

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2002

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 10th day of December, 2002, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Isabella L. de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Tiger Istre, Greg Jones, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux and Ira Thomas.

Alderman Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Doré gave the invocation.

Alderman Jones moved to amend the agenda to consider the purchase of additional heaters for the Enterprise Center. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Doré moved to amend the agenda to consider the North of I-10 annexation. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 12, 2002 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor 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 three months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

Mayor de la Houssaye presented plaques to Alderman Greg Jones and Alderman J. Elliot Doré in appreciation for their eight years of public service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was read from Stephen Broussard with I-Acadia. There was some discussion about the Greyhound Bus Line being operated at the Enterprise Center. A meeting will be set up with the agencies involved to discuss the safety issues and possible solutions to their concerns.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon moved to authorize the addition of work items in the Downtown Sidewalk, Street and Safety Improvements project. The Cleaning and Televising of Storm Drain System Contract with WSI will include the work to expose covered manholes and adjust the top to match the street surface for an estimated cost of \$7,000 - \$10,000. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

Alderman Doré moved to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 6 to B & K Construction Company for the “North Crowley Pump Station and Collection Line Upgrade” in the amount of \$105,443.61. Seconded by Alderman Istre 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, Dora Ellen B. Dailey, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 9-10 of Block 2, Mear Subdivision, City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 918 & 920 Mear Street, 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 Dora Ellen B. Dailey for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 14th day of January, 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 10th day of December, 2002, 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 Premeaux, 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, Bowen Miller, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 7 of Block 3, Keller Addition, City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 324 Keller, 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 Bowen Miller for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 14th day of January, 2002, 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 10th day of December, 2002, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to place barricades on 9th Street between Avenue E & F to provide one lane of traffic, on December 4th, 2002 for the Food Net, Food for Families, Food Drive, contingent that it does not cause traffic congestion. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to amend the budget to purchase 6 police units and 2 unmarked vehicles in the amount \$111,000 for the Police Department and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to eliminate one captain position after the retirement of Ronnie Stoute on 1/1/03 and hire two patrolmen to replace the captain's position and refer to Insurance and Personnel. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to promote Sergeant Berton Gauthreaux to Lieutenant, Cpl. Mike Foreman to Sergeant, and Patrolman Sharon Mott to Corporal effective January 14,

2003 and refer to Insurance and Personnel. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new application from Eva A. Cormier for a 2003 Class A - Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a Class A - Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for Cormier's Cajun Restaurant, 322 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, 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 TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, BY ADDING SUBSECTION (22) TO DESIGNATE THIRD STREET AND AVENUE N AS A FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION; AND TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, BY ADDING SUBSECTION (2) TO DESIGNATE FIFTEENTH STREET AND AVENUE G AS A THREE WAY STOP INTERSECTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES 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 ADOPTING OF ORDINANCE

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 14th day of January, 2003 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, BY ADDING SUBSECTION (22) TO DESIGNATE THIRD STREET AND AVENUE N AS A FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION; AND TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(d) OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, BY ADDING SUBSECTION (2) TO DESIGNATE FIFTEENTH STREET AND AVENUE G AS A THREE WAY STOP INTERSECTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO REPEAL ALL

ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY
THERETO.

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

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 10th day of December, 2002.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 10th day of December, 2002.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Jones offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to write a letter to the owner of Nursing Home on East Highway 90 requesting that a petition for annexation be signed and submitted to the City if they wish to be connected to the City Wastewater System. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Jones offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to write a letter to Elder & Elder Enterprises, Ltd. denying their request for de-annexation of the following described property.

Tract 1 – A certain tract or parcel of land containing 12.75 acres, more or less, being situated in Section 34, Township 9 South, range 1 East, and being bounded now or formerly, as follows: On the North by lands of Beatrice Bartel, East by lands of Beatrice H. Bartel, Southeast by lands of Warren C. Rourk, et ux; Southwest by lands of Subdivision of Freeland Addition

Tract II – Lots 1 & 2, Block 6, Freeland Addition, containing 0.88 acres

The communication is to include the information that the annexation of the William Hoffpaur property was an error and we acknowledged the error by de-annexation of the property. This was done by letter of request. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to adopt the annexation “Option-A” map of the area to be annexed North of I-10. The map is known as “Option A” – as modified by the alternate West boundary. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Partial Payment Request No. 2 to Lafayette Waterproofing for restoration work to the Crowley Administrative Offices (Ford Building) in the amount of \$16,150. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve payment to E. L. Habetz Builders Inc. for emergency repairs to the Enterprise Center of Acadia in the amount of \$112,409. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Change Order No. 17 in the amount of \$1,254.65 for renovations to the Crowley Enterprise Center contract with E. L. Habetz, Inc. to add the cost of fabricating and installing filter racks and filters in the Fresh Air Intakes L1 & L3 and to add the cost of replacing an existing three phase electric heat strip in A/C unit number 6 with a single phase electric heat strip. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve Final Payment Request No. 14 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for renovations to the Rice Theatre in the amount of \$45,464.42. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux moved to approve the purchase and installation of four electric unitized heaters to maintain the 49 degree temperature required by the Fire Marshall to keep the sprinkler system from freezing in the un-occupied areas of the Enterprise Center in the estimated amount of \$20,000. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete moved to hire Garrick Ronkartz effective December 12, 2002 as firefighter. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete moved to promote Sergeant Berton Gauthreaux to Lieutenant, Corporal Mike Foreman to Sergeant, and Patrolman Sharon Mott to Corporal, effective January 14, 2003. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete moved to delete one position of a captain, add one position of Lieutenant and one position of a patrolman; these changes effective on January 14, 2003 will increase the department from 35 positions to 36 positions without a need for increasing the salary budget. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

RECREATION:

Alderman Thomas moved to amend Fiscal 2003 Y.R.O.-Adult Division Budget in Capital Outlay account to \$50,000. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCE:

Alderman Doré offered a motion to accept the 3 District Chief's position and fill the vacant captain positions within the Fire Department. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 Budget to allow an appropriation of funds from the Sales Tax Fund (Fund Balance) to the General Fund in the amount of \$111,000 and to amend the "capital outlay" account in Police Department for the purchase 6 police units and 2 unmarked vehicles. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 Budget to allow an appropriation of funds from the Sales Tax Fund (Fund Balance) to the Rice Theatre Fund in the amount of \$120,000 for renovations to the theatre. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 Rice Theatre Budget in the "capital outlay" account to \$175,000 for renovations to the theatre. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, 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, AMENDING AND
REAFFIRMING THE CONTRACT FOR REMOVAL
CLEANUP AND DISPOSAL OF HURRICANE
DEBRIS, WITH GRUBB'S ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES, L.L.C. TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley contracted with Grubb's Environmental Services, L.L.C. to provide cleanup and disposal of hurricane debris resulting from Hurricane Lily; and

WHEREAS, the contract was to be completed in sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, cleanup work to remove hurricane debris has been hampered by excessive inclement weather which occurred during the contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract was amended to add the cleanup of debris on private property under Right of Entry but no additional time was granted for said work; and

WHEREAS, Grubb's Environmental Services, L.L.C. has requested an extension of fifteen (15) days to complete the contract work due to the inclement weather and the change order which added additional work to said contract; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an Amendment to the contract dated October 7, 2002 for the cleanup of hurricane debris with Grubb's Environmental Services, L.L.C., to add an additional fifteen (15) days to the term of the contract for the completion of work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract is hereby affirmed and ratified as amended, as though same, were included at the outset of said contract; and

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 10th day of December, 2002.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Thomas moved for the City to co-sponsor with LACSO, Inc. a training workshop that will be hosted by the ASSIST Agency on January 30th and 31st, 2003. The program is for the Executive Directors & staff members of the 64 Community Action Agencies in Louisiana. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Martin the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on December 12, 2002 at 8:00 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on December 20, 2002 at 2:30p.m.

Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on December , 2002 at .m.