

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 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 14th day of May, 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, and Ira Thomas. Aldermen Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete and Steven C. Premeaux were absent.

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

Alderman Martin moved to amend the agenda to consider a variance for Paul Stringfellow. 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 April 9th, 2002 regular council meeting; and approve them as amended, written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Jones moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 12th, 2002 and the April 23rd, 2002 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Buatt 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 eight months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Istre moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into contracts with Mader-Miers Engineering for engineering services and Patrick Moore and Associates for landscape architecture services; these contracts are required for the Sidewalk, Street and Safety Improvements Project. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to approve Partial Payment No. 1 in the estimated amount of \$32,000 for the 2001-2002 annual Materials and Street Repair contract with R. E. Heidt. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted. Alderman Istre moved to amend the motion by striking out “in the estimated amount of \$32,000” and inserting “in the amount of \$31,276.17”. The amendment was seconded by Alderman Martin and passed. The main motion as amended was voted on and adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to approve Work Order Amendment No. 2 for the 2001-2002 Annual Materials and Street Repair contract with R. E. Heidt for a decreased amount of -\$334.90 and to reduce the cost by paying for a portion of the tonnage of asphalt without a mechanical spreader at the lesser cost per ton. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Morvant Construction for Shady Oaks Storm Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$17,568. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to E. B. Feucht Construction for the Firemen’s Training Facility Improvements in the amount of \$12,320. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to approve the Final Contract Change Order, Change Order No. 1, for a decreased amount of -\$15,000 for the Firemen's Training Facility Improvements contract with E. B. Feucht, to provide for the reduction in amount of underground debris to be removed from the site, contingent upon the Final Inspection. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF TERMINATION

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a Notice of Termination for E.B. Feucht & Sons, Inc., Contractor, pertaining to the substantial completion of the contract subject to a punch list attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, for "Site Cleaning and Clearing of the Fireman Training Facility" for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, E.B. Feucht & Sons, Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed "Site Cleaning and Clearing of the Fireman Training Facility" 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 Termination 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: May 14, 2002

ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR
ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin moved to authorize Mayor de la Houssaye to contract with Morvant Construction Company for the Abandonment of Manholes on the Hoffpauir Property in the amount of \$11,500. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 4 to Acadiana Shell and Limestone for the Demolition of Abandoned Wastewater Treatment Facility in the amount of \$37,906.90. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted with Alderman Thomas abstaining.

Alderman Martin moved to approve the Final Contract Change Order, Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$24,928 for the Demolition of Abandoned Wastewater Treatment Facility contract with Acadiana Shell and Limestone, Inc. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted with Alderman Thomas abstaining.

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

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WHEREAS, Acadiana Shell & Limestone, Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed "Demolition of the Abandoned Wastewater Treatment Facility" for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

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ATTEST:

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The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, duly 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, AUTHORIZING A COMMITMENT
TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT TO EXTEND A
WASTEWATER COLLECTION LINE ALONG LOUISIANA
HIGHWAY 13 TO THE BAYOU PLAQUEMINE BRULEE
BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (LDOTD) has scheduled a project to remove and replace the existing bridge structure spanning Bayou Plaquemine Brulee in the current State Fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, LDOTD has informed the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the project cannot proceed at this time due to untreated raw sewerage wastewater from businesses and residences entering the storm drainage collection system along La. Hwy. 13; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury is unable to provide treatment for raw sewerage wastewater, but the City of Crowley does provide wastewater treatment for raw sewerage within the corporate limits of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley and the members of the Acadia Parish Police Jury have concurred that the project as proposed by LDOTD for the replacement of the bridge and improved four lane bridge and highway approaches necessary and should proceed at the earliest possible date; and

WHEREAS, the businesses and residences which are located along and adjacent to La. Hwy. 13, north of Interstate 10 to the Bayou Plaquemine Brulee bridge are outside of the corporate boundary of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, LDOTD has requested that the City of Crowley extend a wastewater collection line north of Interstate Highway 10, along and adjacent to La. Hwy. 13 to the Bayou Plaquemine Brulee bridge in order to provide wastewater treatment collection services to those residences and businesses adjacent to the highway, in order to allow the project to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley have received notice from the Governor that Act 13 of Special Extra-Ordinary Session of 2002 has been approved and signed by the Governor and is now in effect, allowing the City of Crowley to proceed to annex undeveloped property and develop commercial property without registered voters residing thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has received petitions for annexation from owners of commercially developed properties and undeveloped properties and registered voters living within the area proposed to be annexed adjacent to Interstate Highway 10 and La. Hwy. 13, north of the interstate to the Bayou Plaquemine Brulee Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the LDOTD has asked that the City of Crowley issue a commitment in the form of a letter in order to proceed with the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley anticipates that in view of the favorable response of the business owners, property owners and registered voters within the area proposed for annexation, the City of Crowley will proceed with the annexation of the proposed area;

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to issue a letter of commitment to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that the City of Crowley will extend a wastewater collection line and other facilities to provide adequate treatment of raw sewerage from businesses, commercial properties and residences lying directly adjacent to La. Hwy. 13, north of Interstate 10, within the area proposed for annexation by the City of Crowley.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14th day of May, 2002 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR
ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Martin moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a contract with Mader-Miers Engineering for the professional services required for the North of I-10 Sewerage Extension Project. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY;

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to conduct a feasibility study to reverse stop signs from North and South to East and West in the vicinity of 625 Spann Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Kaplan for the use of 50 barricades for Saturday, May 11, 2002. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the re-installment of 3-way stop signs at the intersection of Jacob and First Street. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted with Alderman Thomas voting nay.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to advertise for bids for a non-exclusive automated fuel-dispensing contract for a period of two years. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to allow the utilization of the median in front of the Central Fire Station for a Memorial to Crowley's fallen firefighters. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Jones offered a motion to grant a variance to Mrs. Brenda Haynes Holden to erect a fence that exceeds nine (9) feet beyond the setback requirements of the code of ordinance at the property located at 556 North Eastern Avenue, contingent upon Mrs. Holden contacting Louisiana One Call. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Jones offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to appoint an Engineer as the designated review agent for Chris John's Subdivision. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to grant a variance to Mr. James A. Zaunbrecher for a building that exceeds three (3) feet beyond the south yard setback requirements of the code of ordinance at the property located at 104 East Hoyt Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to grant a variance to Mr. Paul Stringfellow to build beyond side yard setback at 0' on the property located at 7 Judge Canan Drive. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Thomas moved to approve Change Order No. 10 in the amount of \$2,581 for renovations to the Crowley Enterprise Center contract with E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc to provide labor and materials to enclose the top of walls separating the newly renovated areas and the undeveloped areas. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to approve Change Order No. 10 in the amount of \$4,610.75 for the renovations to the Rice Theatre contract with E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the following purposes:

- 1) Labor and Material to install two 1” conduits on each side of the Theatre with a pull string from the control center to the stage for future use;
- 2) Labor and material to replace bad wiring in the existing conduit located in the front area and upstairs of the theatre and
- 3) Existing conduit running from control center at rear of auditorium to stage area junction box heats up due to conduit being overfilled with wiring for this length. Provide labor and material to install two lighting contactors in a junction box located at the stage area.

Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderman Istre offered a motion to employ Kerry L. Guillory as a Police Officer effective May 15, 2002. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to employ Jason Schmaltz as Firefighter effective May 14, 2002. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to accept the proposal of Mark Landry and continue insurance coverage with St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company for the city’s automobile, crime, inland marine, property, general liability, employee benefits liability, law enforcement liability, and public entity management liability insurance. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC:

Alderman Istre moved to authorize the Mayor to address a letter to NAPA Auto Parts of 127 North Parkerson Avenue advising them of the Downtown Historic Commission guidelines pertaining to the painting of the front façade, awning and support columns on the Parkerson Avenue side of the building and to comply therewith. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to advise the Code Enforcement department to follow the review procedure concerning sign permits for the Downtown Historic District. Seconded by Alderman Jones and duly adopted.

Mrs. Ezora Proctor and her workers are to be commended for the wonderful job on the National Day of Prayer Celebration in Crowley.

RECREATION:

Alderman Thomas moved to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Kirk Knott Electric for Ballfield Lighting Improvements at Miller Stadium in the amount of \$101,827.80. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to approve payment in the amount of \$4,400 to Pellerin and Sons for work completed on clearing of the parking area at Hensgens Park. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

REVENUE & FINANCE:

Alderman Doré offered a motion to authorize semi-monthly payroll deductions for Health Works health club. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on May 15th, 2002 at 11:20 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on May _____, 2002 at _____ .m.
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on May _____, 2002 at _____ .m.