

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2023

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 8th day of February 2023 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Chad Monceaux presided with the following Aldermen present: Katie Chiasson, Thompson Bradford Core, Jeff Doré, Dickie Latiolais, Vernon Martin, Sandy Marx, and Samuel J. Reggie III. Aldermen-at-Large Chuck Ashby and Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. were absent.

Alderman Dickie Latiolais led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Christopher George gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Chad Monceaux suspended the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting and opened a public hearing for the Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property belonging to Charles Tedman Guidry described as Lot 11 of Block 4 of Keller Addition to the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

Attorney Glen Howie, appointed by the mayor, spoke on the property. Ms. Jaime Guidry, daughter of Mr. Charles Tedman Guidry, was given permission by her mother to speak. Mr. Tony Duhon spoke about the exact repairs that need to be made to the property to bring it up to code. The trailer needs new electrical wiring, needs to be adjusted on the property by moving further away from the adjoining property, and needs to be anchored properly. According to Mr. Tony Duhon the structure is uninhabitable. Ms. Jaime Guidry stated that she is in the process of painting the property and is asking for more time to get the necessary repairs done to the structure. Mr. Stout spoke on behalf of Mrs. Jaime Guidry regarding the electrical work that needs to be done in the trailer home. Mr. Stout stated that they do have a licensed electrician to perform the work. City Attorney Tom Regan stated that none of the proper permits have been filed for the work to be performed. Mr. Stout asked for 60 days to bring the property up to code, but the work could be done in 30 days. Mr. Tony Duhon stated that the property has been cleaned, but the main concern is the structure itself. Mrs. Elizabeth Guidry, widow of Charles Tedman Guidry, inquired on whether the trailer home needed to be moved. Mr. Tony Duhon explained why the trailer home needs to be adjusted due to it being too close to the neighboring properties.

Mayor Chad Monceaux closed the public hearing and resumed the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting.

APPEARANCES:

None.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III to amend the Public Safety Committee Agenda to consider the condemnation of property belonging to Charles Tedman Guidry described as Lot 11 of Block 4 of Keller Addition to the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Aldерwoman Sandy Marx moved to dispense with the reading of and to approve the minutes of January 11th, 2022, as written, which was seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré. The minutes were approved as written.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Chad Monceaux gave a review of the Sales Tax Chart and Sewer User Fee Chart. The mayor also gave an update on the new City CPA starting to work and help the city with the financial reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Thompson Bradford Core
Members – Aldermen Vernon Martin and Sandy Marx
Absent – Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 14 under the Glenn Lege’ Construction, LLC contract for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements (contract A) in an amount of \$593,613.42. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Aldерwoman Sandy Marx to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 9 to Glenn Lege’ Construction, LLC for the City-Wide Street Improvements (Contract B) Project in the amount of \$224,061.67. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Aldерwoman Katie Chiasson to award Contracts for FY 2023 Materials Purchases. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Aldерwoman Sandy Marx to adopt a Resolution to authorize the presentation of specifications and bid process for “Internal Television Inspection for Storm Drainage and Sanitary Sewer Systems”. Motion carried.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Vice-Chairperson – Aldерwoman Sandy Marx
Members – Aldermen Katie Chiasson and Jeff Doré
Absent – Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 7 to NCMC, LLC for the “Rehabilitation of the Sewerage System Collection System” project in the amount of \$91,145.62. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Aldерwoman Sandy Marx to adopt a Resolution approving the Plans and Specifications and Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids of the “New Ultra-Violet Disinfection System at the Waste Water Treatment Facility”. Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Dickie Latiolais
Members – Aldermen – Katie Chiasson and Jeff Doré
Absent – Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby and Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

Mayor Chad Monceaux explained the renovations and remodeling of the Tony Robichaux Sports Complex and which funds had already been allocated to pay for the project. The Mayor explained the need for more funds and specifications of the renovations.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core to award a Contract for Restroom upgrades and renovations at the Tony Robichaux Sports Complex and refer to Revenue and Finance Committee for funding. Motion carried.

Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III inquired about the project plans and why the plans originally did not include the use of the lower cost materials. Also, Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III asked about getting just the renovations for the bathroom as opposed to air conditioning all changing rooms. Recreation Director Peter Kirsch spoke on the need for air conditioning for changing rooms and bathrooms. Mr. Peter Kirsch explained that they are bringing the parks up to the standards that all other parks in neighboring cities have. Alderman Reggie requested to see the plans for just the renovations to the bathrooms. Discussion ensued.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and Alderman Dickie Latiolais to approve Change Order No. 1 to reduce the overall cost of the project by \$94,691.00 and refer to Revenue and Finance Committee for funding. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Thompson Bradford Core
Members – Aldermen Jeff Doré and Samuel J. Reggie III
Absent – Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby and Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

A motion was offered by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderman Samuel J. Reggie, III to condemn the property belonging to Charles Tedman Guidry described as Lot 11 of Block 4 of Keller Addition to the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderwoman Katie Chiasson
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III
Members – Aldermen Thompson Bradford Core and Sandy Marx
Absent – Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to Co-Sponsor the 2023 Greetings from Levy Park series, currently scheduled for March 10th, March 24th, April 21st, and May 5th, and further, allowing for the sale of beer and wine on the premises, however no outside beverages will be allowed. Motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Dickie Latiolais
Members – Alderman Katie Chiasson, Thompson Bradford Core, and Vernon Martin
Absent - Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby

Mayor Chad Monceaux decided to table the consideration of a Resolution to approve, authorize and ratify, and confirm the allocation of a portion of the ARPA funds for the purchase of two (2) Pierce-Custom Saber FR Pumpers, 2nd Gen. and to authorize an appropriation from the Sales Tax Infrastructure fund balance for the remainder of the purchase price under State Contract not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 utilizing the services of LaMATS, to accept the proposal of and authorize the payments to Siddon-Martin Emergency Group and to authorize the execution of the contract for the purchase thereof; and to provide for all matters relative thereto.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to appropriate funds for a Contract for Restroom upgrades and renovations at the Tony Robichaux Sports Complex. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve Change Order No. 1 to switch the fixtures in the renovations of the bathrooms at the Tony Robichaux Sports Complex to reduce the overall Cost of the project and to appropriate funding. Motion carried.

Discussion was had over the change in price of the bid for the renovations at the Tony Robichaux Sports Complex.

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and duly resolved and adopted on February 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND DESIGNATING THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR **“FY 2022 - 2023 INTERNAL TELEVISION INSPECTION FOR STORM DRAINAGE AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS”**.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Mader Engineering, Inc. is hereby authorized to prepare the specifications for **“FY 2022 – 2023 INTERNAL TELEVISION INSPECTION FOR STORM DRAINAGE AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS”** and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advertisement For Bids for said contracts is hereby authorized, that bids will be received at Crowley City Hall on a date that is in accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Laws, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, and that said date, time, and location may be amended as long as changes are processed in accordance with the Public Bid Law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session convened on the 8th day of February, 2023, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

Chad Monceaux, Mayor

Glenn Dorr II, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and duly resolved and adopted on February 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION

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

***NEW ULTRA-VIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM AT THE WASTEWATER
TREATMENT FACILITY***

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Plans and Specifications for the project, “**NEW ULTRA-VIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**”, 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 8th day of February, 2023, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

Chad Monceaux, Mayor

Glenn Dorr II, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III and duly resolved and adopted on February 8, 2023.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED ON LOT 11 OF BLOCK 4 OF KELLER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY BEARING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF 313 KELLER STREET, CROWLEY, LOUISIANA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, a condemnation hearing was scheduled to be held on the 8 day of February 8, 2023, per resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on January 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the Condemnation Hearing date was emailed and hand delivered to Glen Howie, attorney appointed to represent the unopened succession of Charles Tedman Guidry, property owner, on January 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above-described property on the 8th day of February, 2023, at which Glen Howie, appointed attorney, appeared and advised that he had contacted Elizabeth Averette Guidry (widow Charles Tedman Guidry) and Jamie Lynn Guidry (daughter of Charles Tedman Guidry) and they were present at the public hearing;

WHEREAS, the City Inspector appeared and delivered his inspection report and testified the condition of the trailer was uninhabitable, was located too close to adjacent properties, was improperly anchored on the foundation and did not comply with the Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector further stated that Elizabeth Averette Guidry and Jamie Lynn Guidry received notices that the trailer was uninhabitable and he attempted to work with them and a repair permit was issued to Jamie Lynn Guidry in August 2022 but nothing had been done since the issuance of the permit except for a request for approval of electrical power to be turned on which request was denied due to safety concerns with the wiring; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Lynn Guidry and Elizabeth Averette Guidry testified and stated they wished to repair the trailer and bought curtains and paint but needed the electricity turned on to clean and paint the trailer; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector advised that much more work needed to be done rather than just cleaning, painting and hanging curtains and that before restoring electrical power, a complete rewiring of the trailer's electrical system would be necessary and the trailer needed to be moved and repositioned at least 15' from the side yard and 25' from the rear yard lines to comply with setback requirements and that a proper foundation needed to be construction to place and anchor the trailer on in compliance with the Building Code specifications; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector further testified that he estimated the cost to complete the necessary repair work and foundation work necessary to bring the trailer up to the current Building Code standards exceeded the value of the trailer by more than 50%; and

WHEN AFTER considering the evidence presented and after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building/property, the testimony of Glen Howie, the testimony and report of the City Inspector and the testimony of Elizabeth Averette Guidry and Jamie Lynn Guidry, the Board of Aldermen found the trailer should be condemned and all debris removed from the property;

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 building and/or structure situated on Lot 11 of Block 4 of Keller Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 313 Keller Street, Crowley, Louisiana, being the property of Charles Tedman Guidry be and the same is hereby be condemned and IT IS ORDERED that the building and/or structure shall be demolished and/or removed, together with all trash and debris, within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this notice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner shall obtain a building permit or demolition permit within seven (7) days of the date of receipt of this notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 8th day of February, 2023, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

CHAD MONCEAUX, Mayor

ATTEST:

GLENN DORR II, City Clerk

The following resolution was table by Mayor Chad Monceaux to seek more information on the proper allocation of funds.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, APPROVING, CONFIRMING, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE USE OF A PORTION OF ARPA FUNDS AND THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE SALES TAX INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS, THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR STATE CONTRACT PRICING, THE PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT/PURCHASE PRICE TO FUND THE ORDER, THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GLENN DORR, II, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on _____ at _____ AM/PM.

Presented for Mayor signature on _____ at _____ AM/PM.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on _____ at _____ AM/PM.

Publish in newspaper on _____