

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10TH, 2018

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 July 2018 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the following Aldermen present: Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Tim Monceaux, Ezora Proctor, Ira Thomas and Steven Premeaux.

Alderman Vernon Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Steven Premeaux gave the invocation.

APPEARANCES:

State Senator Johnathon Perry addressed the Council and announced his candidacy for Judge of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Attorney, Thomas Regan opened the public hearing for condemnation proceedings on property situated on Lot 3 and the West ½ of Lot 4 of Block 66 of the CICO #1 Addition bearing a municipal address of 411 East Pine Street, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to the unopened Succession of Rhuel C. Spell. Mr. Tony Duhon, City Inspector was present and spoke to the condition of the property and recommended that the property be condemned. No one was present to represent the owner's interest in the property. The public hearing was closed.

City Attorney, Thomas Regan opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1492, the ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY
OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2018; AND
TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO;
AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT
THEREWITH.

Thomas Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1492. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1492 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call. The public hearing on ordinance no. 1492 was closed.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 8th, 2018 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Bryan Borill moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

Mayor presented the monthly budget-to-actual comparisons that report the spending of major funds.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Tim Monceaux and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to approve a new 2018 Class A Retail Outlet Beer Permit and a new 2018 Class A Retail Outlet Liquor Permit located at 217 North Parkerson Avenue owned Acadia Post 15 owned by American Legion. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Ira Thomas
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, J. Elliot Doré and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Ira Thomas and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to direct the City Attorney to search other municipalities ordinances pertaining to gated subdivision (roads in subdivision that are owned by city vs roads owned by the property owners). Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Bryan Borill
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr.
Members – Aldermen J. Elliot Doré, Tim Monceaux, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to allow the Rice Festival Association the use of Wells Fargo building to hold a Cancer Poker Run to be held September 15, 2018. Motion carried.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Ezora Proctor
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Members – Aldermen Bryan Borill, Vernon Martin, and Ira Thomas

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Bryan Borill to Update Non-Civil Service Employee Hand book and Update Policy & Procedures Manual. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré Alderman to Update Fire Department Policy & Procedures Manual. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman J. Elliot Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Ira Thomas
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré, Ezora Proctor, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor to approve Fire Department pay proposal as submitted by Mayor Jones to increase base pay to \$2,100.00 a month and to be revisited in the future. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Tim Monceaux to authorize the Chief of Police to begin the process of implementing the TED program (Traffic Enforcement Detail) along I-10 corridor. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to table until August committee meetings to consider purchasing police units. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and duly resolved and adopted with Alderman Ira Thomas abstaining.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND REPLACING PREVIOUS ACTION OF THE CROWLEY CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MAY 8, 2018 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING REGARDING SLEMCO PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING ALONG RICE CAPITAL PARKWAY

WHEREAS, at its May 8th regular monthly meeting Council approved the following motion:

A motion was offered by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve SLEMCO's request to install a street lighting system in the City's existing utility easement along Rice Capital Parkway; and, also to accept SLEMCO's offer to provide a system of at least 27 bronze/bronze LED lights along the roadway from North Cherokee Road to Tower Road, all contingent upon submittal of their proposed lighting system plans, details, and specifications to the City and City approval of same, and all at no cost to the City for the furnishing and installation of the system and for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the system.

The motion was amended by Alderman Bryan Borill and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve SLEMCO's request to install a street lighting system in the City's existing utility easement along Rice Capital Parkway; and, also to accept SLEMCO'S offer to provide a system of at least 27 bronze LED lights along the roadway from North Cherokee Road to Tower Road, all contingent upon submittal of their proposed lighting system plans, details, and specifications to the City and the City's approval of the same, and all at no cost to the City for the furnishings and installation of the system and for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the system contingent upon review and approval of engineer. Motion carried with one abstention by Alderman Ira Thomas.; and

WHEREAS, due to LaDOTD's stated intentions to relocate a portion of Rice Capital Parkway in this area sometime in the future by moving its existing centerline approximately 75' to its north (away from I-10), keeping it parallel to Interstate 10, SLEMCO has requested that they be allowed to furnish and install temporary timber poles, overhead power, and suitable lights along this segment of the roadway from North Cherokee Road eastward to approximately match the spacing of the permanent lighting system to the east; and

WHEREAS, SLEMCO will agree to remove this temporary lighting and install matching lighting of the type and spacing now being planned for the 27 permanent lights immediately upon completion of the relocated roadway all fully at SLEMCO's expense and at no cost to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley that it hereby approves SLEMCO's request to install a street lighting system in the City's existing utility easement along Rice Capital Parkway; and, also to accept SLEMCO'S offer to provide a system of at least 27 bronze LED lights along the roadway from North Cherokee Road to Tower Road, all contingent upon their submittal of proposed lighting system plans, details, and specifications to the City and the City's subsequent approval of the same, and all at no cost to the City for the furnishings and installation of the system and for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the system contingent upon review and approval by the city engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City of Crowley that it hereby approves SLEMCO's request to furnish and install temporary timber poles, overhead power, and suitable lights along the segment of roadway of Rice Capital Parkway *to be* relocated from North Cherokee Road eastward to approximately match the spacing of the permanent lighting system to the east.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City of Crowley that said approval is contingent upon SLEMCO agreeing to remove this temporary lighting and install matching lighting of the same type and spacing now being planned for the 27 permanent lights immediately within 60 days of the completion of the relocated roadway, all fully at SLEMCO's expense and at no cost to the City.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of July, 2018, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following amended resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO INSTALL PERMANENT ELECTRONIC SCHOOL ZONE CAUTION SIGNALS ON NORTH PARKERSON AVENUE FOR THE CROWLEY KINDERGARTEN CAMPUS.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Crowley City Council that traffic is regularly and often travelling well above posted speed limits on North Parkerson Avenue in the vicinity of the campus of Crowley Kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, North Parkerson Avenue is a high traffic volume arterial street owned and operated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, the combination of high traffic volumes and speed limit violations poses a very dangerous condition for the public in general, but especially for children of kindergarten ages; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish School Board is responsible for the safety and welfare of students at its school campuses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley resolves to work in conjunction with the APSB for this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley City Council is making this request on behalf of all its children and parents and all citizens of the City of Crowley and surrounding areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley that the Acadia Parish School Board is hereby respectfully requested and urged to immediately take the necessary steps

to pursue, secure, and provide all necessary funding, permitting, design, and construction procurement to effect the installation of the latest and most appropriate permanent electronic flashing caution signals along North Parkerson Avenue for the Crowley Kindergarten campus and to perpetually operate and maintain same.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of July, 2018, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution as presented was offered by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, 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 the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, 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 THE SECTION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY AMENDING SECTION 12-2 – SICK LEAVE FOR NON-CIVIL EMPLOYEES; SECTION 12-6 – APPLYING VACATION AGAINST; SECTION 12-7 – ANNUAL VACATION; SECTION 12-8 – EFFECT OF OVERTIME; AND SECTION 12-9 – APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE; AND TO AMEND AND INCORPORATE INTO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUALS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY THE NECESSARY LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THE CHANGES MADE IN THE ABOVE SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE 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 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 14th day of August, 2018, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT THE SECTION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY AMENDING SECTION 12-2 – SICK LEAVE FOR NON-CIVIL EMPLOYEES; SECTION 12-6 – APPLYING VACATION AGAINST; SECTION 12-7 – ANNUAL VACATION; SECTION 12-8 – EFFECT OF OVERTIME; AND SECTION 12-9 – APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE; AND TO AMEND AND INCORPORATE INTO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUALS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY THE NECESSARY LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THE CHANGES MADE IN THE ABOVE SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the _____ day of _____, 2018.

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10th day of July, 2018, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor, and duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LA, FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley has received a proposed budget for fiscal year 2019 for their consideration and adoption; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held to receive public comment prior to adoption of the annual budget by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, notice of the availability of the proposed annual budget and of the public hearing to receive public comment must be published once in the official journal of the City of Crowley, no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, which notice shall provide for the date, time and place where the Board of Aldermen will consider their adoption;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 8th day of August, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, to receive public comment on the adoption of the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2019 and

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 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, CITY OF
CROWLEY

Public notice is hereby given that the proposed annual budget of the City of Crowley for fiscal year 2019 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 425 N. Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Copies of the budget are also available at a nominal cost.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the adoption of the annual budget for the fiscal year 2019 as follows:

DATE : AUGUST 8th, 2018
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
426 NORTH AVENUE F
CROWLEY, LA 70526

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall hear any and all comments concerning the revenues and expenditures of the City of Crowley relative to the adoption of the annual budget for fiscal year 2019.

SIGNED on July 20th, 2018 at Crowley, LA.

Erin S. Cradeur, City Clerk
City of Crowley
P. O. Box 1463, Crowley, LA 70527
Phone: (337) 783-0824

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed, please contact Erin S. Cradeur at (337) 788-4103, to describe the assistance that is necessary.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED on this the 10th day of July, 2018 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1492

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2018; 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 having been held in accordance with the law on the 10th day of July, 2018 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 10th day of July, 2018 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Adopted Budget 2017-2018	Amendment	Amended Budget 2017-2018
General Fund Budget			
Revenues			
License and Permits			
Occupational License	230,000	63,000	293,000
Grants			
State Grants	0	35,800	35,800
FEMA	0	1,099,300	1,099,300
D.A.R.E. Grant	0	13,975	13,975
Expenses			
Salary & Fringe			

Overtime	3,000	2,000	5,000
Operational Expense			
Tax Roll Expense	10,000	3,500	13,500
Contract Labor – Comp. Tech.	25,000	20,000	45,000
Computer/Information Tech.	15,000	50,000	65,000
Other Expense			
Property Tax Redemption Exp.	5,000	15,000	20,000
Police Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	20,000	31,000	51,000
Fire Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	43,000	1,112,000	1,155,000
Public Building & Drainage			
Enterprise Center Maint. & Rep.	20,000	40,000	60,000
Transfers & Appropriations			
Approp. To YRBM	0	100,000	100,000
Youth Recreation Operation Budget			
Revenue			
Hensgens 1 Admission	1,500	1,100	2,600
Operational Expense			
Computer/Info. Technology	5,000	1,700	6,700
Port-O-Let	10,000	2,000	12,000
Capital Outlay	0	4,700	4,700
Youth Recreation Building Maintenance			
Revenues			
State Grant	0	47,500	47,500
Expenditures			
Park Projects	35,000	2,200	37,200
Dumpster	6,300	12,000	18,300
Transfers & Appropriations			
Gen. Oper. Appr. From Gen. Fund	0	100,000	100,000
Utility Fund			
Revenues			
FEMA	0	553,703	553,703
Expenses			
Dumpster	2,000	3,000	5,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2017-2018 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, Greg A. Jones, is hereby authorized and in his sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as he 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 10th day of July, 2018 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Bryan Borill, Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Lyle Fogleman, Tim Monceaux, Ezora Proctor, Ira Thomas and Steven Premeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

GREG A. JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Ezora Proctor and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on July 13th, 2018 at 11:15 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on July 13th, 2018 at 11:15 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on July 13th, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Publish in newspaper on July 20th, 2018