

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2005

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 11th day of October, 2005, 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: Dr. 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.

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

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a beer license for Knights of Columbus Sacre' Coeur # 5499. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a beer and liquor license for Martin's Tavern. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider a Fiscal 2006 Budget amendment to appropriate \$100,000.00 from Sales Tax Fund to Employee Benefit Fund. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the condition of property belonging to Robert Guilbeaux located at 1626 North Avenue I. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Alderman Thomas moved that the Board adjourn and go into Executive Session to discuss Mitchell Istre and his department's absence after Hurricane Rita. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted with Alderman Buatt voting nay.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor de la Houssaye reconvened the meeting from Executive Session and the roll was called with the following members present: Dr. 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1326, the ordinance to amend the fiscal 2006 budget was read by title.

Mr. Regan asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1326. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1326 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 13th, 2005 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero 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 chart and User Fee chart that tract the collection trend since fiscal 1992. The Recap of all Funds Report compares actual revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2005 to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve the Release of Retainage to Quality Construction Specialist for the "FY 04-05 Annual Crack Repair Work" in the amount of \$7,195.43 under Partial Payment No. 3. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to reject the bids received on September 28, 2005 for "Ribbed PVC Pipe". Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to reject all bids received for the FY 05-06 Annual Street Repair Contract and re-advertise for bids. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve the Release of Retainage to Pavement Markings, Inc. for "Pavement Striping on Mill Street" in the amount of \$499.86 under Partial Payment No. 2. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to authorize an application for funding of the street improvements in Rhone Village under the LCDBG FY 2006-07 Program. 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.

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FY 2006-2007 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – PUBLIC FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant - Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, this federal grant program is very competitive and involves a significant amount of documentation and reporting; and

WHEREAS, professional administrative consulting services are necessary for the application preparation and implementation of the grant, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, professional engineering consulting services are necessary for the design, surveying and inspection, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, the City advertised for Qualification Statements for these professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application for funding and all the necessary documents in connection to the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after reviewing the proposals submitted, the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Mader Engineering, Inc., for the administrative consulting services necessary to prepare a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant application and to implement/administer the project, contingent upon the project being funded and contingent upon said firm being approved by the Division of Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after reviewing the qualification statements submitted, the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Mader Engineering, Inc., for the professional engineering services necessary to provide the engineering services for the project contingent upon the project being funded and contingent upon said firm being approved by the Division of Administration.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with a pavement marking contractor to provide pavement striping where feasible along the northbound lanes of Eastern Avenue between 6th Street and Northern Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the City Attorney to pursue the possibility of paying department heads whenever a disaster occurs beginning with Hurricane Rita and to do the necessary process that will put it in place if it is found feasible. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of AutoSol to provide a Post-Hurricane Evaluation and Repair of the SCADA System; to install SCADA at the new West Hutchinson Pump Station; and to replace the SCADA radio at the Ash Street Overflow, all at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Valdetero offered a motion to approve the Release of Retainage in the amount of \$850.90 under Partial Payment No. 2 to Le Talley Ho Construction Co. for the drainage on West 3rd Street across from Saint Theresa Catholic Church. Seconded by Alderman Pete and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the ordinance to suspend the opening of bars and retail businesses for the sale of alcohol during a mandatory curfew, disaster and the time of power outage. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize Jackie Babineaux to research different ordinances to prohibit barnyard animals within the city limits. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize Danny Hebert to pursue the means necessary to clean up the property belonging to Robert Guilbeaux located at 1626 North Avenue I. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve an application from Michael McBride d/b/a Knights of Columbus Sacre' Coeur 5499 for their 2006 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit located at 621 South Avenue E, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve an application from Burnell Martin d/b/a Martin's Tavern for their 2006 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit located at 102 North Avenue F, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to E. L. Habetz Builders for the Ford Building Restoration Phase II in the amount of \$55,606. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to establish a compensation plan for Department Heads beginning with the onset of Hurricane Rita to develop guidelines keeping with present policies. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Dustin LaJack from Firefighter Recruit to Probational Firefighter effective September 12, 2005. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to refer to legal council the prospect of giving an extra 25 mile to the travel voucher of firemen who attend the LSU Fire Training Academy in Baton Rouge because of the distance of the school from places of eatery. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderman Buatt, 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 24 unit single-family subdivisions for a total of 48 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 will 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 points; and

WHEREAS, a resolution of support from this governmental body will be a significant factor, but not the only factor, in 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 11th day of October, 2005.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

RECREATION:

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to accept the bid from Daily Fence Co. in the amount of \$10,500.00 to replace a 30' by 180' net on the back stop at Miller Stadium. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 3 to Cecil Perry Improvements, Ltd. for Recreational Facilities Sidewalk Improvements Phase I in the amount of \$17,851.10. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Marceaux, duly 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 AN APPLICATION FOR A RURAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO BEGIN PHASE III OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CROWLEY RECREATIONAL CENTER COMPLEX; AND TO AUTHORIZE MATCHING FUNDS FOR SAID

GRANT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS
RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has completed construction of Phase I of the Master Plan for improvements to the Crowley Recreational Center Complex which included new baseball, softball and soccer fields and a new pavilion with concession stand and restrooms at Hensgens Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed construction of Phase II of the Master Plan which included hard surface Recreational Trails connecting the numerous baseball, softball and soccer fields which greatly improved accessibility to the facilities and drainage improvements within the Crowley Recreational Center Complex; and

WHEREAS, site preparations for additional parking spaces on unimproved lots for the area have begun, including the demolition of the old municipal swimming pool complex and the old Rice Festival barn/storage facility; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with Phase III of the Master Plan to increase the number of parking spaces, to better organize traffic flow and to improve drainage for the parking lots and the parks and is in need of additional funds in the form of a grant to assist in the completion of said improvements;

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. delaHoussaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to submit an application to the Governor's Office of Rural Development for a Rural Assistance Grant, for Fiscal Year 2005-2006, to implement Phase III of the Master Plan for parking lot improvements in the Crowley Recreational Center Complex in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND & NO/100 (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS, which shall be matched with a contribution by the City of Crowley in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE & NO/100 (\$134,125.00) DOLLARS for a total estimated project cost of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE & NO/100 (\$184,125.00) DOLLARS, which funds shall be dedicated and committed to the construction and completion of hard surface parking lot and drainage improvements in the Crowley Recreational Center Complex under Phase III of the Master Plan previously adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the above matching funds is hereby appropriated from the sales tax fund balance and authorize a budget amendment for the Recreation Department for an additional capital outlay project in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE & NO/100 (\$184,125.00) DOLLARS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the said Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents as may be meet and proper in the premises necessary

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of October, 2005, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

REVENUE & FINANCES:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING
THE ADOPTION OF THE LOUISIANA
COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUDIT
ENGAGEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley having received notice from the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, that the Compliance Questionnaire must be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana governmental units and quasi-public; and

WHEREAS, the legal matters contained in the questionnaire parallel those matters contained in the *Laws Affecting Louisiana Government*; and

WHEREAS, the completed Compliance Questionnaire must be given to the auditors at the beginning of the audit and tested for accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire during the course of the audit;

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 adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, dated October 11, 2005 to Broussard, Poche, Lewis & Breaux, in connection with the audit of the financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2005, which questionnaire is attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize the execution thereof by the Honorable Judy Istre, City Clerk, Margaret Young, Administrative Assistant and the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 11th of October, 2005 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to consider a right of entry for removal of trees & debris on private property under FEMA rules. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the use of public equipment on private property due to Hurricane Rita. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, 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, LOUISIANA, CONFIRMING
AND RATIFYING THE REQUEST FOR A
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY TO
ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE CLEANUP
AND REMOVAL OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS
CAUSED BY HURRICANE RITA; AND TO

PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE
THERETO.

WHEREAS, due to the effects of hurricane force and tropical force wind for more than 12 hours during Hurricane Rita, the City of Crowley suffered the loss of all electrical power and the disruption of communications resulting from flying debris, fallen trees, large limbs and/or the toppling of huge trees, including the root structures with more than 100 large trees or parts of large trees falling onto private homes and buildings throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, an extreme public health emergency exists due to the large numbers of mosquitoes which have hatched and can transmit diseases such as Malaria, Encephalitis, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and other contagious diseases to human beings; and

WHEREAS, mosquitoes and other biting insects will continue to breed and hatch in the large holes left from root balls of fallen trees and remain in the large amounts of vegetative debris on private property which provides them safe cover; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of public funds or performance of work upon private property is generally prohibited by Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that immediate action be taken to remove, cleanup and dispose of vegetative debris, including large stumps, to fill in large depressions and root holes caused by fallen trees to ensure the public health and safety of the citizens of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley does not have the manpower or equipment to handle the removal of large trees from structures and to clean up and dispose of the large amounts of vegetative debris; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Acadia has obtained the services of private contractors for the purpose of emergency storm debris removal, including tree cutting, removal and disposal of vegetative debris on private property, which has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Parish has large trucks and equipment capable of handling large amounts of debris; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, has previously requested that the Honorable Cecelia Broussard, President of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, and the Honorable Kathleen Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, to declare a public emergency exists and to authorize the entry to and expenditure of funds on private property for the removal of vegetative debris on private property to assure the public's health and safety;

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 declare that a public emergency exists due to large trees being toppled or fallen on private property by the effects of Hurricane Rita and they do ratify and confirm the request that the Honorable Kathleen Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, and the Honorable Cecelia Broussard, President of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, invoke all emergency powers, issue all necessary executive orders and proclamations as may be required to ensure the public safety and health of citizens of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana, including but not limited to authorizing the performance of work and entry onto private property for the use of public equipment and public employees and/or to use public funds for the payment of private contractors for the purpose of removal, cleanup and disposal of vegetative debris and closure of stump holes and depressions resulting from the effects of Hurricane Rita; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to the performance of any work on private property, an agreement shall be executed by the owner of the property or land upon which the work is to be performed known as a Right of Entry Permit and that all procedures for identifying those sites where emergency exists, monitoring the work, operations and quantities

removed therefrom shall be observed as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Judy L. Istre, City Clerk, be and she is hereby authorized and instructed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Kathleen Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana; and the Honorable Cecelia Broussard, President of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, and that they take all actions and respond as may be meet and proper in the premises;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 11th day of October, 2005, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$225 from Northside Christian School for the oversized batting cage. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, 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, 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 the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR
THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR,
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING
AUGUST 31, 2006; 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 on the 8th day of November, 2005 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 AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2006; 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 11th day of October, 2005.

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2006 and appropriation \$100,000 from Sales Tax Fund to Employee Benefit Fund. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1326

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2006; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the public hearing been held in accordance with the law on the 11th day of October, 2005 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 11th day of October, 2005 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Current Proposed Amendment	Amended Budget 2005-2006
General Fund - Expenditure		
Fire Department		
Capital Outlay	172,000	172,000
Youth Recreation Operating - Expenditure		
Capital Outlay	21,500	21,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2005-2006 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Isabella L. de la Houssaye, is hereby authorized and in her sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as she may deem necessary.

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

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

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 11th day of October, 2005 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Dr. 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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize a resolution in recognition and appreciation to the city workers that provided many public services associated with Hurricane Rita.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Istre and seconded by Alderman Buatt the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on October 12, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on October 21, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on October at .m.