

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2022

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 April 2022 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, Vernon Martin, Steven Premeaux, Samuel J. Reggie, III, and Kim Stringfellow. A quorum was present.

Aldermen Alderman Lyle Fogleman Jr. and Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. were absent.

Alderman Sammie Reggie led the Pledge of Allegiance. City Engineer Tim Mader led the Invocation.

APPEARANCES:

Alderman Steven Premeaux presented the monthly update. The Post Signal's monthly coverage of the blight properties progress and improvements has led to increasing calls to the Chairman regarding such. Over 100 structures have either been repaired or demolished. Although this is great progress, it has caused an increase in homeless citizens. The homeless are now sleeping in parks or makeshift shelters in parking lots, and CAB is receiving numerous calls for requests of assistance to address this issue. Numbers show that a large majority of the progress made has been in West Crowley, so CAB will attempt to turn its attention and efforts to South Crowley, where approximately 205 structures have been identified for condemnation. An application for condemnation was submitted for 17 mobile homes on R1 zone lots, located in Standard Mill subdivision. The Mayor and Aldermen of South Crowley are invited to send anyone in need of assistance to the Chairman. CAB is in the process of writing the city again to confirm the structure condition ratings that were arrived at a year ago. With a rating of 5 being the worst case, and at the Mayor's suggestion, CAB will work with Code Enforcement to evaluate properties with ratings of 3's and 4's to eliminate any structures that are now considered to be habitable.

Jason Decuir, the Chairman of the Centralized Sales and Use Study Group, addressed the Council regarding House Bill No. 681. The purpose of the study group is to figure out how Louisiana can get its Sales Tax collection system on par with the rest of the country and compliant with US Supreme Court cases and Wayfair. The bill he is promoting would be a complete revision of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Collection System to the present-day standards of electronic reporting systems and notification of tax collection and payments for businesses. The amendment did not pass on the ballot in November 2021, and he is asking support for the new bill to restructure the Sales and Use Tax Collection System. Questions were asked by several Council members regarding the content of the bill, and City Attorney Tom Regan commented on the importance of the bill being passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to continue the public hearing on the Cassandra Davis property situated on Lot 4 of Block 27, of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The resolution having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Vernon Martin abstained; the resolution carried.

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

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was scheduled to be held on the 13th day of April, 2022, regarding Lot 4 of Block 27 of the City of Crowley being the property owned by Cassandra Davis; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector advised the property owner purchased a repair permit on the day the resolution was adopted to issue the Notice of Rule to Show Cause and according to the City Inspector's report, the property owner has engaged a contractor to perform the work which work has commenced and is progressing; and

WHEREAS, considering the report provided by the City Inspector, the Board of Aldermen deem it proper to continue the condemnation hearing to provide the property owner with sufficient time to continue the work on the building and monitor the progress of same;

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 ORDER the Condemnation Hearing regarding the building and/or structure situated on Lot 4 of Block 27 of the City of Crowley belonging to Cassandra Davis be and the same is hereby continued and re-fixed for the 11th day of May, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Inspector shall monitor the repair work and to make a report same to the Board of Aldermen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Order shall be mailed to Cassandra Davis via Certified Mail Return Receipt.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 13th day of April, 2022, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Brad Core declaring the week of April 11 – 15, 2022, National Community Development Week. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The resolution having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 – 15, 2022, NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK.

WHEREAS the week of April 11 – 15, 2022, has been designated as National Community Development Week, the City of Crowley has been a participant in the Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community; and

WHEREAS in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-seven years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during National Community Development Week 2022, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low-and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U. S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby declare the week of April 11 – 15, 2022, National Community Development Week and that the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor, be and he is authorized, empowered and directed to execute this resolution and convey it to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that his community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of April, 2022, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Clint Cradeur to adopt this new resolution in addition to Resolution No. 2014-03 authorizing presiding Mayor of the City of Crowley to execute an intergovernmental cooperative endeavor agreement between the LaDOTD and the City of Crowley, and any amendments or necessary modifications thereto, memorializing the agreement between the parties relative to the above stated property transfers. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Kim Stringfellow inquired with Mr. Tim Mader the difference from the 2014 Resolution. Mr. Mader responded the payment structure defined in this resolution is better than the 2014 Resolution. The Mayor asked for any further discussion. There were no further remarks from the Council. The resolution having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AGREES TO ADOPT THIS NEW RESOLUTION IN ADDITION TO RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03 AUTHORIZING PRESIDING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LADOTD AND THE CITY OF CROWLEY, AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS THERETO, MEMORIALIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE STATED PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, The Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley previously adopted Resolution No. 2014-3 which agreed to accept a combination of ownership and roadway servitude of the Interstate Route I-10 north frontage road known as North Cherokee Drive; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley desires to amend Resolution No. 2014-3 to revise the following CONDITION to read as follows:

CONDITION I: Provide repairs to Segment 1 to be transferred to the City of Crowley as mutually agreed to by the LaDOTD and the City of Crowley and in accordance with the plans and specifications for state project H.011829.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley agrees to adopt this new resolution in addition to Resolution No. 2014-03 authorizing presiding Mayor of the City of Crowley to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Department and the City of Crowley, and any amendments or necessary modifications thereto, memorializing the agreement between the parties relative to the above stated property transfers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley hereby represents that it has received approval from a majority of the state legislative delegation from Acadia Parish of the actions contemplated herein.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of April, 2022, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 9, 2022, Regular Council meeting seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and duly adopted.

Alderman Brad Core moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 6, 2022, Special Council meeting seconded by Alderman Clint Cradeur 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

A motion was offered by Alderman Clint Cradeur and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 21 under the Southern Constructors, Inc. contract for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$39,842.29. 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 Jeff Cavell to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 5 under the Glenn Legé Construction, LLC contract for the City-Wide Street Improvements (Contract A) Project in the amount of \$736,908.87. 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.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernan Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Cavell to authorize 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 at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on May 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to amend and re-enact Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley amending the official zoning map of the City of Crowley to rezone and change the classification of Lots 6 and 7 of Block 34 of South Crowley Addition belonging to Third Crop Properties LLC from R-4, Multifamily to I-1, Light Industrial; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary thereto or in conflict therewith; to provide for the provisions thereof to be severable; and to provide for all matters relative thereto. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The resolution 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 of public hearing shall provide the time and place where the Board will hold the public hearing and 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 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT APPENDIX A OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REZONE AND CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF LOTS 6 AND 7 OF BLOCK 34 OF SOUTH CROWLEY ADDITION BELONGING TO THIRD CROP PROPERTIES LLC FROM R-4, MULTIFAMILY TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL; 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 PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF
ORDINANCE

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet in regular session on the 11th day of May, 2022, at 6:00 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 APPENDIX A OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO REZONE AND CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF LOTS 6 AND 7 OF BLOCK 34 OF SOUTH CROWLEY ADDITION BELONGING TO THIRD CROP PROPERTIES LLC FROM R-4, MULTIFAMILY TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL; 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.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to consider sponsorship for the 2022 National Day of Prayer, requested by Ms. Peggy Sandidge, on Thursday May 5, 2022, at the Rice Festival Building at 6:00 p.m. 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 AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to authorize 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 unencumbered certificate of deposit as security for the standby letter of credit; and to provide for all matters relative thereto and in connection therewith. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The resolution having been submitted to a voice vote; the resolution carried unanimously.

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 UNENCUMBERED 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.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 13th day of April, 2022, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Samuel Reggie the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHANTEL ALLEMAN, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on 4/21 at 10:54 AM/PM.

Presented for Mayor signature on 4/22 at 9:50 AM/PM.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on 4/22 at 9:55 AM/PM.

Publish in newspaper on _____