

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021 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., Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux, Samuel J. Reggie, III, Bryon K. Wilridge and Kim Stringfellow.

None were absent.

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

**APPEARANCES:**

Mr. Tim Mader gave an update on behalf of Ms. Emily Stoma, Citizens Against Blight provided an update to the Council on the blighted properties in Crowley.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor Tim Monceaux opened the Public Hearing on the Rule to Show Cause for the condemnation of property by the City of Crowley belonging to the unopened successions of Kenneth W. Corumia and Edwina Wilridge Corumia for the property situated on Lot 10 of Block 4 of Walker Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 316 Spann Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana. City Attorney Tom Regan stated that they had received a text message from Mr. Howie who has been appointed to represent the unopened successions. He mentioned that he had been detained. Mr. Regan asked Alderman Core to request a resolution to reset the matter for December 8, 2021 so that new notices did not have to be issued. A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to reset the public hearing for December 8, 2021. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Tom Regan opened the public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 1527, the Ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO DESIGNATE EAST THIRD STREET AND NORTH AVENUE I, EAST THIRD STREET AND NORTH AVENUE J, EAST FOURTH STREET AND NORTH AVENUE I AND EAST FOURTH STREET AND NORTH AVENUE J AS FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

City Attorney Tom Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1527. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1527 was made. Mr. Chris Huesers suggested that there were other options to consider rather than another four-way stop sign. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. Mr. Regan moved that the clerk place a recorded copy (Exhibit A) of the recommendation presented to the Council by the Chief of Police as part of the official transcript. City Attorney Tom Regan called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1527 to a close and reconvened the regular Council meeting.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

None.

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Alderman Jeff Cavel moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 13, 2021, Regular Council meeting seconded by Alderman Brad Core and duly adopted. Alderman Byron Wilridge moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 19, 2021, Special Council meeting seconded by Alderman Brad Core 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:**

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 16 to Southern Constructors, Inc. for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$71,297.06. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Bryon Wilridge to adopt the Resolution for the approval of the plans and specifications and authorizing the advertisement for bids for the following project: 2021 City-Wide Street Improvements (Contract B). Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried unanimously.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:**

***2021 CITY-WIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS (CONTRACT B)***

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Plans and Specifications for the project, “**2021 CITY-WIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS (CONTRACT B)**”, 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 shall 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 time shall be established and may be amended in accordance with said Public Bid Law.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** in regular session convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Bryon Wilridge to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 to Glenn Leger Construction, LLC for the City-Wide Street Improvements (Contract A) Project in the amount of \$170,418.21. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Bryon Wilridge to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 8 to Triton Construction, LLC for the City-

Owned Parking Lot Improvements Project in an amount of \$115,149.26. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the motion carried unanimously.

**UTILITY COMMITTEE:**

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell to adopt a Resolution approving the plans and specifications and authorizing the advertisement for bids for the following project: Rehabilitation of the Sewerage Collection System. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried unanimously.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: *REHABILITATION OF THE SEWERAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM***

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Plans and Specifications for the project, "**REHABILITATION OF THE SEWERAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM**", 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 shall 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 time shall be established and may be amended in accordance with said Public Bid Law.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** in regular session convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

**ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:**

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell to table the consideration the favorable recommendation of the Crowley Planning Commission for variance of Ordinance 7.701 for Bass LTD to erect one (1) digital billboard at the SW corner of Highway 1111 & Oddfellows Road. Said digital billboard not to exceed 12' x 24' in size, and to be located outside of the control area greater than 300 feet from Interstate Hwy. 10. Discussion ensued and Chairman Fogleman stated, in the opinion provided by the City Attorney Tom Regan, neither the Crowley Planning Commission nor the Council has authority to approve a billboard variance in this area of the City, as the location is controlled by the Gateway Overlay Ordinance, and the ordinance does not provide for a process to obtain a variance. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Clint Credeur questioned if tabling the action is the correct way to handle this motion. Mr. Regan stated that it was his committee report, since the procedure is not allowed by the Gateway Ordinance which does not allow for a variance, the application should have never been accepted. He recommended that the motion cancel the application and return it to the applicant. Mayor Monceaux verified that the City has cancelled the application and returned it to the applicant. Mr. Regan further explained that any future applications requesting a variance should be denied by the Code Enforcement. Alderman Lyle Fogleman offered a substitute motion seconded by Alderman Samuel Reggie to reject the application; refund the application fee and this council does not act on this item. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Vernon Martin explained that there were no such things as digital billboards when the Gateway Overlay ordinance was adopted, and any ordinance adopted by the Council can be amended. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow questioned if the applicant had received their refund. Mayor Monceaux stated the applicant refused the refund, so it is being mailed. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Brad Core abstained; the motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve the favorable recommendation of the City of Crowley Planning Commission of the re-subdivide of property as shown on Preliminary & Final Plat of Survey showing property to be subdivided by J. D. Gielen & Family LLC, being a 5.801-acre tract of land divided into Tract A and Tract B situated in Section 29, T9S, R1E, Acadia Parish, LA, prepared by A Hebert Land Surveying LLC, dated September 28, 2021. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no

remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Lyle Fogleman abstained; the motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Jeff Cavell to adopt a resolution for the Council to consider a motion to rescind all previously approved Class A and Class B alcoholic beverage permits for the year 2022 pending further review. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Samuel Reggie abstained; the motion carried.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY RESCINDING THE APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS A AND CLASS B RETAIL BEER, LIQUOR AND WINE PERMITS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 FOR FURTHER EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES/PERMITS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, many applications have been received and previously approved for the issuance of permits for Class A and Class B Retail Beer, Liquor and Wine Permits for the calendar year commencing January 1, 202 were approved by a motion in globo; and

WHEREAS, the official numbered Class A and Class B Retail Beer, Liquor and Wine Permits have not yet been issued and only temporary receipts have been delivered to the licensees evidencing the prior approval of the application; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that additional information and data should have been provided for review of multiple applications for individual licenses/permits for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, rescinding the approval of those applications pending further review will provide additional time for data and information to be received and sufficiently examined to allow an informed decision regarding the approval of individual permits;

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 rescind the approval of all applications for Class A and Class B Retail Beer, Liquor and Wine Permits for the calendar year commencing January 1, 2022 pending further review and study for consideration of approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Class A and Class B licenses previously approved were provided temporary receipts for later issuance of the official numbered license/permit for the calendar year 2022 are subject to the review process and the numbered license/permit will not be issued until the application has been subsequently approved.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell to table the approval of the new beer and liquor licenses, to-wit:

- A. East Crowley I-10 Chevron  
4 Bells Inc.  
731 Odd Fellows Road  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- B. East Crowley I-10 Chevron Daiquiri Shop  
4 Bells Inc  
731-A Odd Fellows Road  
2022 Class A Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Package Liquor Permit
- C. Bell's Sports Bar  
4 Bells Inc.  
731-B Odd Fellows Road  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit
- D. Crawfish Nest and Market  
Jim Barbin  
1587 Crowley-Rayne Hwy.  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- E. Fezzo's Inc. (d/b/a Fezzo's Seafood & Steakhouse)  
Winford Bordes & Phillip Faul  
2111 Rice Capital Pkwy.  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
- F. Shop Rite #1  
John Cody Gielen  
525 S. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit
- G. Chevron Food Mart #20  
John Cody Gielen  
2600 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- H. Shop Rite #72  
John Cody Gielen  
2597 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- J. China Dragon One Inc.  
Wen Zhou  
1703 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
- K. Reggie's Downtown Crowley, LLC  
Samuel Reggie, III  
218 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit

- L. El Dorado Mexican Restaurant, LLC  
Carlos A. Martinez-Hernandez  
2307 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
- M. Crowley Sam's Bar, LLC (d/b/a Sam's Place)  
Samuel D. Phillips  
103 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
- N. Zeus Crowley, LLC  
Yaser Balbeisi  
521 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
- O. Tobacco Plus #14  
John Cody Gielen  
1563 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- P. More 4 Less #99  
Jas Singh  
726 E. 2nd Street  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- Q. Bayou Bend Golf Club  
Randy J. Nickel  
427 W. Hoyt Avenue  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
- R. Sassy's Daiquiris  
Tiffanie Banks  
108 E. Mill Street  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit
- S. Korkys Food Mart  
Jennifer Krueger  
1122 N. Western Ave.  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- T. Super 1 Foods #639  
2004 N. Parkerson Ave.  
2022 Class B Package Beer Permit  
2022 Class B Package Liquor Permit
- U. City Bar of Crowley  
Chad Monceaux  
123 E. 1st Street  
2022 Class A Retail Beer Permit  
2022 Class A Retail Liquor Permit

Alderman Samuel Reggie abstained; the motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow to Adoption of a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, ordering and issuing a Rule to Show Cause to set a Public Hearing for Condemnation of Property situated on Lot 15 of Block 4, Walker Addition, bearing a municipal address of 1018 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, owned by Mervine (a/k/a Mervin) Gantt and Beatrice Gaterson Gantt. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation(s) of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Violations has been issued to the property owners, Mervine Gantt Sr. and Beatrice Gaterson Gantt c/o Chad Gibson, by the City Inspector's office dated March 3, 2021, via Certified Mail Return Receipt No. 70190160000115901870 for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements situated on Lot 15 of Block 4 of Walker Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 1018 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, which notice was received by Chad Gibson on March 26, 2021 as evidenced by the US Postal Service Return Receipt No. 70190160000115901870; and

WHEREAS, Glen E. Howie, Attorney-at-Law, was appointed to represent the unopened successions of the deceased property owners, Mervine Gantt Sr. and Beatrice Gaterson Gantt, by Order of the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, on November 10, 2021, a certified copy which is attached hereto and made part hereof;

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 the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to the unopened successions of Mervine Gantt Sr. and Beatrice Gaterson Gantt for a public hearing to show cause why the improvements on the property situated on Lot 15 of Block 4 of Walker Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 1018 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana, should not be condemned, to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, in regular session at 6:00 o'clock p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon Glen E. Howie as the appointed attorney on behalf of the deceased property owners pursuant to law;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Clint Credeur to approve the appointment of Interim City Clerk, Shantel Alleman as the City Clerk for the City of Crowley. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the motion carried unanimously.

**REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to adoption a Resolution declaring the PRINTRONIX printer, Model #P7210, Serial #4RC6M1405002, as surplus equipment and authorizing the sale of same at a minimum price by intergovernmental agreement to a public entity as authorized by law; authorizing the Mayor to execute the intergovernmental agreement, and all other documents as may be necessary and proper for said transaction, and to provide for all matters relative thereto. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DECLARING THE PRINTRONIX PRINTER, MODEL #P7210, SERIAL #4RC6M1405002 AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME AT A MINIMUM PRICE BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO A PUBLIC ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR SAID TRANSACTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Office of the City Clerk has a new software program that is not compatible with the Printronix Printer, Model #P7210, Serial #4RC6M1405002, and therefore is unable to use said Printronix Printer, and no other department is in need of or requires the equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to declare the City of Crowley no longer needs the Printronix Printer, Model #P7210, Serial #4RC6M1405002 for public purposes and that same should be declared surplus equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Printronix Printer, Model #P7210, Serial #4RC6M1405002 has been valued at a price of approximately \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00; and

WHEREAS, after declared as surplus, in order to be sold, a minimum sales price must be fixed by the governmental entity and therefore the minimum price should be fixed in that range; and

WHEREAS, the Printronix Printer, Model #P7210, Serial #4RC6M1405002 may be sold via Intergovernmental Agreement to another public entity or by any means provided for by law; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration by the Board of Aldermen and for the above reasons;

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 declare the following equipment is no longer needed for use by the City of Crowley and is hereby declared to be surplus property, to-wit:

Printronix Printer, Model #P7210, Serial #4RC6M1405002

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to offer for sale and negotiate the sale of the above equipment "as is and without any warranty whatsoever" through an Intergovernmental Agreement or to be sold in any manner provided by law to dispose of surplus equipment; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minimum price shall not be less than \$1,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all other documents and to do and perform all things necessary in connection therewith as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10th day of November, 2021, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Brad Core, was duly resolved, and adopted, Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Vernon Martin requested verification of the new boundaries. Mayor Monceaux explained that the resolution was to set the date for the public hearing only and that he would bring the maps showing the proposed district lines to the public hearing for comments. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried unanimously.

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 SECTION 2-6 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REDEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FOUR (4) WARDS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY WHICH ARE ALSO DESIGNATED AS THE VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE DUAL SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POPULATION ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE US CENSUS BUREAU; 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 SECTION 2-6 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REDEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FOUR (4) WARDS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY WHICH ARE ALSO DESIGNATED AS THE VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE DUAL SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POPULATION ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE US CENSUS BUREAU; 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 10th day of November, 2021.

A motion was made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman Lyle Fogleman to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Crowley to join with the State of Louisiana as a participant in the Louisiana State Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding which includes participation in the settlement agreement and authorizing Messrs Laborde or Earles to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow asked for clarification of the resolution. City Attorney Mr. Tom Regan stated that Ms. Madeline Brumley from LaBorde Earles firm was here to answer questions. Mr. Regan stated that it's a recommendation from the La AG and Governor's office. They combined to file action for the state of Louisiana instead of individually, separate from the class action suit filed against the distributors in Federal court in Ohio. It is on behalf of all political subdivisions of the state of Louisiana. The Attorney General's office hired LaBorde Earles to negotiate the settlement agreement. The main thing is that the city of Crowley is becoming a participant in recommending that Louisiana receive the amount of the settlement that is proportionately divided by population, rejection by one political entity or failure to act on it reduces the settlement amount the state of Louisiana will receive. Ms. Brumley stated her firm and many others filed litigation in 2017 against manufacturers and distributors of Opioid medication for their role in the Opioid crisis. She stated that many years later they have negotiated a settlement that would include \$22.8 billion paid out nationally over the next 18 years. She further explained that the state's share(s) is based on a computation including population and the number of opioid cases and that Louisiana's share would be approximately \$350 million dollars. She stated that by adopting the resolution the City of Crowley would be agreeing to participate to allow Louisiana to get the full portion of the settlement that is based on the population and failure to act or rejection reducing the amount of the settlement. Ms. Madeline Brumley, explained that the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana agreed to turn over 100% of the state's local governments with a 20% carve out for parish sheriffs. The resolution would 1) the City of Crowley is agreeing to promise to not join in the litigation and that the city would accept the settlement and the City will not sue the defendants in the

future for these activities. 2) give partners of LaBorde Earles law firm authority to sign the Attorney Generals Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City of Crowley 3) give the Mayor the authority to sign the settlement documents 4) gives the Attorney General to settle other opioid claims on the city's behalf. She further explained that 45% of the money states share is based on incentive payments. If one litigating entity or political subdivision with 10,000 constituents, does not participate, then the states share goes from 100% to 70%. Failure to pass this resolution will cost the state of Louisiana approximately \$100 million dollars over 18 years. She explained that the sooner the resolution was voted on the sooner they could continue to pursue other political subdivisions and litigating entities. Alderman Brad Core questioned when the city was notified of the resolution. Mr. Regan explained that this was within this week. Ms. Brumley explained that the latest the city could adopt the resolution would be the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting in order for documents to be signed and processed before January 1, 2022. Alderman Clint Cradeur questioned who would be monitoring the spending of the funds in the future. Ms. Brumley explained that it would be held in a trust with the State and that it would be an application and reimbursement process. If the City of Crowley decides to do nothing with the trust, the funds would go into the state of Louisiana's General fund after 20 years. Alderman Brad Core reaffirmed that he would prefer to read documents before signing them and asked if the next council meeting would give enough time to get the paperwork processed.

A motion was made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow to amend the adoption and postpone it until the next Council meeting. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no further remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a vote by show of hands; for amendment failed by a vote of 3 yeas and 6 nays. Mayor Monceaux then read the original motion. A motion was made by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to adopt the resolution. The original motion having been submitted to a vote by a show of hands; the resolution carried by a vote of 6 yeas and 2 nays.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE *LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* (THE "MOU"); AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEYS TO EXECUTE THE MOU; AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY SUBSEQUENT FORMAL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MOU, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM(S) IN EXHIBIT K OF THE *DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT* AND THE *JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT*; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic and recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in State Court and a number of Louisiana cities and parishes have also filed an action *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and layers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation; and

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana's relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, the City of Crowley and every other Louisiana city and parish;

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 find participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the City of Crowley and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds go to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every city and parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen hereby expresses the City of Crowley's support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Derrick G. Earles and/or David C. Laborde be and they are hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form contained in Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution, including but not limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the Distributor Settlement Agreement and the Janssen Settlement Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and she is hereby instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate minute book of the City of Crowley upon its adoption and to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to Attorney General Jeff Landry c/o Bill Stiles, Post Office Box 94005, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

**ORDINANCES:**

A motion was made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1527

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 14-23(c) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO DESIGNATE EAST THIRD STREET AND NORTH AVENUE I, EAST THIRD STREET AND NORTH AVENUE J, EAST FOURTH STREET AND NORTH AVENUE I AND EAST FOURTH STREET AND NORTH AVENUE J AS FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for the discussion. Alderman Vernon Martin asked if everyone had been notified. Alderman Brad Core read a statement to the council. Alderman Vernon Martin explained that the four-way stop is in Alderman Core's district and his constituents wanted it. Alderman Samuel Reggie questioned what makes Levi Park better than South Crowley Park or any other park within Crowley. Alderman Brad Core explained the main difference is the arterial connection to Hwy 190. Alderman Lyle Fogleman explained he's lived in the district for over 20 years and is unaware of any major incident in that area to his knowledge. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow stated that a traffic study had been done years ago and many stop signs were removed. She asked if a new study could be done and if anyone remembered who did the original one. Alderman Steven Premeaux stated it was Mr. Dean Ketel from Lafayette. Alderman Vernon Martin stated Levi park is a hub for the city and it is more of a safety issue than the other parks. There being no further discussion from the Council.

A roll was called with the vote as follows:

Yeas: Brad Core, Clint Cradeur, Vernon Martin and Bryon Wilridge

Nays: Jeff Cavell, Lyle Fogleman, Steven Premeaux, Samuel Reggie, and Kim Stringfellow.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

The Ordinance failed by a vote of 5 nays and 4 yeas. The Ordinance was not adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Brad Core the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

  
TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHANTELE ALLEMAN, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on 11/12/2021 at 10:53 AM/PM.  
Presented for Mayor signature on 11/16/2021 at 1:11 AM/PM.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on 11/16/2021 at 2:21 AM/PM.  
Publish in newspaper on 11/30/2021