

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8TH, 2020

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. Wednesday the 8th day of January 2020 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Tim Monceaux presided with the following Aldermen present: Jeff Cavell, Thompson Bradford Core, Clint Cradeur, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Steven Premeaux, Samuel J. Reggie, III, Kim Stringfellow, Byron K. Wilridge and Vernon Martin.

Alderman Sammy Reggie led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Lyle Fogleman gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A motion to table the public hearing on Ordinance 1504 was made by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Steven Premeaux due to the inability of a meeting to be held with the City Attorney. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell to reset the rule to show cause on property belonging to Michael Stafford and Casey Comeaux Stafford situated on Lots 2 and 3 of Block 2 of the Savy Broussard Subdivision bearing municipal address of 1008 West 11th Street. Crowley, LA and property belonging to Vanessa Clement situated on Lots 13-14 of Block 19 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 1116 West 5th Street at the request of Mr. Glenn Howie to be held on February 12th, 2020. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Dave Bratton addressed the council regarding his sewer extension project and wanted the council to know that he was not pleased with the way the City handled the extension nor was the City responsible for the completion of the sewer extension.

Mr. Tim Roy addressed the council regarding Lyle Fogleman a safety issue with property located at 416 North Avenue E that is set to be condemned.

Mr. Robert L. Trahan addressed the council regarding the sale of Lots 6 and 7 of Block 34 of the South Crowley Addition, he stated that he is interested in purchasing the property due to his business, Falcon Rice Mill, being landlocked and the need to expand.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Jeff Cavell moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 6th, 2019 special council meeting, December 10th, 2019 special council meeting and the December 11th, 2019 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin 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 WORKS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Clint Cradeur
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Brad Core
Members – Aldermen Byron Wilridge, Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to authorize the procurement of a construction contract for the repair of deteriorated bridge piles for Pine Street Bridge, Avenue D Bridge, Jacobs Avenue Bridge, and Cedar Street Bridge. Motion carried.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Sammy Reggie
Members – Aldermen Jeff Cavell, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., and Clint Cradeur

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell to instruct the City Attorney and the Mayor to review City Ordinance 10.36, entitled “Review Sewer User Fees,” and, to incorporate a panel/committee comprised of the Mayor, City Clerk, City Engineer, City Auditor, and City Attorney, for an annual review, initiated by the City Clerk, of the sewer user fees on or before May 1st of each year along with the findings to be required to brought before the board of alderman each year.

A substitute motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to instruct the City Attorney and the Mayor to review the City Ordinance 10.35, entitled “Review Sewer User Fees,” and, to incorporate a panel/committee comprised of the Mayor, City Clerk, City Engineer, City Auditor, City Attorney, and the Chairman of the Revenue and Finance Committee for an annual review, initiated by the City Clerk, of the sewer user fees on or before May 1st of each year along with the findings be brought before the board. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Lyle Fogleman
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Members – Aldermen Sammy Reggie, Kim Stringfellow and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Sammy Reggie to defer the action item approving the favourable recommendation of the City of Crowley Planning Commission to increase the salary of the Crowley Planning Commission secretary from \$300 to \$500 a month, as the matter is an administrative issue, to be handled by the Mayor and the City Attorney, and the council has no jurisdiction to set the salary. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to recommend to the full council, based upon the favourable recommendation of the City of Crowley Planning Commission, the approval of a conditional use permit for Coffee Bean Roasting, owned by Douglas LeBlanc, located on Lots 13 – 14 of Block 160 of the City of Crowley, with the condition that there is no more than 500 lbs. of coffee beans roasted per month at this location, and further, that the location never serve as a retail outlet.

A motion to rescind the motion was made by Alderman Lyle Fogleman.

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to table the favorable recommendation of the City of Crowley Planning Commission the approval of a conditional use permit for Coffee Bean Roasting, owned by Douglas Leblanc, until next committee meeting in order for additional questions to be answered. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Brad Core.
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Byron Wilridge
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin, Kim Stringfellow and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to request the City Attorney review Chapters 54, 58, and 74 of the City of Rayne Code of Ordinances; and to request the City Attorney prepare necessary documents to transfer duties of the Animal Control Officer from Code Enforcement to the Police Department. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize the appropriation of \$3,750.00 to provide and install electrical items for the light pole at Exit 82, as proposed by Ernest P. Breaux, dated December 26, 2019. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to approve the following renewal permits for 2020 beer and liquor licenses provided that all late fees and fines are applied:

Fire House Cafe	2020 Class A Retail Beer Permit
Julie Romero	
726 S Parkerson	

Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMITTEE :

Chairperson – Alderman Byron Wilridge
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Kim Stringfellow.
Members – Aldermen Brad Core, Clint Cradeur, and Steven Premeaux

A motion was offered by Alderman Byron Wilridge and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to recommend authorizing appropriation of \$9,799.00 for the repair of the “old jail” roof at the Criminal Justice Center with copper flashing and replacement of old grids and new acoustical grid system by E. L. Habetz Builders. Motion Carried

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Sammy Reggie
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Cavell
Members – Aldermen Brad Core, Clint Cradeur and Byron Wilridge

A motion was offered by Alderman Sammy Reggie and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to co-sponsor the 16th Annual Gumbo Cookoff on February 1, 2020, to be held in the parking lot of the Enterprise Center, allowing the sale of beer and wine, but no outside beverages allowed on the premises. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Cavell
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Steven Premeaux
Members – Aldermen Sammy Reggie, Brad Core, and Kim Stringfellow

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman to table the action item recommending the introduction of an ordinance authorizing the sale of immovable property owned by the City of Crowley described as Lots 6 & 7 of Block 34 of the South Crowley Addition until the February committee meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Brad Core the appropriation for the purchase of street signs contingent upon receipt of information that such funds for the expenditures are available along with noting the budget line item that will be affected. Alderman Jeff Cavell rescinded his motion.

A motion was offered by Alderman Cavell and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to appropriate funds for Mardi Gras 2020 not to exceed \$20,000.00 contingent upon receipt of information that such funds for the expenditures are available along with noting the budget line item that will be affected. Motion Carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Sammy Reggie to be discussed in Executive Session at the Wednesday meeting, the following: Council be provided with a list summarizing all current lawsuits against the City of Crowley, including the name of the plaintiff(s), date suit was filed, monetary amount or type of demand, summary of action taken to resolve matter and legal costs to defend the City to date.

Mayor stated that Mr. Thomas Regan stated that we cannot go into executive session due to certain regulations due to certain procedures that Mr. Regan must prepare for another meeting at another time. Alderman Jeff Cavell rescinded his motion.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING CONTINUING AND RE-FIXING CONDEMNATION HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding Lots 2 and 3 of Block 2 of the Savy Broussard Subdivision of the City of Crowley bearing municipal address of 1008 West 11th Street, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to Michael Stafford and Casey Comeaux Stafford on the 8th day of January, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed to Glen Howie, attorney appointed by the Mayor to represent the absentee defendant/property owner, via Certified Mail Return Receipt on December 19, 2019, which Notice was received by Glen Howie on December 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Glen Howie appeared at the public hearing and advised that due to a scheduled vacation, he did not have time to complete his due diligence in this matter and requested the hearing be continued and re-fixed for the next regular meeting to provide him time to attempt to locate the property owners; and

WHEN AFTER considering the request of the appointed attorney, this matter shall be continued and re-fixed for the 12th day of February, 2020;

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 ORDER the Condemnation Hearing regarding the building and/or structure situated on Lots 2 and 3 of Block 2 of the Savy Broussard Subdivision of the City of Crowley belonging to Michael Stafford and Casey Comeaux Stafford, having a municipal address of 1008 West 11th Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby continued and re-fixed for the 12th day of February, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of January, 2020, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING CONTINUING AND RE-FIXING CONDEMNATION HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding Lots 13-14 of Block 19 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley bearing municipal address of 1116 West 5th Street, Crowley, Louisiana, belonging to Vanessa Clement on the 8th day of January, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Notice of said Condemnation Hearing date was mailed to Glen Howie, attorney appointed by the Mayor to represent the absentee defendant/property owner, via Certified Mail Return Receipt on December 19, 2019, which Notice was received by Glen Howie on December 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Glen Howie appeared at the public hearing and advised that due to a scheduled vacation, he did not have time to complete his due diligence in this matter and requested the hearing be continued and re-fixed for the next regular meeting to provide him time to attempt to locate the property owners; and

WHEN AFTER considering the request of the appointed attorney, this matter shall be continued and re-fixed for the 12th day of February, 2020;

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 ORDER the Condemnation Hearing regarding the building and/or structure situated on Lots 13-14 of Block 19 of Duson's 3rd Addition to the City of Crowley belonging to Vanessa Clement, having a municipal address of 1116 West 5th Street, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby continued and re-fixed for the 12th day of February, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of January, 2020, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, THE HONORABLE TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, TO EXECUTE A SERVITUDE AND/OR RIGHT OF WAY FOR DRAINAGE WITH 5-H FARMS FOR DRAINAGE SERVITUDE ALONG AND ADJACENT TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE EXTENSION OF WEST HUTCHINSON AVENUE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has requested a right of way for the purpose of drainage and to maintain, inspect, operate, repair, lay, remove and relay ditches and drainage culvers over, through, under and across property owned by 5-H Farms, Inc. situated in Section 37, Township 10 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley plans to improve drainage along West Hutchinson Avenue for the benefit of all property owners in that area, particularly 5-H Farms, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, 5-H Farms, Inc. is willing to grant a servitude and/or right of way of drainage to the City of Crowley for and in consideration of the enhanced value of the property and improvements of drainage by virtue of the larger capacity drainage system to be constructed along and adjacent to the northern boundary of West Hutchins Avenue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Tim Monceaux, to execute a Servitude and/or Right of Way for Drainage for a servitude of drain acquired from 5-H Farms, Inc. over, through, under and across property owned by 5-H Farms, Inc. located on the north side of the extension of West Hutchinson Avenue situated in Section 37, Township 10 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, for and in consideration of the mutual benefits and enhanced value to the property as a result of the improvement of the drainage system.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 8th day of January, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell, and duly resolved and 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 and to hold a public hearing at the next special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 10-30, DIVISION 1.5 SEWER SERVICE USER FEE CHARGES OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO AMEND THE SEWER USER FEES AND CHARGES SET FORTH THEREIN; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; 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 in special session on the 23rd day of January, 2020, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, to hold a public hearing and to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 10-30, DIVISION 1.5 SEWER SERVICE USER FEE CHARGES OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO AMEND THE SEWER USER FEES AND CHARGES SET FORTH THEREIN; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; 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 _____,
2020.

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of January, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on January 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Presented for Mayor signature on January 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on January 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Publish in newspaper on January 29th, 2020