

CITY OF CROWLEY

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**APRIL 12, 2002**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a special session at 12:00 p.m. Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said meeting in the manner provided by law.

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

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

**SPECIAL MEETING:**

You are hereby notified that a Special Council Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley will be held on Friday, April 12, 2002 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of said meeting will be:

1. Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for land use and consulting services for Economic Development purposes.
2. Consider Change Order for Rice Theatre renovations on E. L. Habetz Builders contract.
3. Any Other Legal Items to Come before the Council.

S/ Isabella L. de la Houssaye .

Isabella L. de la  
Houssaye, Mayor

The call was Posted at City Hall on April 11, 2002 at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

The Police Dept. received the call for circulation on April 11, 2002 at 8:28 o'clock a.m.

James M. Buatt  
o'clock p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 12:30

J. Elliot Doré  
p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 1:30 o'clock

Tiger Istre  
o'clock p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 11:40

Greg Jones  
o'clock p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 11:31

Vernon Martin  
o'clock p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 10:15

Mary T. Melancon  
o'clock p.m.      Laurita D. Pete  
10:00 o'clock p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 11:35

April 11, 2002 at

Steven Premeaux  
p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 1:15 o'clock

Ira Thomas  
o'clock p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 11:00

Thomas K. Regan  
p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 1:15 o'clock

Judy L. Istre  
p.m.

April 11, 2002 at 8:20 o'clock

Alderman Jones moved to amend the agenda to consider a trailer petition for Rita Victor Chassion. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Doré moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into and sign a contract for land use and consulting services for economic development purposes. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Change Order No. 9 for renovations to the Rice Theatre to add the labor, material and supervision to install an insulated overhead roll-up door with overhead operator in the amount of \$5,997. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Jones moved to table the motion made by Alderman Martin seconded by Alderwoman Pete to approve a trailer petition from Rita Victor Chassion to park a trailer at Lot 10, Block 5 Westside Addition, Crowley. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré moved to amend the agenda to consider the proposed ¼ Cent Sales Tax for Mosquito Abatement. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
EXPRESSING THEIR  
OPPOSITION TO THE LEVY  
AND COLLECTION OF A  
SALES AND USE TAX BY THE  
ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY  
FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury has called for an election to be held on July 20, 2002 throughout the Parish of Acadia to authorize the levy and collection of a one-quarter (0.25) cent sales and use tax on all goods and services sold in Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury anticipates the sales and use tax will generate in excess of \$1,300,000 annually, of which \$475,000 would be collected within the corporate boundaries of the City of Crowley and over \$300,000 would be collected within the corporate boundaries of the City of Rayne; and

WHEREAS, the sales and use tax presently collected within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley is now nine (9%) percent; and

WHEREAS, the levy of an additional sales tax will encourage the purchase of goods and services elsewhere in order to avoid the additional tax; and

WHEREAS, the loss of sales of goods and services in the City of Crowley will be detrimental both to the business community and residents of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the levy and collection of a sales tax falls disproportionately on those residents who are on fixed income and of modest means; and

WHEREAS, questions regarding the plan for the expenditure of the money, including the pesticide or chemicals being considered for use, the method of delivering or spraying the pesticides or chemicals, the long-term effects of spraying the pesticides and chemicals, what types of programs or systems had been considered, what alternative means of financing had been considered, and what the specific cost of the program's components were, have not been adequately explained; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has, for many years, maintained and operated a mosquito abatement and control program and has recently upgraded and improved the program of mosquito control; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley find that the proposal of the Acadia Parish Police Jury is not in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Crowley, from which the Acadia Parish Police Jury expects to generate \$475,000 in tax revenue, representing approximately 37% of the total tax dollars to be collected; 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 oppose the proposition of the Acadia Parish Police Jury to levy and collect a sales and use tax of one-quarter (0.25) cent on the sale of goods and services in the Parish of Acadia; and urge that all the taxpayers and voters of the City of Crowley considering voting NO to the one-quarter (0.25) cent sales tax proposition on Saturday, July 20, 2001.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which quorum was acting throughout.

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HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 12, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor signature on April 17, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April           , 2002 at           .m.