

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12TH, 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 12th day of November 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: Clint Cradeur, Jr., Steven Premeaux, Samuel J. Reggie, III, Kim Stringfellow, and Byron K. Wilridge. Alderman Jeff Cavell, Thompson Bradford Core, Lyle Fogleman, and Vernon Martin were absent.

Alderman Byron K. Wilridge led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow gave the invocation.

APPEARANCES:

Jason Hewitt with Sustainability Partners presented option for infrastructure capital for the Wastewater Plant and any infrastructure needs of the City of Crowley.

Kathy Spell, who resides at 220 Labell Drive, Crowley, LA addressed the council regarding her complaints with the City on the handling of trash and tall grass. She stated that the City is not following the ordinances and protocol in dealing with tall grass and trass.

Luke Dupre addressed the Council regarding utilizing his Quality of Life proposal. He implored that the City and the Council utilize the plan, and, in his opinion, it is all there in the plan.

Chris Huesers address the council to voice his opinion against the paving of the parking lots at the Crowley Recreation Department Baseball Complex.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 7th, 2020 Special Council meeting, October 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, and the October 20th, 2020 Special 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.

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 Byron Wilridge to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 5 to Southern Constructors, Inc. for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$ 63,079.81. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow to approve Contract Change Order No. 4 under the city's construction contract with

Southern Constructors, Inc. for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements Project to increase contract time by 45 calendar days. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

2020-2021 IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow to change the scope of the resolution to revert to the original plans with fewer parking spaces.

A substitute motion was made by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Sammy Reggie to table the resolution and recess the meeting and reconvene later directing City Engineer, Tim Mader, to research alternate options to be considered. 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 Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Clint Cradeur to approve the following renewal permits for 2021 beer and liquor licenses with Alderman Sammy Reggie recusing himself due to him owning a business within the applications:

Renewals –

Rice Palace, Inc. L. J. Gielen 2015 Rice Capital Hwy.	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit 2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Pkg. Liquor Permit
Just 4 Him Crowley LLC James Cantrelle, II 515 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit
I Mart Stores LLC Muwafak Rizek 1764 N. Parkerson	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Pkg. Liquor Permit
Bayou Bend Golf Club Randy Nickel 427 W. Hoyt Avenue	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Guidry's Package Liquor Rebecca Guidry 201 Ross Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Pkg. Liquor Permit
Crawfish Nest & Market Jim Barbin 505 W. 2nd Street	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Pkg. Liquor Permit

Crowley Town Club Judy Guillot 625 Crowley-Rayne Hwy.	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
P. J.'s Grill Peter Boulet 2021 N. Parkerson Ave.	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
K & L Grocery Patrick Nguyen 1510 W. Hutchinson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Pkg. Liquor Permit
Brinker Louisiana, Inc. d/b/a Chili's Grill & Bar 827 Odd Fellows Road	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Riverbend Truckstops & Palace Casinos d/b/a Crowley Casino 9002 S. Hwy. 13	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Shop Rite #1 John Cody Gielen 525 S. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit
Acadia Parish Police Jury 159 Cherokee Drive	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit
TJBR Enterprises, LLC Julie Romero 723 S. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit
City Bar of Crowley Chad Monceaux 123 E. 1st Street	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Crowley Sam's Bar LLC d/b/a Sam's Place Samuel D. Phillips 103 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Reggie's Downtown Crowley LLC Samuel Reggie, III 218 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Fezzo's Inc. Winford P. Bordes 2111 Rice Capital Pkwy.	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Sassy's Daiquiris LLC Tiffanie Banks 108 E. Mill Street	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
American Legion Miller Post 506 Carolyn DeVeaux 807 N. Avenue C	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Tobacco Plus #14 John Cody Gielen 1563 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit

Shop Rite #72 John Cody Gielen 2597 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
Chevron Food Mart #20 John Cody Gielen 2600 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Pkg. Liquor Permit
4 Bells Inc. Sports Bar G. Duaine Belfour 731B Oddfellows Road	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit
4 Bells Inc. G. Duaine Belfour 731 Oddfellows Road	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
East Crowley I-10 Chevron Daiquiri G. Duaine Belfour 731A Oddfellows Road	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
China Dragon Buffet One Inc. Wen Zhou 1703 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC Walmart #310 729 Odd Fellows Road	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
Super 1 Foods #639 2004 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
Swadi Enterprises LLC d/b/a Raceway Naseer Yaqub 2435 N. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
Thind Enterprises LLC d/b/a More 4 Less #99 726 E. 2nd Street	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
South Crowley Pantry Debbie Broussard 904 S. Parkerson Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
Walgreens #10399 806 Odd Fellows Road	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
La Rumba Mexican Grill Jose A. Chavez 165 Odd Fellows Road	2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
Lagrange Food Mart Lee Richard 620 S. Eastern Avenue	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit 2021 Class B Package Liquor Permit
Ricky C. Cuccio d/b/a Cuccio's Food Mart 1025 N. Avenue G	2021 Class B Package Beer Permit

The Vanilla Bean, LLC
Darlene A. Thibodeaux
414 N. Parkerson Avenue

2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit
2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit

The Abbey Drinkery LLC
Laura Faul
19033 Crowley-Eunice Hwy.

2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit
2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit

Tokyo Japan
Ming Chen
1823 N. Parkerson Avenue

2021 Class A Retail Beer Permit
2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Brad Core, and duly resolved and adopted with Alderman Byron Wilridge recusing himself due to a family member being employed at this agency.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A LEASE TO THE SMILE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR OFFICE SPACE IN THE CROWLEY ENTERPRISE CENTER LOCATED AT 11 NORTH PARKERSON AVENUE, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the “SMILE Community Action Agency” is a participant in the Local Work Force Investment program known as the “Louisiana One Stop Program” and has been a lessee in the Crowley Enterprise Center located at 11 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the “SMILE Community Action Agency” is funded by annual appropriations from the State of Louisiana and the United States of America to provide assistance to low and moderate income individuals and to improve employment opportunities, education and other public services; and

WHEREAS, the “SMILE Community Action Agency” has requested to lease office space in the City Enterprise Center of approximately 300 square feet; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of those services and the continuing needs for those services by the SMILE Community Action Agency Lease, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find it appropriate to grant the request and authorize the lease under the terms and conditions contained therein.

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a lease to the SMILE Community Action Agency of approximately 300 square feet office space in the Crowley Enterprise Center located at 11 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, for use as office space by the SMILE Community Action Agency, the said lease to include the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. A term of one year effective on the 15th day of October, 2020 and ending on the 15th day of October , 2021;
2. Monthly payments in the amount of \$400.00;
3. A non-appropriation clause in favor of the lessee;
4. Lease shall be terminated by either with a thirty (30) day written notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all necessary documents and certifications in connection with the said transaction as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 11th day of November, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

S/TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

S/ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Clint Cradeur, and duly resolved and adopted.

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING REVISIONS TO EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF, BALLFIELD LIGHTING AND VARIOUS OTHER ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS WITH SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS, LLC, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a resolution on June 25, 2020 taking affirmative official action to approve execution of an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement (the "Lease Agreement") with First Security Finance, Inc., as lessor, in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000, for a term not exceeding thirteen and one-half (13.5) years, at an interest rate not exceeding 3.75%;

WHEREAS, the employment of Joseph A. Delafield, A Professional Corporation ("Bond Counsel") in connection with the Lease Agreement was approved. The fee of Bond Counsel was to be in accordance with the Attorney General's then current bond counsel fee schedule and other guidelines, as negotiated, for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work for leases and bond transactions and applied to the actual aggregate principal amount of the Lease Agreement;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an amended and supplemental resolution on August 19, 2020 to provide financing through execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sustainability Partners, LLC;

WHEREAS, as a result of the amended financing, the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana has advised the need to provide for fees in accordance with the 2016 Attorney General Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1. The statements of fact expressly contained within the preamble to this Resolution have been specifically reviewed by the City Council and are found to be factually true and correct, and are made resolutions of the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana (the "City").

SECTION 2. The City Council approves and authorizes the fees and expenses of Bond Counsel shall be in accordance with the provisions of the 2016 Attorney General Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule.

SECTION 3. All resolutions, ordinances or orders in conflict herewith, be to the extent of such conflict, and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect and be enforced immediately upon and after its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of November, 2020

S/TIM MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

S/ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Byron Wilridge to co-sponsor with the organization One Crowley the Farmer's Market at the Wells Fargo Building on Saturday November 28th, 2020 and Saturday December 5th, 2020. Motion carried.

Mayor Monceaux then recessed the meeting in accordance with the motion made previous by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Sammy Reggie to be reconvened on the 17th day of November 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in council chambers.

RECONVENED:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a reconvened session at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday the 17th day of November 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, Clint Cradeur, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Steven Premeaux, and Samuel J. Reggie III. Alderman Byron K. Wilridge. Kim Stringfellow, Thompson Bradford Core, and Vernon Martin were absent.

Alderman Sammy Reggie led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Alderman Steven Premeaux gave the invocation.

Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow arrived at 4:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to bring back up the tabled motion of offering the Resolution approving the plans and specifications for the "2020-2021" Improvements to City-Owned Parking Lots" project and authorizing the advertisement of bids. Motion carried.

Mr. Jared Monk addressed the council in favor of the parking facilities at the Crowley Recreation Center. He also spoke of future plans on building a RV park near the recreation facility.

Amy Thibodeaux with the Acadia Parish Chamber also spoke in favor of the parking facilities at the Crowley Recreation Center regarding the economic improvement in the area.

L.J. Gielen address the council regarding how important the parking facility is to the City of Crowley and the turfing project being completed at the recreation complex.

Chad Monceaux, Lee Lawrence, and a representative from 2D Sports also spoke in favor of the Crowley Recreation Center.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman, and duly resolved and adopted with Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow voting against. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME

AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

2020-2021 IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Plans and Specifications for the project, “**2020-2021 IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS**”, prepared by Mader Engineering, Inc., are hereby approved and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advertisement For Bids for said project is hereby authorized; that bids will be received in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Laws, at which time the bids will be publicly opened; and that said date and time may be amended, as long as such changes are processed in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session convened on the 17^h day of November, 2020, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

S/TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

S/ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

S/TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

S/ERIN S. CRADEUR, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on December 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Presented for Mayor signature on December 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on December 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
Publish in newspaper on December 29th, 2020