

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 12, 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 12th day of August, 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 Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Steven C. Premeaux was absent.

Mr. Jason Broussard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Martin gave the invocation.

Alderman Martin moved to amend the agenda to consider allowing a city truck to be driven to and from work for a short period. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to amend the agenda to consider an adjustment of fee on a license for the carnival at Rice Festival. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1270. The ordinance to set municipal salaries was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1270. A third and final call was made with no one from the citizenry coming forward to speak.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1270. There were no comments from the citizenry after the third and final call.

A motion was offered by Alderman Marceaux and seconded by Alderman Martin to amend proposed ordinance no. 1270 by including the following levels of increase in an Alderman's salary.

- Un-Expired Term - \$500.00 per month
- 1st Term Council - \$500.00 per month
- 2nd Term Council - \$600.00 per month
- 3rd Term Council - \$700.00 per month
- 4th Term Council - \$800.00 per month
- 5th Term Council - \$900.00 per month
- 6th Term Council - \$1,000.00 per month

The motion failed after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin and Laurita D. Pete,
NAYS: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Mary T. Melancon, Ira
Thomas and Kitty Valdetero
ABSENT: Steven C. Premeaux

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the proposed Ordinance No. 1270 and substitute the following salaries:

Item No. 5	City Judge	\$ 26,070
Item No. 7	City Marshall	\$ 20,737
Item No. 13	City Inspector	\$ 34,890

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Pete and passed.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to amend the proposed Ordinance No. 1270 and substitute the following salary:

Item No. 18	Mayor's Executive Assistant	\$ 34,083
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The motion was seconded by Alderman Thomas and passed.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1270 to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1271. The ordinance on junked vehicles was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1271. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1271. There were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1271 to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Valdetero moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 8, 2003 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 25, 2003 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 1, 2003 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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 eleven months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

CORRESPONDENCES:

A note from Representative Gil Pinac was read in congratulation on receiving the "Telly Award" and thanked Mayor de la Houssaye and Council for everything they do to move Crowley forward.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 1 for Emulsified Asphalt Products under the 2002-03 Annual Materials and Street Repair Contract to increase the quantity of patching in the amount of \$81,250 for a

total contract amount of \$196,630; and to increase the contract time by 112 calendar days. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 4 to Emulsified Asphalt Products for Patching, Leveling, etc. under their 2002-03 Annual Materials and Street Repair Contract in the amount of \$18,163.08. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to Quality Construction Specialists for Crack Routing, Cleaning and Sealing under their 2002-03 Annual Materials and Street Repair Contract in the amount of \$23,129.59 and approve Final Work Order Amendment No. 1. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a Notice of Acceptance for Quality Construction Specialists, Contractor, pertaining to the substantial completion of the contract for “2002-2003 Streets & Drainage Maintenance Material and Repair – Proposal No. 3 – Work Order No. 1” for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, Quality Construction Specialists, as Contractor, has substantially completed “2002-2003 Streets & Drainage Maintenance Material and Repair – Proposal No. 3 – Work Order No. 1” for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to accept the completed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Notice of Acceptance for and on behalf of the City of Crowley accepting the work as being substantially completed, and that the Mayor be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED: August 12, 2003

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

A motion was offered by Alderwoman, seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted to reject the bid of Emulsified Asphalt Products on Proposal #3, Item #'s 2,7,8,9,16 & 17; and award contracts as follows:

1. Proposal #1, Item #1 & 4 (for both F.O.B. and Pick Up by City) to Angelle Concrete.
2. Proposal #1, Item #2 & # (for both F.O.B. and Pick Up by City) to Vermilion Shell.
3. Proposal #2, Item #1 (for F.O.B. City) to Vermilion Shell.
4. Proposal #3, Item #'s 12, 13 & 21 to Quality Construction Specialists.
5. Proposal #6, Item #'s 1 thru 11 & Item #'s 13 thru 21 (for F.O.B. City) to Vermilion Shell.

6. Proposal #6, Item #'s 1 thru 11 & Item #'s 13 thru 21 (for F.O.B. City) to Coastal Culvert.
7. Proposal #7, Item #'s 9 thru 13 & Item #'s 15 & 16 (for F.O.B. City and Pick Up by City) to Coastal Culvert.
8. Proposal #8, Item #'s 1 thru 11 & Item #'s 13 thru 21 (for F.O.B. City) to Vermilion Shell.
9. Proposal #9, Item #'s 1 & 2 (for F.O.B. City) to Angelle Concrete

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to refer to the City Attorney the Crowley Street Maintenance Repairs for patching city-wide (under the Emulsified Asphalt Products contract) increase of \$100,000 and refer to Revenue & Finance. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to Stelly Construction for the "West Crowley Sewerage Improvements" (LCDBG FY 2003 Program) in the amount of \$45,088.71. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

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

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, Debra M. Cormier, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 3 of Block 149 of Original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 912 North Avenue G, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that 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, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Debra M. Cormier, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 9th day of September, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 12th day of August 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, seconded by Alderman Marceaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

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, Kenneth R. Clement, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 7 of Block 83 of Original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 617 West Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that 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, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Kenneth R. Clement, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 9th day of September, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 12th day of August 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, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved and adopted.

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, Edna Ethridge, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 4 of Block 142 of Original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 910 North Avenue A, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that 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, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Edna Ethridge, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor

and Board of Aldermen on the 9th day of September, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 12th day of August 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, seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

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, Wade Herman Morgan, Margie Morgan Floyd and Timothy Paul Hoffpauir by the City Inspector's office

for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot measuring 40 feet by 132 feet in Section 3, T-10-S, R-1-E, Acadia Parish, bounded on the north by Francis H. Morgan; south by Rose W. Spell; east by Wilson J. Trahan; west by Eastern Avenue, the eastern 80.72 feet and the northern 12 feet of the western 128 feet of a parcel beginning at the northwest corner of the parcel sold to Oran Linscombe measuring 52.8 feet on Eastern Avenue by depth parallel with the northern line of the property purchased by Oran Linscombe of 208.72 feet situated in the NW/4 of the SW/4 of section 3, T-10-S, R-1-E, Acadia Parish, Louisiana in the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 923 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that 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, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Wade Herman Morgan, Margie Morgan Floyd and Timothy Paul Hoffpauir, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 9th day of September, 2003, at 6:00 p. m and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 12th day of August 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

A motion was offered by Alderman Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon to approve the purchase of a euthanasia chamber and refer to Revenue & Finance. Alderman Marceaux offered a substitute motion to approve the purchase of a euthanasia chamber and to refer to Revenue & Finance and legal counsel before taking action. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to refer to Insurance and Personnel to suspend Heath Leleux three days without pay as per Chief Gibson's recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new 2003 Class A – Retail Beer and 2003 Class A – Retail Liquor Permit for Tyler J. Boullion d/b/a T. J's Downtown Café located at 414 North Parkerson Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Thomas moved to approve payment to Habetz Roof Service for re-roofing Rice Festival Building Project A in the amount of \$47,761.20. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to confirm Jason Schmaltz as a permanent firefighter. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Johnny Benoit from Fire Driver to Fire Captain effective August 28, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Robert Crammer from Fire Driver to Fire Captain effective August 28, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Chad Monceaux from Firefighter to Fire Driver effective August 28, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Craig Walker from Firefighter to Fire Driver effective August 28, 2003. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Mike Sonnier from Fire Captain to District Chief effective August 28, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Elizabeth Beniot from Fire Captain to District Chief effective August 28, 2003. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Jody Viator from Fire Captain to District Chief effective August 28, 2003. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to suspend Heath Leleux three days without pay for conduct unbecoming an officer as per Chief Gibson's recommendation. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

RECREATION:

A motion was offered by Alderman Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero to accept the bid received for the Baseball Park Concession Complex, contingent upon lowering cost where possible. Alderman Marceaux offered a substitute motion to refer the Baseball Park Concession Complex to committee to review other options. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCE:

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to engage services for an appraisal of the property located at Hutchinson Avenue & Mansfield Avenue, Lots 16-17-18, Block 15, Duson 3rd Addition. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Martin, 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 provide 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 and it is hereby introduced for consideration at a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 1272

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2004; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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 in special session on the 27th day of August, 2003 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1272

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR,

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 AND
ENDING AUGUST 31, 2004; AND TO PROVIDE
FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO;
AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR
PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR
IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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 12th day of August, 2003.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 12th day of
August, 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize the City Clerk to pay
\$100,000 for roadwork for the Crowley Street Maintenance Repairs for patching city-
wide (under the Emulsified Asphalt Products contract). Seconded by Alderwoman Pete
and duly adopted.

Aldерwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 Budget as follows. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

			Fiscal 2003 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
General Fund-Street					
Expenditures					
	100-50-701	Capital Outlay	175,000	48,000	223,000
Sales Tax					
Transfers Out					
	300-74-408	Y.R.B.M. – Gen. Oper.	110,000	50,000	160,000
Youth Recreation Operation					
Revenue					
	500-37-019	Rural Development	52,000	(52,000)	-0-
Expenditure					
	500-73-704	Capital Outlay-Sidewalk	50,000	(50,000)	-0-
	500-78-701	Capital Outlay	50,000	2,500	52,500
Youth Recreation Building Maintenance					
Transfers In					
	600-35-001	Gen.. Oper. Sales Tax	110,000	50,000	
160,000		Expenditure			
	600-80-701	Capital Outlay-Roof	50,000	55,000	105,000
Utility					
Expenditure					
	41-990-750	City Match	577,000	(576,400)	600

Aldерwoman Valdetero offered a motion to set the date of the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1272 as August 27, 2003. Seconded by Aldерwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to change the license fee to \$300.00 for the carnival at Rice Festival, as per the recommendation of the Rice Festival Association. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted with Alderman Istre voting nay.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION HONORING
DR, JOE MUSICK
ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Joe Musick has served as resident director of the LSU AgCenter's Rice Research Center at Crowley for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Musick has directed a world-class research station that has seen its stature and importance intensify; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the respect and confidence of members of the rice industry; and

WHEREAS, under his tenure the Rice Research Station was the first to make advances in laser leveling of fields and the creation of herbicide resistant rice lines; and

WHEREAS, he has dedicated his life to serving the rice farmers and the rice industry and was instrumental through research in attaining increased average yields in rice production over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, he has overseen the successful development of numerous experimental rice lines throughout his years of service; and

AND NOW THEREFORE I, Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley do hereby recognize and congratulate

Dr. Joe Musick

on the occasion of his retirement from the LSU AgCenter's Rice Research Center and offer best wishes for a happy retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused the Great Seal of the City of Crowley to be affixed this the 12th day of August 2003.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCES:

The following Amended Ordinance was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1270

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 2-4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AS A FULL TIME OFFICE, TO FIX THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE AND TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVRABILITY OF SAID PROVISIONS AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

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 was duly published in the official journal of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing of the City of Crowley having been held in accordance with the law on the 12th day of August, 2003 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fix the compensation of the Mayor, Aldermen, Clerk, Chief of Police and all other municipal officers of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Board of Aldermen that it is appropriate to establish the following salaries;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, in regular session, duly convened that;

SECTION 2-4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED AND RE-ENACTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

Sec. 2-4. Same-Mayor to be full time; compensation of Mayor and other officers and officials.

- a) The office of mayor of the city is hereby established as full time office; to the performance of the duties of such office, said official shall contribute not less than forty (40) hours per week.

- b) The following salaries are hereby fixed and established for each office as set forth hereunder, to-wit:

	Office/Official	Salary
	1) Mayor	
\$57,000.00		
2)	Mayor Pro-Tem	\$ 6,600.00
3)	Alderman-at-Large	\$ 6,600.00
4)	Alderman/Alderwoman	\$ 6,000.00
5)	City Judge	\$26,070.00
6)	Chief of Police	\$43,753.00

7)	City Marshall	\$20,737.00
8)	Fire Chief	\$43,508.00
9)	City Clerk	\$43,907.00
10)	Street Commissioner	\$38,966.00
11)	City Attorney	\$11,037.00
12)	City Prosecutor	\$12,823.00
13)	City Inspector	\$34,890.00
14)	Director of Public Works	\$36,205.00
15)	Director of Recreation	\$37,082.00
16)	Utility Superintendent	\$40,800.00
17)	Mayor's Administrative Assistant	\$35,815.00
18)	Mayor's Executive Assistant	\$34,083.00

- c) The governing body shall establish and provide an expense fund for the said officials commensurate with the duties of their respective office.

Section 2:

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Section 3:

If any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4:

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 DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 12th day of August, 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven C. Premeaux,

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderman Buatt, and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1271

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 9-30 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CITY INSPECTOR TO ISSUE NOTICE OF JUNK VEHICLES AND ORDERS TO REMOVE SAME AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO:

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 12th day of August 2003 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall: and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find it is necessary to amend the Ordinance to provide for the City Inspector to determine whether vehicles have been abandoned or junked and to issue notice for removal of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to adopt the ordinance as amended:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, IN REGULAR SESSION, DULY CONVENED THAT:

SECTION 1: section 9-30 of Article II of Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

Section 9-30 Junk-Storage; Abandoning: -Notice.

A. *As to motor vehicles.* Upon determination that such motor vehicles is a junk, wrecked or used motor vehicle as hereto defined, the City Inspector shall give notice that said motor vehicle has been determined to be a junk motor vehicle and that, unless such motor vehicle is removed within ten (10) days, after notice, same shall be deemed abandoned to the city, as public property, and that such motor vehicle shall be removed and disposed of by the city. Such notice shall be placed on the vehicle or by serving same on the owner thereof, if known, by certified mail, return receipt requested, and the city official or employee giving such notice shall make proper return, giving the date on which and the manner in which such notice was served.

B. *As to other junk.* In the case of other junk, discarded or abandoned property referred to in section 9-28, and situated on any private property, notice that such material has been determined to be junk, discarded or abandoned property and that same will be removed and disposed of at the cost and expense of the owner of such parcel of ground ten (10) days after service of such notice, shall be served to the owner of the parcel of ground on which such junk material is situated by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the City Inspector.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: Should any part, word, section or article of this ordinance be invalidated by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provision, words or sections shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of August 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Steven C. Premeaux

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 Buatt and seconded by Alderman Istre the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on August 14, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on August , 2003 at .m.

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