

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13TH, 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 13th day of May 2020 by way of a virtual 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, and Byron K. Wilridge. Vernon Martin was absent.

Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Brad Core gave the invocation.

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE:

In accordance with Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-30, 2020-33 and 2020-41 issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020, March 22, 2020 and April 2, 2020, respectively, this notice shall serve as a certification of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley's inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to a lack of quorum under the limitations and restrictions imposed by the Executive Proclamations as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Under the provisions of Section 2 of JBE 2020-33, Governor John Bel Edwards ordered all gatherings of 10 or more people to be suspended or postponed. Under the provisions of Section 2(A) of JBE 2020-41, all persons in Louisiana are under a general Stay at Home Order.

The governing authority of the City of Crowley is composed of a Board of Aldermen of nine elected members and an elected Mayor. In order to conduct a meeting, the City Clerk or the designated Deputy Clerk must be present and is responsible for certifying the quorum and recording the meeting and the votes of the Board. In addition, other attendees include the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Attorney, City Inspector and other department heads. The number of participants is far in excess of the limitation of 10 persons to be present in a confined space.

It is essential that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley meet to approve matters of essential business, including budget adjustments, make appropriations and authorize contracts in order to continue to operate and provide essential public services to the citizens of the City of Crowley.

Pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 2020-30, the City of Crowley will provide for attendance at its essential governmental meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, via internet videoconferencing because it is unable to obtain a quorum and the presence of essential officials necessary to conduct a public meeting under the Open Meetings Law.

Considering the above and foregoing and in accordance with Proclamation Numbers JBE 2020-33 and 2020-41, the meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. will be held via video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and public comment by members of the public as set forth in the Notice posted on the 7TH day of May, 2020.

S/TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 7th day of May, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC - S/THOMAS K. REGAN – BAR NO. 11157

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Lyle Fogleman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 12th, 2020 council meeting seconded by Alderman Byron Wilridge 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ACCEPTING THE HIGH BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOTS 6 AND 7 OF BLOCK 34 OF THE SOUTH CROWLEY ADDITION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH AND NECESSARY THERETO; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley authorized the sale of Lots 6 and 7 of Block 34 of the South Crowley Addition of the City of Crowley, together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon, to the highest bidder after advertisement for sealed bids in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance NO. 1506; and

WHEREAS, advertisement for sealed bids was duly published in the Crowley Post Signal on May 1, 2020 and May 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by the City of Crowley in response to the advertisement for the purchase of the property and were opened and read aloud by the City Clerk during the virtual meeting held on May 13, 2020, in accordance with the Emergency Declaration and the provisions of Ordinance No. 1506; and

WHEREAS, the high bid was determined to be the bid of Falcon Rice Mill, Third Corp Properties, LLC in the amount of twenty thousand (\$20,000) Dollars;

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 accept the high bid of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purchase of the following described property, to-wit:

Those certain lots or parcels of ground together with all buildings and improvements thereon located in the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as being Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) of Block Thirty-Four (34) of the South Crowley Addition to said City as per plat of said Addition filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

“as is, where is” and without any warranty whatsoever for the amount of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize empower and direct the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor the City of Crowley, to execute any to provide any and all other

documents and information which may be necessary in connection with the said transaction in accordance with Ordinance No. 1506.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED during the virtual meeting held in accordance with the Emergency Declaration duly convened on the 13th day of May, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout with a rollcall vote as follows:

YEAS: Jeff Cavell, Brad Core, Lyle Fogleman, Steven Premeaux, Sammy Reggie, and Kim Stringfellow

NAYS: Clint Cradeur and Byron Wilridge

ABSENT: Vernon Martin

TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AUTHORIZING A STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT TO BE ISSUED BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOUISIANA ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00; AND TO AUTHORIZE A REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT UP TO \$300,000.00 EVIDENCED BY A PROMISSORY NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PLEDGE OF AN UNECUMBERED CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AS SECURITY FOR THE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT; AND TO PROVIDE ALL MATTER RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has maintained and administered a self-insured workers' compensation plan approved by the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation and since 1994, the First National Bank has issued a Standby Letter of Credit on behalf of the City of Crowley in favor of the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation to secure the self-insured plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley was granted authority by the Louisiana State Bond Commission to pledge unencumbered excess funds up to \$300,000.00 in the form of Certificate of Deposit to secure a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$300,000.00, as is more fully shown by reference to that certain Resolution of the Louisiana State Bond Commission No. L94-174 dated May 19, 1994; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary the City reauthorize a revolving line of credit, the issuance of a Standby Letter of Credit and the pledge a Certificate of Deposit to secure the Standby Letter of Credit as required by the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, find that it is appropriate to continue the self-insured plan and to authorize the Mayor to execute the promissory note and the pledge of funds as security;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and

direct the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an application for a line of credit in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 from First National Bank of Louisiana, to approve the form and substance of the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit, to execute a promissory note or notes in favor of the First National Bank of Louisiana in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 payable on demand, said note or notes bearing simple interest at a variable rate per annum equal to three (3) percentage points over the six month CD rate, to pledge an unencumbered Certificate(s) of Deposit in an equivalent amount of the promissory note or notes to the First National Bank of Louisiana as security for the said Standby Letter of Credit and to authorize the assignment of the deposit account as required by the Bank; to pay an annual fee not to exceed one (1%) percent of the amount of the Standby Letter of Credit, to pay all costs and fees in connection with this transaction, to provide a governmental certificate of existence and authority, to pledge the irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit by the First National Bank of Louisiana on behalf of the City of Crowley to the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation up to \$300,000.00 as security for the City's self-insured workers' compensation program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, that the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary forms, documents, assurances and provisions as may be meet and proper in the premises necessary to conclude said transaction.

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TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

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OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on May 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor signature on May 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on May 14, 2020 at 2:45 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on May 28th, 2020