

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10TH, 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 10th day of June 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, Steven Premeaux, Samuel J. Reggie, III, Kim Stringfellow, Byron K. Wilridge and Vernon Martin. Lyle Fogleman, Jr. was absent.

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

APPEARANCES:

President of the Acadia Parish Medical Society, Dr. Robert Aertker, discussed updates and facts regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROCLAMATIONS:

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- WHEREAS, those who have chosen the health care profession as their calling, serve their communities with a reverence for human life and individual dignity; and
- WHEREAS, our nation is experiencing one of the worst pandemics in its history as a result of the novel coronavirus; and
- WHEREAS, Physicians, nurses, health aides, EMTs, and others who work in health care are dedicated to relieving pain and suffering, especially during this pandemic while risking their own lives and the well-being of their families; and
- WHEREAS, the sick of our community, whether afflicted with the novel coronavirus or suffering with another illness, are treated and tended to by devoted health care workers, who surround and support our sick loved ones when family is not allowed by their loved one's bedside; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, and the CROWLEY BOARD OF ALDERMEN, do hereby honor and extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to the

HEALTH CARE WORKERS

of our community, for their heroic efforts and in recognition of their spirit, love, and health care skills provided to their fellow man during the COVID-19 pandemic; and FURTHER, I encourage all residents of Crowley to acknowledge our health care workers for their devotion to the health and well-being of our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused the Great Seal of the City of Crowley to be affixed this the 10th day of June, 2020.

S/Tim Monceaux, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has a Police Department and Fire Department comprised of dedicated men and women who often entail considerable personal risk and sacrifice in the normal course of their duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, these firefighters and policemen bring prompt, highly skilled assistance to citizens and victims of emergencies and play a leading role in promoting public safety; and

WHEREAS, these policemen and firefighters endure what are sometimes long and unpredictable hours, a burden shared by the loved ones who must cope with worry and waiting – they are frequently called to put themselves in harm’s way to protect the lives and property of others; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of the firefighters and policemen during the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus has been exemplary and should be recognized and commended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, and the CROWLEY BOARD OF ALDERMEN, do hereby honor and extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to the

CROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT & CROWLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

for their tremendous efforts and in recognition of their service to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana this the 10th day of June, 2020.

S/Tim Monceaux, Mayor
City of Crowley, Louisiana

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 13th, 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.

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 Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Sammy Reggie to authorize the Mayor to proceed with requesting the City of Crowley Planning Commission review a re-defining of the northern boundary of the “South Crowley Gateway Overlay District,” moving the northern boundary from the area near the John N. John Overpass to Cedar Street.

Alderman Jeff Cavell offered an amended motion to authorize the Mayor to proceed with requesting the City of Crowley Planning Commission review a re-defining of the northern boundary of the “South Crowley Gateway Overlay District,” moving the northern boundary from the area near the John N. John Overpass to Cedar Street and “West Crowley Gateway Overlay District,” eliminating the two most north easterly section between Avenue C and Avenue D and between Avenue D and Avenue E. Motion failed with a 5 to 3 vote.

The original motion was brought back on the floor and failed with a 5 to 3 vote.

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 Steven Premeaux to approve the following 2020 Beer & Liquor Licenses:

NEW:

Southside Cajun Kitchen, LLC
Todd J. Leonards
518 S. Eastern Avenue

2020 Class “A” Retail Beer Permit

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 Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Byron Wilridge to co-sponsor with OneCrowley a Farmers Market to be held at the building known as the Wells Fargo Building on the corner of East 1st and N Parkerson Ave. on June 20, 2020, with the second weekend being Saturday July, 11, 2020 and every other Saturday from that point until October 31, 2020. 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 Jeff Cavell to co-sponsor a July 4th Celebration with Crowley Main Street to be held on Saturday July 4th from 6-8 p.m. under the Rice Theatre marquee. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A

PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION AND LEVY OF A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5%) PERCENT UPON THE PAID OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL/MOTEL ROOMS ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION SITUATED IN THE SAID CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTION OF TOURISM, RECREATION AND CULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCING (INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND OTHER FORMS OF INDEBTEDNESS), CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE CENTER AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY THEREFOR) AND TO CONDUCT AND HOLD EVENTS, FAIRS AND FESTIVALS FOR THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Convention and Tourism Commission in other municipalities within the surrounding area levy and collect taxes on the occupancy of hotel rooms within their respective jurisdictions, including campgrounds, bed and breakfasts and other facilities housing transient guests; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley does not presently levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax; and

WHEREAS, a hotel occupancy tax would provide revenue for the purposes of tourism, recreation and culture, economic development and promotion of fairs and festivals in the City of Crowley and

WHEREAS, a hotel occupancy tax may be levied and collected if authorized by the electors of a municipality at a special election under legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Act No. 270 of the 2020 Louisiana Legislature, LA R.S. 47:338.222 was duly amended to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley to call for an election to determine a proposition to levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax within its jurisdiction not to exceed 5% of the amount paid for the rent or fee for occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley deem it necessary and appropriate that an election be called to determine the proposition authorizing the levy and collection of a hotel occupancy tax dedicated for the purpose of promoting tourism, recreation and culture, economic development, financing (including the issuance of bonds and other forms of indebtedness), construction, maintenance and operation of the convention and conference center and related infrastructure (including the acquisition of property therefor) and to conduct and hold events, fairs and festivals for the promotion of tourism in the City of Crowley;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that:

SECTION 1: Under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 22, Section 29(B) and Section 30(A) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, LA R.S. 47:338.222, as amended by the 2020 Legislative Session and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, (the "Act"), a special election, be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, on December 5, 2020, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code of the State of Louisiana, at which election there shall be submitted to all registered voters of the City of Crowley, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Shall the City of Crowley, State of Louisiana, (the "City") under the provisions of Article VI, Section 22, Section 29(B) and Section 30(A) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:338.222, as amended by Act 270 of the 2020 Louisiana Legislature, levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax not to exceed Five (5%) Percent per annum perpetually upon the paid occupancy of hotel rooms within the City of Crowley (including furnishing and providing rooms or overnight camping facilities intended and designed for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes) dedicated for the purpose of provided funds for the promotion of tourism, recreation and culture, economic development, financing (including the issuance of bonds and other forms of indebtedness), construction, maintenance and operation of the convention and conference center and related infrastructure (including the acquisition of property therefor) and to conduct and hold events, fairs and festivals for the promotion of tourism in the City of Crowley?

SECTION 2: Publication of Notices. There shall be published in the Crowley Post Signal, newspaper published in the City of Crowley, Louisiana, having general circulation throughout the City, and being the official journal of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, Notice of Special Election and which notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3: Canvas. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, the governing authority thereof (the "Governing Authority") shall meet in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers at the Criminal Justice Building, 2nd Floor, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, on December 9, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of said special election.

SECTION 4: Polling Places. Said election on each said date shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the General Election Code at the following designated polling places in the City of Crowley, to-wit:

- Ward 6, Precinct 1(P) - North Crowley Middle School
- Ward 6, Precinct 2(P) - Notre Dame High School
- Ward 6, Precinct 3A(P) - North Crowley Kindergarten
- Ward 6, Precinct 3B(P) - North Crowley Kindergarten
- Ward 6, Precinct 4 – St. Michael's Church Hall
- Ward 6, Precinct 6 - Old Ross High School
- Ward 6, Precinct 7(P) - Rice Festival Building
- Ward 6, Precinct 8(P) - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall
- Ward 6, Precinct 9 - South Crowley Elementary School
- Ward 6, Precinct 11(P) - Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
- Ward 6, Precinct 12(P) - School Board Media Center
- Ward 6, Precinct 13(P) - School Board Media Center
- Ward 6, Precinct 14(P) - Acadia Animal Clinic
- Ward 6, Precinct 15(P) - South Crowley Elementary School
- Ward 6, Precinct 16(P) - LSU Rice Experiment Station

and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the above propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

SECTION 5: Election Commissioners and Voting Machines. The officers shall be designated to serve as Commissioner in Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 18:434 and the compensation of said officers shall be fixed in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 18:424 and 18:425. The Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall appoint Commissioners of Election and alternate Commissioners for each precinct, all of whom shall meet the qualifications

set forth in Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The Commissioner-in-Charge for each precinct shall be the Commissioner-in-Charge selected or appointed for such precinct under the provisions of Part II of Chapter V of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at the said election and voting machines shall be used in the conduct of said election. A compiled statement of qualified voters shall be provided to all polling places in the conduct of the election.

SECTION 6. Officers. The officers confirmed or designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1284, 1285 and 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:1287) shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and make due returns of said special election to the Honorable Secretary of State, the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, and the Honorable Clerk of Court of Acadia Parish, Louisiana; and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall promulgate the results of said election as provided in Section 3 hereof. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by R.S. 18:424 and R.S. 18:425.

SECTION 7: Authorization of Officer. The Clerk of the governing authority be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for the said special election, and to furnish to the said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election as provided by State and Federal Law.

SECTION 8: Furnish Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State and Commissioner of Elections of the State of Louisiana, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Acadia, Chairman of the Board of Supervisor for the Parish of Acadia and to the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish of Acadia, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 9: Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided and in the event the Propositions carry, for the Commission's consent and authority to levy said taxes, as provided for in the Propositions above. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the City, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 10: Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. All orders, resolutions and ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict be and the same are hereby repealed.

The foregoing resolution was submitted to a roll call vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Jeff Cavell, Brad Core, Clint Cradeur, Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux, Sammy Reggie, Kim Stringfellow, and Byron Wilridge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman

The Resolution was declared adopted in regular session on this the 10th day of June, 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 Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted with a 6 to 3 vote.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 1506

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 1st day of July, 2020 at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1506

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the Office of the City Clerk, Crowley, LA.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 10th day of June, 2020.

S/ERIN S. CRADEUR, City Clerk

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 10th day of June, 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 7:54 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor on June 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Presented for Mayor signature on June 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on June 17, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on July 1st, 2020