

CITY OF CROWLEY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 13, 2003

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 13th day of May, 2003, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marcotte, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Buatt gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION OR APPEARANCE:

Mayor de la Houssaye presented resolution of appreciation to Patrolman Kerry Guillory and James Burnett in connection with the fire at LaPAC Industries.

Resolutions of appreciation were also presented to the Crowley Fire Department and the Crowley Police Department for the LaPAC Fire before tonight's meeting.

A resolution of appreciation was also adopted for presentation to Mr. Mike Francis.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 8, 2003 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 24, 2003 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

A thank you card was read from John and Sandra Royer in appreciation for the work that has been done to protect their property.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor de la Houssaye presented the Sales Tax Report and User Fee Report that compare current collections to collections from previous years. The Recap of all Funds Report compares actual revenues and expenditures for the eight months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

Alderman Thomas moved to accept the recommendation of Don Breaux, architect, and accept the base bid of \$1,059,050, alternate No. 1 (\$22,000.00) and alternate No. 2 \$20,000 received from E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Interpretive Center, contingent upon the approval from Facility Planning and Control. Seconded by Alderman Martin and adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Emulsified Asphalt Products for Patching, Leveling, etc. under their 2002-03 Annual Materials and Street Repair Contract in the amount of \$17,000. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin moved to authorize the inclusion of "programming of the host computer" in the Auto-Sol License Agreement for Installing SCADA equipment at overflow monitors at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 11 to B & K Construction Company for the "North C Pump Station and Collection Line Upgrade" in the amount of \$82,414.16. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to Stelly Construction Company for the "West C Sewerage Improvements (LCDBG FY 2001 Program)" in the amount of \$15,542. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to hire Patricia Helo to the position of Firefighter effective May 29, 2003. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to promote Robert Burke from Fire Driver to Fire Captain and Daniel Miller from Firefighter First Class to Fire Driver effective May 14, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the city ordinance regarding Animals and Fowl, contingent upon the Attorney's approval. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderwoman 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 Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Katherine Glaze, by the City Inspector's office for and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 17 & 18 of Block 17 of Duson 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley, Louisiana, having a municipal address of 1306 West 5th Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued to Katherine Glaze for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of June, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly prepared and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THIS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on the 13th day of May, 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, duly seconded by Alderwoman 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 Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Oren M. Webster, by the City Inspector's office for

and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 18 of Block 11 of Duson 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley, Louisiana; and a municipal address of 553 Jacob Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued to Oren M. Webster for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of June, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly prepared and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THIS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on the 13th day of May, 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderwoman 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 Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Willie Morris, Joseph Morris and Elmeter Y. Morgan, the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 5, the North 100 feet of the North 100 feet and West 30 feet of the South 10 feet of Lot 6 of Block 20 of Duson 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley, Louisiana; and having a municipal address of 1000 Block West Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued to Willie Morris, Joseph Morris and Elm Morgan for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of June, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THIS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on the 13th day of May, 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, and duly read and adopted with Alderman Martin abstaining.

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 Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Assist Agency, by the City Inspector's office for and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 6 of Block 81 of Original City of Crowley, having a mu

address of 526 North Ave. C, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued to Assist Agency for a public hearing to be held before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of June, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THIS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on the 13th day of May, 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter negotiations with the American Legion Hospital for the lease of building for the Criminal Detective Division of the Police Department. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to hire Marcus Deville as a Recruit Officer effective May 13, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new 2003 Class A Beer and Class A Liquor Permits for V Bratchr d/b/a The Mill at 322 South Eastern Avenue. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Istre, and duly resolved and adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, on the 13th day of May, 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Louisiana, LA.

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 Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Margaret I. D. Killmer & Bertha Killmer, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 11 & 12 of Block 47 of Original Block 47 of Crowley, having a municipal address of the corner of 4th Street and Avenue I, Crowley, Louisiana; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued to Margaret I. D. Killmer & Bertha Killmer, and a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 10th day of June, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that the notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THIS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on the 13th day of May, 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Martin offered a motion to create the position of Emergency Management Coordinator within the Department. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize Mr. Regan to prepare a resolution to introduce an amendment to the ordinance on abandoned vehicles. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Marceaux moved to grant a "Conditional Use Permit" at 1318 North Parkerson Avenue (Lots 5, 6 Block 6, Duson 5th Addition) for Finance Motors to build a showroom to operate a motorcycle business. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux moved to deny a variance of request to accept the sewer line at Southwinds Nursing Home. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Marceaux, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN KEY DEVELOPERS AND BAYOU VILLAGE NURSING HOME PARTNERSHIP, LTD. TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A WASTE WATER TREATMENT COLLECTION LINE WITH RIGHT OF WAY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT LINE TO SERVE THE NURSING HOME, CONTINGENT UPON THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY AND THE COMPLETION OF THE SEWER MAIN TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Southern Key Developers and Bayou Village Nursing Home Partnership, LTD. is constructing a new nursing home facility and a new assisted living facility on U. S. Highway 90, adjacent to the corporate limits of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Southern Key Developers and Bayou Village Nursing Home Partnership, LTD. have constructed a new water collection line, manholes, and appertances to serve the new facility was constructed at a cost in excess of \$500,000;

and

WHEREAS, Southern Key Developers and Bayou Village Nursing Home Partnership, LTD. have requested that the City of Crowley provide waste water treatment service to the facility and accept the dedication of the waste water collection line, manholes, and appertances; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman have denied a request to accept the waste water for treatment from the facility unless the property is annexed and the waste water treatment collection line meets all the requirements for acceptance; and the collection line is built in accordance with the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the plans and specifications for the waste water collection line were submitted by engineer [Name] of Southern key Developers and Bayou Village Nursing Home Partnership, Limited, to the city engineer for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the developers and owners have agreed to petition for annexation of the property and to correct any deficiencies in the line and obtain a grant of additional right-of-way from the adjacent property owner as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the developer has requested the city participate and share in the cost of construction of the extension of the line in the amount of \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman find that the annexation of the new nursing home facility and assisted living complex will provide jobs, economic growth, and health care services needed within the community and that it is to be reasonable and appropriate to participate in the cost of construction of the sewer main in the amount of \$20,000;

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, to execute an agreement with Southern Key Developers and Bayou Village Nursing Home Partnership, LTD., to accept the dedication of the waste water treatment collection line, manholes, and appertances, additional right-of-way as may be necessary therefor, contribute and pay to Bayou Village Nursing Home, LTD., the sum of \$20,000 as the city's portion of the cost of construction of the waste water treatment collection line; all of which shall be contingent upon the completion of repair and corrections to the sewer line to plans and specifications as approved by the city engineer, adequate additional right-of-way has been granted therefor, and the completion of the process of annexation of the property belonging to Bayou Village Nursing Home Partnership, LTD.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the said Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor be and she is hereby authorized, empowered

and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in connection therewith, as may be meet proper in the premis

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in regular session on this the 13th day of May, 2003, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Marceaux moved to allow a variance for Jerusalem Baptist Church to build a carport at 927 W Street. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, duly seconded by Alderman Buatt, and duly resolv adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING
TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIRS OF WELLS
FARGO DEPOT BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Wells Fargo Depot Building suffered damage to the roof and interior as result of high winds a during Hurricane Lili on October 3, 2002; and

WHEREAS, an emergency was declared to immediately cover the roof building to mitigate further damage to th building and facilities and for the immediate repair of the building to maintain occupancy of the facility by the City of Cro

and

WHEREAS, a contract for repairs was entered into with E.L. Habetz Builders, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, E.L. Habetz Builders, Inc. has tendered the building and facilities to the City as substantially complete;

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. Houssaye, Mayor to execute a Notice of Substantial Completion and Termination of the Contract dated January 8, 2003 with E.L. Habetz Builders, Inc. and file Notice of the Termination of the work by the contractor in the records of the Clerk of the Recorder of Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of May, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderman Pete offered a motion to promote Robert Burke to Captain effective May 14, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Pete offered a motion to promote Kurt Trahan from Patrolman to probational Corporal effective May 13, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Pete offered a motion to hire Marcus Deville as a Recruit Officer effective May 13, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Comeaux effective April 8, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to authorize Mr. Regan to prepare a resolution to amend the ordinance to allow vacation to be accumulated during the year before retirement not to exceed 30 days, beginning in fiscal 2002-03. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to table action on the Health Plan Document. Seconded by Alderman Valdetero and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Alderman Istre offered a motion to table action of the request from Acadia St. Landry Medical Foundation for support to apply for a Federal Quality Health Center Grant. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted with Alderman Martin abstaining.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF BOBBY SMITH I AND
BOBBY SMITH II SUBDIVISIONS TO THE LOUISIANA HOUSING FINANCE
AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Bobby Smith I & II Subdivisions are each 26 unit single-family subdivisions for a total of 52 homes to be located at the end of John F. Kennedy Drive commencing north about 950 feet to the Housing Authority property then commencing east approximately 800 feet to the property line where 10th street dead ends, then commencing south about 950 feet to the property line behind lot 46 on Grady Poullard Drive, then west to the beginning point at John F. Kennedy Drive.

WHEREAS, said development lies in the incorporated area of the City of Crowley therefore within the jurisdiction of the City of Crowley City Council.

WHEREAS, this City has been and remains supportive of sanitary, affordable housing for all of its citizens;

WHEREAS, certain special needs groups, namely the handicapped, single parent households and large families be served by this facility with positive, needs based programs to allow them to live more productive and more rewarding lives;

WHEREAS, these special needs groups have been historically under served due to the lack of available state and federal funding;

WHEREAS, although this city does not encourage or direct its citizens to select one residence over another, it does support as a general proposition the building of new housing that is safe, sanitary and affordable;

WHEREAS, Bobby Smith I and Bobby Smith II Subdivisions, along with its nonprofit partner(s) will partially fund this project upon successful application with Internal Revenue Service Code Section 42 tax credits as awarded by the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency;

WHEREAS, said tax credits are awarded on a state-wide, competitive basis to those applicants that score the highest number of points; and

WHEREAS, a resolution of support from this governmental body will be a significant factor, but not the only factor determining whether or not said application is successful'

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the City of Crowley City Council in legal and regular session does support the application of Bobby Smith Subdivision Phase I and Bobby Smith Subdivision Phase II to the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

RECREATION:

Alderman Premeaux moved to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids on the Recreation Maintenance Building per the plans and specifications prepared by Don Breaux, architect. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCE:

Alderman Valdetero offered a motion to accept the FY 2001-02 Audit Report as presented by Steven Landry and Tracy Guillot of Broussard, Poche', Lewis and Breaux. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Buatt, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA, AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE TRANSACTION FEE TO THREE DOLLARS (\$3.00) PER SERVICE OR TRANSACTION RENDERED BY THE CROWLEY FIELD OFFICE OF THE OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS, EXCEPT THE RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION AND LICENSES

Whereas, the City of Crowley provides office facilities for use as the local Field Office in the City of Crowley, by

Office of Motor Vehicles, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and

Whereas, the cost of operation of the Local Field Offices is not fully funded by the State; and

Whereas, the revenue generated by the current transaction fee is insufficient to pay the cost of operating the fa
due to declining numbers of transactions; and

Whereas, by virtue of the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 32:429, as amended by Act No. 38, Section T
the 2001 Regular Session Louisiana Legislature, authorized the Local Governing Authority to levy a fee not to exceed T
Dollars (\$3.00) per service or transaction, to be used solely to defray the cost of operation of the Local Field Office:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley in regular
session, duly convened, they do hereby levy a fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per service or transaction rendered or carrie
as a operation by the Crowley Local Field Office of the Office of Motor Vehicles of the Louisiana Department of Public S
and Corrections; however, said fee shall not apply to the renewal of motor vehicles registration and licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said funds shall be used solely to defray the cost of operations of the local fi
office supported and provided by the governing authority of the City of Crowley for rental, utilities and maintenance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be an
is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an Intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Pub
Safety and Corrections, authorizing the Secretary of Department of Public Safety and Corrections to collect the said fee
each service or transactions, as set forth above, authorizing the Secretary to transmit said fees to the Office of the State
Treasurer, and which fees shall be deposited in escrow by the State Treasurer, which fees shall be held as Non-state fu
and direct that said funds shall be remitted directly to the City of Crowley under the terms of the agreement with the Offi
Mother Vehicles, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session, on this the 13th day of May 2003 at Crowley, Acadia
Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following budget amendments were offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pe
duly adopted.

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Non Departmental			
100-58-359	Engineer Fees	100,000	125,000
100-58-906	Disaster Expense	1,410,000	1,685,000
100-58-933	L.C.D.A. Principal	11,250	23,000
100-58-934	L.C.D.A. Interest	20,000	37,000
1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Street Improvement Budget			
Other Financing Sources - Operating Transfers Out			
410-75-447	Approp. To Sales Tax Sinking Bond-Street	462,900	476,025
Youth Recreation Operation Budget			
Expense			
General Division			
500-71-359	Engineer Fees	10,000	25,000
Youth Division			
500-73-204	Operational Supplies	-	3,500
Adult Division			
500-73-204	Operational Supplies	-	6,500
500-78-998	Miscellaneous Expense	130	5,000
Youth Recreation Building Maintenance Budget			
Expense			
600-80-102	Overtime	5,000	8,000
Rice City Civic Center Budget			
Revenue			
650-37-013	Federal Grant	-	46,400
650-37-014	Capital Outlay - State	-	10,875
Expense			
650-81-101	Wages	2,500	4,000
650-81-102	Overtime	6,000	7,000
650-81-226	Building Repairs	1,475	2,500
650-81-701	Capital Outlays	175,000	192,175
		Budget	Amendment
Main Street Budget			
Expense			
780-70-309	Telephone Expense	1,500	2,000
780-70-902	Meeting Expense	875	2,000

Utility Fund - Sewage Budget

Expense

Disposal

750-54-115	Disaster Overtime	-	200
750-54-213	Gas & Oil	3,250	3,750
750-54-970	Monitoring & Maintenance	8,000	27,000
750-54-998	Miscellaneous Expense	500	2,200

Sewer

750-56-115	Disaster Overtime	-	1,000
750-56-218	Equipment Repairs	50,000	65,000
750-56-296	City Wide Lift Station Repair	50,000	145,000
750-56-704	Detention Center	-	1,700

Inflow / Infiltration

750-88-115	Disaster	-	660
750-88-213	Gas & Oil	2,500	3,000
750-88-214	Repairs & Supplies	5,000	10,000

Sewer Cleaner

750-88-115	Disaster Overtime	-	340
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Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund 1997 Street Imp. Budget

Other Financing Sources - Operating Transfers In

840-35-047	Approp. from 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - Street	462,900	476,025
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RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A NEW AERIAL VEHICLE AND FIRE APPARATUS.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Fire Department presently operates a 1969 Pittman Snorkel aerial vehicle, which is approximately 34 years old and has exceeded its useful life; and

WHEREAS, due to the age of the vehicle and equipment the frequency of mechanical failures has increased, replacement parts are increasingly difficult to locate and it is anticipated that the cost of repairing the vehicle to meet current NFPA standards will be cost prohibitive in the near future; and

WHEREAS, due to the several large rice mills, grain elevators, rice bins and facilities, many of which are four or five stories high, the seven-story bank building, several large single or two-story manufacturing plants, and a large discount supercenter, with roof areas of approximately 200,000 square feet or more, the risk of grain elevator and industrial fires is significant; and

WHEREAS, these large buildings and their contents expose firefighters to potential hazards and tremendous risk to their personal safety and represent a significant hazard to property and life in the community which requires an aerial vehicle which is capable of reaching the heights and distance necessary to quickly and safely suppress fire; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the vehicle and its equipment is approximately \$445,000.00; AND

WHEREAS, this amount represents more than four times the amount of funds currently available for capital expenses,

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor to execute and submit on behalf of the City of Crowley and the Crowley Fire Department a grant application in the amount of \$445,000.00, with a local match of \$30,000.00 for the acquisition of a 1,250 gpm dual pump, diesel powered, aerial fire-fighting vehicle to the "Assistance to Firefighters" Grant Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the said Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, be and she is hereby authorized to submit and execute any and all necessary documents, and forms that may be necessary and proper in circumstances and do all things necessary for said application.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13 day of March, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ADOPTING THE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE YEAR 2003

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley having received notice from Honorable Russell Benoit, Assessor of the Parish of Acadia, that the taxable value of all property subject to taxation in the City of Crowley will be approximately the same as the year 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley must fix the ad valorem millage rates for the year 2003; and

WHEREAS, there is no necessity to adjust the millage rate since the taxable value of all property taxable in the City of Crowley is approximately the same for the year 2003 as in 2002;

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, with the agenda having been posted on City Hall where the meetings of the Board of Aldermen are usually held, more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, the following ad valorem millage rates, be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate boundaries of the City of Crowley for the year 2003 for the purpose of raising revenue, to-wit"

Ad Valorem Millage 2003

Corporate	Tax					7.00	Mills
Street	Improvement	&	Bond	Service	Debt	5.00	Mills
Public	Buildings	&	Drainage			5.00	Mills

Public	Recreation	&	Parks	Tax	3.00	Mills
Disposal	Plant	Maintenance		Tax	3.50	Mills
Cemetery	Maintenance	Tax			75	Mills
Youth	Recreation	Building		Tax	1.00	Mills
Fireman & Policeman Salary Fund				<u>5.00</u>	Mills	
Total					30.25	Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Russell Benoit, Assessor of the Parish of Acadia, be and he shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2003 the taxes herein levied, and the Tax Collector of said parish shall collect and remit the same to the said City of Crowley in accordance with law.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 13th day of May, 2003 by more than a two-thirds majority of the total membership of the Board of Aldermen voting in favor thereof after roll call as follow, to-wit:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceauaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdertero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE
CROWLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND THE
CROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2003, a disastrous fire broke out at LaPAC Manufacturing, Incorporated, Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley Fire Department and the Crowley Police Department answered the call for duty; and

WHEREAS, through swift thinking and outstanding training these dedicated men and women assessed the extent of the threat caused by the fire and began the battle to save lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the professionalism and stamina of the men and women of these departments allowed them to bring the raging fire under control and to save surrounding property; and

WHEREAS, the treat posed by this tragic fire serves as a reminder of the ultimate risk that all firefighters and other personnel face while protecting their communities against the rages of fire and other perils; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the men and women of the Crowley Fire Department and the Crowley Police Department be commended for their remarkable courage, foresight, and self-sacrifice in the line of duty.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of April, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING

PATROLMAN KERRY GUILLORY

FOR HIS ACT OF VALOR

Whereas, on Sunday April 20, 2003, local business, LaPac Manufacturing, Inc. was engulfed by fire; and,

Whereas, off duty officer Kerry Guillory responded to this community emergency; and,

Whereas, he went above and beyond the call of duty by moving LaPac delivery vehicles from harm's way; and

Whereas, this courageous act helped to lessen the blow to a community business that was destroyed by an infire
and

Whereas, the City of Crowley wishes to commend Kerry Guillory on his actions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY that Kerry Guillory be commended for his unselfishness and courageousness in assisting his fellow citizens

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of March 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING
PATROLMAN JAMES BURNETT, JR.
FOR HIS ACT OF VALOR

Whereas, on Sunday April 20, 2003, local business, LaPac Manufacturing, Inc. was engulfed by fire; and,

Whereas, off duty officer James Burnett, Jr. responded to this community emergency; and,

Whereas, he went above and beyond the call of duty by moving LaPac delivery vehicles from harm's way; and

Whereas, this courageous act helped to lessen the blow to a community business that was destroyed by an inferno;
and

Whereas, the City of Crowley wishes to commend James Burnett, Jr. on his actions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY that James Burnett, Jr. be commended for his unselfishness and courageousness in assisting his fellow citizens.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of May, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION HONORING

MICHAEL FRANCIS
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACT OF VALOR

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2002 and on April 20, 2003, Mr. Michael "Mike" Francis went above and beyond the obligation of an average citizen; and

WHEREAS, he single handedly came to the aid of the citizens of Crowley by clearing streets of debris following the devastation left by Hurricane Lili; and

WHEREAS, he once again came to the aid of his fellow citizens by transporting eighteen wheel trucks filled with water to assist in bringing under control and finally extinguishing the terrible fire that destroyed LaPAC Industries, and

WHEREAS, due to his courageousness public streets were opened allowing city officials and citizens to be able to assess damage caused by Hurricane Lili; and

WHEREAS, his loyalty and unselfishness facilitated the efforts of volunteer and established fire departments in battling the destructive fire that engulfed the Crowley business; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the City of Crowley recognize and honor Mr. Michael "Mike" Francis for his outstanding valor and unselfishness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY that Mr. Michael Francis be commended for his outstanding valor and unselfishness in assisting his fellow citizens and the Crowley Fire Department in time of need.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of October, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO DISTRIBUTE VIDEO POKER REVENUE OF EXISTING GAMING FACILITIES FROM THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY IN THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED ALONG I-10 AND LA HIGHWAY 13 FOR INCLUSION IN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury adopted a Resolution of support of special local legislation authorizing the governing authority of the City of Crowley to annex the area and authorizing and consenting to the annexation of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the City of Crowley have been informed that pending legislation adopted, may affect the distribution of video poker revenue generated by existing facilities in the area to be annexed;

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury has consented that the video poker revenues presently received by the Acadia Parish Police Jury generated from the existing video poker gaming facilities situated within the area including the "Rice Palace" shall be received by the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has agreed to extend and construction wastewater treatment collection lines and a pumping station along the adjacent to I-10 and LA Hwy. 13; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley believe that annexation is in the best interest of the residents and property owners of the area and the citizens of Crowley and Parish of Acadia; 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 they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement to authorize the distribution and/or to pay to the City of Crowley all video poker revenues received by the Acadia Parish Police Jury located in the area to be annexed from existing video poker gaming facilities including the "Rice Palace" to the City of Crowley and/or direct that said funds be paid to the City of Crowley by appropriate State Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the redistribution of video poker revenues shall be effective upon completion of the proposed annexation by the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the State, local and/or agency as may be required.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of October, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA. 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 p
for the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the following ordinance be
is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the City Clerk shall publish the fo
notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 10th day of June, 2003 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.
in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT PARTS OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO AMEND SECTION 14-44, TO PROVIDE
FOR ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR NO PARKING BY ADDING THERETO SUB-SECTION (s)
THE EAST SIDE OF AVENUE D BETWEEN MILL STREET AND ELM STREET; AND TO PROVIDE
FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES
CONTRARY THERETO.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall,
Crowley, LA.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 13th day of May, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Istre and seconded by Alderman Thomas the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on May 15, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on May 30, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk May , 2003 at .m.

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