

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2011

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 4:00 p.m. Wednesday the 6th, day of April, 2011 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said meeting in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the presence of the following Aldermen: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Alderwoman Laurita Pete was absent.

Alderman J. Elliot Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Jeff Doré gave the invocation.

April 4, 2011

City of Crowley
Special Council Meeting Notice:

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 Wednesday April 6th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Avenue F.

The purpose of said meeting will be to consider:

1. Rule to Show Cause for Suspension and/or Revocation of Liquor License – Ronnie’s City Bar; and
2. Any Other Legal Items to Come before the Council.

S/ Greg A. Jones, Mayor

The call was posted at City Hall on April 4th, 2011 at 8:00 o’clock a.m.

The call was circulated on April 4th, 2011 at 8:00 o’clock a.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Bryan Borill	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
Elliot Doré	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on April 4, 2011 at 8:36 o’clock a.m. by telephone
Lyle Fogleman	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on April 4, 2011 at 8:21 o’clock a.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on April 4, 2011 at 8:54 o’clock a.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on April 4, 2011 at 8:58 o’clock a.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on April 4, 2011 at 9:05 o’clock a.m. by personal service
Kitty Valdetero	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
Thomas K. Regan	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
Tim Mader	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
K. P. Gibson	on April 4, 2011 at 9:00 o’clock a.m. by personal service
Judy L. Istre	on April 4, 2011 at 8:00 o’clock a.m. by personal service
K.S.I.G.	on April 4, 2011 at 8:51 o’clock a.m. by facsimile
K.A.J.N.	on April 4, 2011 at 8:54 o’clock a.m. by facsimile
Crowley Post Signal	on April 4, 2010 at 8:57 o’clock a.m. by facsimile
Daily Advertiser	on April 4, 2010 at 8:58 o’clock a.m. by facsimile
The Advocate	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
K.A.T.C. Channel 3	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
K.L.F.Y Channel 10	on April 4, 2011 at 8:42 o’clock a.m. by e-mail
Chamber of Commerce	on April 4, 2011 at 9:00 o’clock a.m. by facsimile

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on Rule to Show Cause why the licenses/permits for the sale of alcoholic beverage (beer) and the permit for the sale of alcoholic beverage (liquor) issued to Ronnie Daigle d/b/a Ronnie's City Bar located at 123 East First Street should not be suspended and/or revoked.

Police Chief K. P. Gibson stated the complaints and citations were for underage consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises and that this was a matter of concern for public safety. A meeting had occurred in November at the time of renewal of liquor licenses with Mr. Daigle and the Chief of Police and he was informed that the violations had to stop, but the violations continued. As a holder of a liquor license he is responsible to insure that underage individuals are not in possession/drinking of alcoholic beverage in his bar.

City Attorney Thomas Regan presented copies of Mr. Ronnie Daigle's Beer and Liquor Permit, the notice of public hearing on rule to show cause, and the resolution calling for the hearing.

Mr Regan read the following violations to Mr. Ronnie Daigle and questioned him about the citations.

1. On June 25, 2010, Jory Daigle a 17 year old was cited for unlawful possession/drinking under age 21 a violation of LA R.S. 14:93.12 and Nicole Menard, bartender/employee of Ronnie's City Bar was cited for unlawful sales of alcoholic beverage to person under age 21 in violation of R.S. 14:93.11 and allowing person under age 21 to possess alcohol in a premises where video poker machines are licensed violation of LA R.S. 27:260.
2. On August 5, 2010, Emily Anne Arceneaux was cited for unlawful possession/drinking of alcoholic beverages under age 21 a violation of LA R.S. 14:93.12 and Skylar Ladawn Savoie, employee/bartender of Ronnie's City Bar was cited for unlawful sales of alcoholic beverage to person under age 21 in violation of R.S. 14:93.
3. On October 1, 2010, Rachel Doucet, employee/bartender of Ronnie's City Bar was cited for unlawful sales of alcoholic beverage to person under age 21 in violation of R.S. 14:93.11.
4. On December 19, 2010, Skylar E Semar was cited for unlawful possession/drinking under age 21 a violation of LA R.S. 14:93.12.
5. On February 12, 2011, Jordan Bertrand 20 years of age was cited for possession/drinking of alcoholic beverage under age 21 a violation of LA R.S. 14:93.12 and Jacqueline Kerry, bartender/employee of Ronnie's City Bar was cited for unlawful sales of alcoholic beverage to person under age 21 in violation of R.S. 14:93.11.

Mr. Ronnie Daigle did not dispute these citations. He did state that these underage individuals were entering without their consent and he was trying to control the under aged from entering his bar but it was difficult to stop them.

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to accept the recommendation of Police Chief K. P. Gibson and offered the following resolution. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, RESINDING AND REVOKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMITS #2070 AND #2071 ISSUED TO RONNIE DAIGLE d/b/a RONNIE'S CITY BAR AND TO PROVIDE ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO

WHEREAS, a Rule was issued to Ronnie Daigle d/b/a Ronnie's City Bar to Show Cause on the 6th day of April, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. why Alcoholic Beverage License/Permits #2070 and #2071 should not be revoked or suspended; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Hearing with written reasons for revocation or suspension set forth therein was served upon Ronnie Daigle on March 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. the Mayor and Board of Aldermen convened a Special Meeting at which time Ronnie Daigle appeared to answer said charges and offer testimony; and

WHEREAS, after hearing the testimony of the Chief of Police, the testimony and the admissions by Ronnie Daigle that underage persons were in possession of and consuming alcoholic beverages on the dates set forth in the written notice of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, after considering the recommendation of Chief of Police, K. P. Gibson, to revoke the licenses and the request by Ronnie Daigle to maintain his license, the Board finding it is the responsibility of the license/permittee holder to operate the premises as required by law and failed to do so after warning and opportunity to correct the problems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, duly convened in special session a quorum being present throughout they do hereby rescind, recall and revoke the alcoholic beverage license/ permit #2070 issued to Ronnie Daigle d/b/a Ronnie's City Bar for the premises located at 122 East First Street, and the alcoholic beverage license/permit #2071 issued to Ronnie Daigle d/b/a Ronnie's City Bar for the premises located at 122 East First Street, and that this resolution take effect immediately prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages on said premises without a valid alcoholic beverage license/permit.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 6th day of April, 2011 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Steven Premeaux, and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Laurita Pete

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman J Elliot Doré the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 7, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on April 7, 2011 at 8:00a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April 8, 2011 at 11:00.m.

Publish on April 14th, 2011