

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero.

Alderman Marceaux led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Martin gave the invocation.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the Mayor's recommendation on the Fire Chief position. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Buatt moved to amend the agenda to consider authorizing the Mayor on the shooting range property. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance # 1266. The ordinance was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance # 1266. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

Mr. Regan asked for proponents of the proposed ordinance # 1266. There were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing on ordinance # 1266 to a close.

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**PRESENTATION:**

Sherry Fry and Trisha Sinclair, representatives from Prime Inc. came before the assembly. A Youth Rally will be held on May 6, 2003 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rice Festival Building in recognition of National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day. The rally is open to the public and is co-sponsored by Prime Inc., City of Crowley and Acadia Parish Sheriff Dept.

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

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Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 11, 2003 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux 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 seven months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

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

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO CURRENT  
MILITARY ACTIONS OF THE UNITED  
STATES ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has activated and deployed numerous men and women of the Armed Forces from Crowley, Louisiana to assignments and missions related to the ongoing global war on terror and the current crisis in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Crowley, Louisiana have achieved worldwide renown for their zeal and patriotism in answering their nation's call to duty whenever the cause for Freedom and Justice is threatened by foreign tyrants and aggressors; and

WHEREAS, the uniformed men and women of our community are once again called upon to offer their utmost devotion in the defense of their country and to bring peace to a troubled corner of the world; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY DO HEREBY wholeheartedly support and appreciate the brave men and women of Crowley, Louisiana serving in the United States military and wishes them GODSPEED in their dangerous missions and a safe return from harm's way.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, 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,  
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH E. B.  
FEUCHT & SONS, INC. FOR STREET AND  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON  
NORTHVIEW LANE, EAST THIRD STREET  
AND EASTERN AVENUE

WHEREAS, plans and specifications were approved for street and drainage improvements, curbing and pavement crack repair on Northview Lane, the East side of Eastern Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street, the South side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Avenue G to Avenue H and the North side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Avenue K to Avenue L; and

WHEREAS, on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003, seal bids were received, opened, read and taken under advisement; and

WHEREAS, proposals of various contractors were examined by the City Engineer and the lowest qualified bidder whose proposal met all plans and specifications was E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the City Engineer that Option 1 of Proposal 1 for street and drainage improvements by E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$90,599.80 be accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Option 1 of Proposal 1 of E. B Feucht & Sons, Inc. was approved by the Public Works Committee and Revenue and Finance Committee;

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 award a contract for street and drainage improvements (Option 1 of Proposal 1) for Northview Lane, East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Eastern Avenue to E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$90,599.80.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and contract for street and drainage improvements with E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$90,599.80, together with all such other documents and instruments, as may be necessary and proper to complete said transaction.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING  
A CONTRACT WITH MORVANT  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF LAFAYETTE,  
INC. FOR DRAINAGE WORK IN THE  
ALLEYWAY OF BLOCK FORTY (40) OF THE  
SOUTH CROWLEY ADDITION

WHEREAS, drainage work is necessary to alleviate flooding of property in Block Forty (40) of the South Crowley Addition; and

WHEREAS, the addition of drainage culvert in the alleyway of Block Forty (40) of the South Crowley Addition, between Jeanette Street and Spruce Street will facilitate better drainage; and

WHEREAS, Morvant Construction Company has offered the lowest negotiated price for the installation of culvert and prefabricated inlets for the projects;

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 Mayor Isabella L. de la Houssaye to execute a contract with Morvant Construction Company of Lafayette in the amount of \$7,999.84

for the installation of culvert and prefabricated inlets in the alleyway of Block Forty (40) of the South Crowley Addition and to execute any and all additional documents and instruments as may be necessary thereto.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Melancon moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to investigate the problem at Byron Wilridge's residence located at 904 West Third Street. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to investigate the drainage problem at Al Chappuis's residence located at 1305 North Western Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to investigate a drainage problem (possible drainage, leveling, and grate problems) at residence of Mrs. Rose Jacob located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue D. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Istre, 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 to abandon the dedication of Kathy Bridge Lane 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 Police Jury of the Parish of Acadia has proposed to abandon the Kathy Bridge and has called a public hearing therefore; and

WHEREAS, the proposed abandonment of Kathy Bridge Lane and Kathy Bridge will affect the same property owners and general area of the City and Parish; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been proposed to be jointly held with the Police Jury; 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 the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING AND SETTING ASIDE THE DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF ALL THAT PORTION OF KATHY BRIDGE LANE LYING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE CORPORATION LIMITS, EAST BY LOT NUMBER EIGHTEEN (18) OF THE DEL HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, SOUTH BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) STREET AND WEST BY THE EAST BOUNDARY OF A TEN (10) FOOT STRIP RUNNING NORTHERLY FROM NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) STREET TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY CENTER DRAINAGE DITCH; AS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND PROVIDING THAT THE SAID STREET SHALL REVERT TO THE PRESENT OWNERS OF THE LAND CONTIGUOUS THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR CONTRARY 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

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. in the Police Jury Meeting Room,



Acadia Parish Courthouse, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING AND SETTING ASIDE THE DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC USE OF ALL THAT PORTION OF KATHY BRIDGE LANE LYING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE CORPORATION LIMITS, EAST BY LOT NUMBER EIGHTEEN (18) OF THE DEL HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, SOUTH BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) STREET AND WEST BY THE EAST BOUNDARY OF A TEN (10) FOOT STRIP RUNNING NORTHERLY FROM NINTH (9<sup>TH</sup>) STREET TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY CENTER DRAINAGE DITCH; AS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND PROVIDING THAT THE SAID STREET SHALL REVERT TO THE PRESENT OWNERS OF THE LAND CONTIGUOUS THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

**UTILITY:**

Alderman Martin moved to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of Auto-Sol for SCADA system training sessions in maintenance procedures and in host system operation at a cost of \$2,280 plus travel expenses; and authorize City personnel and Mader-Miers Engineering personnel to attend the training sessions and to set-up maintenance procedures and documentation requirements to track O & M. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 10 to B & K Construction for the “North Crowley Pump Station and Collection Line Upgrade” in the amount of \$197,040.17. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, 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,  
AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE  
FORMER WASTEWATER DISPOSAL  
FACILITY BUILDING AND STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, B & K Construction, Inc. has requested the use of the old Wastewater Disposal Plant site for equipment storage and staging construction activities during the work for the Northeast Crowley Pump Station and Collection Line Upgrade contract; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for the use of the property, the Contractor has agreed to restore the site after completion of the contract and perform additional work and services; and

WHEREAS, the former Wastewater Disposal Facility building and structure is no longer needed and should be demolished; 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 they do hereby authorize B & K Construction, Inc. to demolish the old building and structure and dispose of the debris at the former Wastewater Disposal Facility located on West 9<sup>th</sup> Street; and to grade, dress and level the site, after completion of the contract for Northeast Crowley Pump Station and Collection Line Upgrade and improvement.

THUS DONA AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Stelly Construction Company for the West Crowley Sewerage Improvements (LCDBG FY 2001 Program) in the amount of \$54,849.20. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT CHANGE  
ORDER NUMBER ONE (1) OF THE WEST  
CROWLEY SEWER SYSTEMS  
IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Contractor has found it necessary to cut streets; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the street cuts be filled with filcrete in order to stabilize the base and repair the cuts properly; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the West Crowley Sewer System Improvements with Stelly Construction does not provide a unit price for the filcrete to be used to stabilize the base and repair street cuts properly; and

WHEREAS, the Stelly Construction has agreed to a price of \$66.00 per cubic yard for filcrete; and

WHEREAS, the estimated contract increase is \$13,200.00 and two (2) days of additional work;

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 of the City of Crowley to execute Contract Change Order # 1 for the West Crowley Sewage Improvements Contract (LCDBG Fiscal Year 2001 Grant) with Stelly construction, by adding thereto a unit price in the amount of \$66.00 per cubic yard for filcrete; and to add \$13,200.00 as the estimated increase to the Contract Amount; and to add two (2) additional work days to the time for completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents that may be needed and proper in the circumstances.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, 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,  
AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND  
EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH H & S  
CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PATCHING AND  
OVERLAY AT THE WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Treatment Facility's driveway and parking lot suffered substantial damage due to the heavy truck traffic unloading wastewater from inoperable pump stations caused by Hurricane Lili; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has agreed to participate in the patching and overlay; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to negotiate a contract with H & S Construction;

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 of the City of Crowley to negotiate and execute a contract with H & S Construction for the patching and asphalt overlay of the Wastewater Treatment Facility's driveway and parking lot at a cost of \$44,575.00.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, 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, TO AUTHORIZE  
THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT TO  
REPAIR DEFECTIVE SEWER LINE MANHOLES  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF SECOND STREET  
AND AVENUE E AND THE INTERSECTION OF  
NORTH AVENUE J AND EAST HUTCHINSON  
AVENUE

WHEREAS, the sewer manholes situated at the intersection of Second Street and Avenue E and the intersection North Avenue J and East Hutchinson Avenue are in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the defects are substantial and the Engineers have recommended that a Contractor be engaged to perform the necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost will be under the amount required for bids and it is preferable to negotiate a contract for the work in order to obtain the best price and to complete the project as soon as possible;

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 of the City of Crowley to negotiate and execute a contract for the repair of defective manholes at the intersection of Second Street and Avenue E and the intersection of North Avenue J and East Hutchinson Avenue, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Mader-Miers Engineering, Inc., at the prices and terms which are most favorable to the City of Crowley in her sole discretion.

ABE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley be and she herby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary documents in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Martin moved to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of Aero-Data, Inc. to prepare digital mapping of the area to be annexed north of I-10 at the estimated cost of \$1,750 contingent upon annexation of I-10 corridor from the railroad overpass to Highway 1111. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to ratify the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Mr. William Schmaltz as Fire Chief effective May 1, 2003. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE  
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A POLICE  
TRAINING FACILITY AND FIRING RANGE  
AND ENGAGE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Police Department is in need of a new Police Training Facility and Firing Range; and

WHEREAS, the A. C. Maraist family has offered property situated near the City of Crowley which appears suitable for a Training Facility and Firing Range; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to investigate and assess the suitability of the property and negotiate the terms of acquisition;

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 Mayor Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley to negotiate terms for the acquisition of a suitable parcel for a Police Training Facility and Firing Range with representative(s) of the A. C. Maraist family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to engage professional services, including but not limited to engineering, environmental assessment, real estate appraisal and legal services for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary documents in connection therewith.



THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RESCINDING  
THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF LOTS 9  
And 10 OF BLOCK 2, MEAR SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 14<sup>th</sup> day January, 2003; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution was adopted ordering the condemnation of the property and granting the property owner ninety (90) days in which to demolish the building and/or remove together with all trash and debris; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has completed work to restore the structure for occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the restoration work has met the standards and requirements of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley; 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 rescind and revoke the Order of Condemnation on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003 entered against the buildings and structures situated on Lots 9 and 10 of Block 2, Mear Subdivision, Crowley Louisiana, the property of Dora Ellen B. Dailey, having a municipal address of 914 and 918 Mear Street, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8th day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RESCINDING  
THE ORDER OF CONDEMNATION OF LOT 7  
OF BLOCK 3, KELLER ADDITION

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 14<sup>th</sup> day January, 2003; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution was adopted ordering the condemnation of the property and granting the property owner sixty (60) days in which to demolish the building and/or remove together with all trash and debris; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has completed work to restore the structure for occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the restoration work has met the standards and requirements of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley; 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 rescind and revoke the Order of Condemnation on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003 entered against the buildings and structures situated on Lot 7 of Block 3, Keller Addition, Crowley Louisiana, the property of Bowen Miller, having a municipal address of 323 Keller Street, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8th day of April, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution for the Fire Act Grant. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

## **ZONING & ANNEXATION:**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, APPROVING  
THE FINAL PLAT OF PEACEFIELDS ESTATES  
SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEDICATION OF  
STREETS AND UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY  
AND THE STREET AND UTILITY  
IMPROVEMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL  
OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION  
THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Crowley held a public hearing on May 28, 2003 to consider the request of Christopher C. John to approve the preliminary plat of a residential subdivision to be known as Peacefields Estates; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve the preliminary plat was accepted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002; subject to certain changes and the requirement that all public improvements be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the subdivision ordinance and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Crowley held a public hearing on February 25, 2003 to approve changes in the final plat and the reservation of a one (1) foot strip of land located along and adjacent to the South right-of-way line of East Third Street proposed by the developer, and to consider the acceptance of the dedication of the rights-of-way for streets and utilities; and the public improvements thereon, in accordance with the requirement of the Subdivision Ordinance and other regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Crowley recommended the approval of the changes in the Final Plat, including the reservation of a strip of land one (1) foot in width, located along and adjacent to the South right-of-way line of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street extended eastward along the said right-of-way to the Cul-de-Sac; and to accept the dedication of the street and utility rights-of-way and the improvements constructed thereon for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen having considered the Final Plat, the changes and reservations thereon, the comments of the public and the recommendation of the Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby approve and accept the Final Plat of the Peacefields Estates Subdivision by Christopher C. John, et ux, the developer/owner; and they do hereby authorize empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley to accept the dedication of the street and utility rights-of-way and the public improvements constructed thereon for public use, all in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance and Regulations for the City of Crowley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley be and she hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary documents in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Marceaux moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the request from L. J. Viator to erect a garage 15" beyond the side yard setback at 316 North Avenue L. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of B. W. Freeland Estates, Phase I for the development of a commercial subdivision containing 9.212 acres along Oddsfellow Road. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

**PUBLIC BUILDING:**

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Alderman Thomas moved to approve the final invoice and clear lien to E. L. Habetz Builder, Inc for Enterprise Center Emergency Repairs in the amount of \$15,002. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:**

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Mark Landry to continue with the group health insurance Third Party Administrator, One Source, Option 2 effective May 1, 2003 with an aggregating specific deductible of \$30,000. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

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Mrs. Ezora Proctor, chairwoman of Crowley's National Day of Prayer, spoke on the events planned for the day of prayer that will be held on May 1, 2003 at 6:30 at the Rice Festival Building.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to allow Public Works employees to help the Council on Aging to unload the commodities that will be delivered in the Industrial Park and then bring the commodities to the place of distribution. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

**RECREATION:**

Alderman Premeaux moved to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Main Concession Stand and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to authorize the Mayor to engage Don Breaux to prepare specifications to demolish and/or replace the Maintenance building at the Recreation Complex and refer to the Revenue and Finance Committee. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to authorize Mader-Miers Engineering to proceed with the Recreation Department's Sidewalk Project funded by Capital Outlay funds and refer to the Revenue & Finance. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

### **REVENUE & FINANCE:**

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the General Fund budget for the Fire Department's Capital Outlay account (# 100-46-701) from \$40,000 to \$55,000 for air packs which funds were received through the Fire Account Grant. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the General Fund budget and transfer funds from the Police Department's Computer Service/Rental account (#100-44-337) in the amount of \$8,000 to be placed in Police Department's K-9 unit account (#100-44-905) Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

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Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 General Fund Budgets to add a FEMA account (# 100-37-006) for \$450,000 to record funds received from FEMA. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 General Fund Budget and increase accounts of Donations (# 100-37-059) and Fire Hose & Truck Equipment (# 100-46-220) by 1,500 for a donation received from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 Sales Tax Fund (#300-83-331) and Collision and Loss Budgets (#910-93-101) and increase the appropriation from \$25,000 to \$35,000, using the Fund Balance of the Sales Tax Fund

and going to Collision and Loss's liability claims account (#910-91-952). Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to amend the Fiscal 2003 General Fund Budget for the Public Building & Drainage's Capital Outlay (account # 100-52-704) to \$90,600 for Street Drainage Improvements on Northview Lane, East Third Street, and Eastern Avenue. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to amend the Fiscal 2003 Youth Recreation Operation Fund Budget and increase accounts of Rural Development Grant (# 500-37-019) by \$27,000 and Capital Outlay (# 500-73-702) by \$54,000 for the Main Concession Stand. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to amend the Fiscal 2003 Budget to demolish and/or replace the Maintenance building at the Recreation Complex. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero moved to amend the Fiscal 2003 Youth Recreation Operation Fund Budget and increase accounts of Rural Development Grant (# 500-37-019) by \$25,000 and Capital Outlay (# 500-73-704) by \$50,000 for the Sidewalk Project. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

**ORDINANCES:**

- The following ordinance was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Martin, and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1266

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 21 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED ON THE STREETS AND ROADWAYS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH;



AND TO REPEAL ALL 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 correct certain typographical, punctuation and grammatical errors; and to provide for exceptions under Subsection (4) for all streets adjacent to schools, parks, playgrounds or hospitals; 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 14-21 of Article II of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted as follow:

Section 14-21 Speed Limits-For motor vehicles.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in the City of Crowley in excess of the following speeds on any streets or portion of streets listed below;

(1) 35 miles per hour.

North Parkerson Avenue from the Court Circle to the north corporate limits,  
Eastern Avenue from Hutchinson Avenue to the south corporate limits,  
Except as provided in Subsection (4) of this section.

(2) 30 miles per hour.

On any other street, except as provided in subsection (3) and (4) of this section;

(3) 25 miles per hour.

Ash Street from the intersection of Eastern Avenue to the corporate limits, Azelea Road, Avenue B from the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street to West Bayou Court, West Bayou Court, West Bayou Drive, Blue Bonnet, Blue Lake Drive, Blue Rose, Broad Acres Drive, Bruner Avenue, Buck Sweeney Drive, Camelia Street, Camp Street, Canal Street, Cedar Street, Cherry Street, Clay Street, Clark Court, Cypress Drive, Avenue D from the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Henrietta Drive, Elm Street, Avenue F from the Bayou Blanc Bridge to the corporate limits, Fairway Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> Street from the intersection of Parkerson Avenue East to the corporate limits, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street from the intersection of Eastern Avenue East to the corporate limits, Avenue G from the intersection of Mill Street South to the corporate limits, Geesey Avenue, Glennwood Avenue, Grace Pete, Grady Poullard, Greenbriar Avenue, Gulf Rose, Avenue H from the intersection of Mill Street South to the corporate limits, Henrietta Drive, Holly Street, Hoyt Avenue, Huval Street, James Street, Jeanette Street, John F. Kennedy Drive, Judge Canan Drive, Keller Street, Avenue L from the intersection of Northern Avenue to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Labelle, Lawson Street, Lennie Johnson, Lewis Street, Avenue M from the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue M from the intersection of Mear Street to the corporate limits, Magnolia Drive, May Street, Avenue N from the intersection of Mear Street to the corporate limits, Avenue O from the intersection of Mear Street to the corporate limits, Oak Street, East Park Avenue, Parkerson Avenue from the intersection of Mill Street to Pine Street, Pine Street, Pintail, Rue Aline, 17<sup>th</sup> Street from the intersection of Avenue I to the corporate limits, 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Spruce Street, Standard Mill Road, Sterling Drive, Stutes Street, Sweeney Street, Texas Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from the intersection of Parkerson Avenue East to the corporate limits, Truman Street, Westwood Drive:

Except as provided in Subsection (4) of this section

- (4) 15 miles per hour.

On any street adjacent to any school, public park, public playground or hospital and for a distance of one-half block in any direction from the property line of any school, public park, public playground or hospital as posted.

B. Signs shall be erected notifying the traveling public of the maximum speed limits provided for herein.

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 provisions, words or sections shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA, after a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Buatt and seconded by Alderman Martin the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 9, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on April 15, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

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