (3) 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 14 day of April, 2009.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of April, 2009, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, James B. Clement, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lots 6 of Block 22 of Duson's 3rd Addition to Crowley, having a municipal address of 528 Ross Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

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 the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to James B. Clement for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 12th day of May, 2009 in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of April, 2009 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to table the following resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AMENDING THE RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADIA PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ACADIA PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CORRECTION SERVICES FOR THE INCARCERATION OF PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES OR INMATES IN EXCESS OF THE FIFTEEN (15) SPACES/BEDS AT THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (LDOC) PER DIEM RATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman J. Elliot Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONCURRING WITH THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR LIGHTING I-10 EXIT 82 INTERCHANGE PROJECT #450-04-0096 TO THE LOW BIDDER LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) to provide engineering services and additional construction funds for a high-mast, high-intensity lighting system for I-10 Exit 82 interchange; and

WHEREAS, the LDOTD received bids on the 18th day of March, 2009 for the project; and

WHEREAS, the low bidder on the project was Ernest P. Breaux Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$586,272.50; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to concur in the award of the project to the apparent low bidder;

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 concur with the award of the construction contract for Lighting I-10 Exit 82 Interchange Project #450-04-0096 to Ernest P. Breaux Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$586,272.50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) as occasion may require.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of April, 2009, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, 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 Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 15, 2009 at 11:20 a.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on April 15, 2009 at 11:20 a.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.