

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 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 12th day of July 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, Samuel J. Reggie III, and Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby was absent.

Dr. Ezora Proctor gave the invocation. Chief of Police Troy Hebert led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Chad Monceaux suspended the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting and opened a public hearing for Rule to Show Cause for Condemnation of property belonging to Jason M. Montz described as Lot 8 and the East 50' of Lots 9 and 10 of Block 2 of the Conway Addition to the City of Crowley bearing a municipal address of 917 Ross Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana.

Attorney Michael Landry stated that a report from City Inspector Tony Duhon stated that the property was dilapidated and a danger to public welfare, also that there is sufficient evidence to condemn the property. Attorney Michael Landry called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor Chad Monceaux suspended the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting and opened a public hearing for Proposed Ordinance No. 1538.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 4-7 AND SECTION 4-14 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY; TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF ANIMALS UNDER THE DIRECT OR PHYSICAL CONTROL OF THE OWNER ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES THEREFOR AND ENHANCEMENT PENALTIES AFTER THE FIRST OFFENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; 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.

City Attorney Thomas Regan called for proponents. A second and final call was made with no one coming forward.

City Attorney Thomas Regan then called for opponents. A second and final call was made with no one coming forward.

Mayor Chad Monceaux called the hearing to a close.

Mayor Chad Monceaux resumed the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting.

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Ezora Proctor spoke on her back-to-school program to help underprivileged students with school supplies.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of and to approve the minutes of June 15th, 2023, as written, which was seconded by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. 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. City Engineer Tim Mader handed out a graph to depict the information from the Sales Tax and User fees charts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and seconded by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core to recommend approval of Partial Payment Estimate No. 19 under the Glenn Lege' Construction, LLC contract for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements (contract A) Project in an amount of \$44,546.35. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to recommend approval of Partial Payment Estimate No. 14 to Glenn Lege' Construction, LLC for the City-Wide Street Improvements (Contract B) Project in the amount of \$662,451.76. Motion carried.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin
Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman 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 recommend the approval of Partial Payment Estimate No. 5 to Tullier Services, LLC for the "Comminutor Replacement at the Main Pump Station" project in the amount of \$47,328.52. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to recommend the approval of Change Order No. 3 under the contract with Tullier Services, LLC for the "Comminutor Replacement at the Main Pump Station" project at a cost of \$33,150. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais to adopt the Resolution of Termination of the contract with Tullier Services, LLC for the "Comminutor Replacement at the Main Pump Station" project. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy

Marx to recommend the approval of Partial Payment Estimate No. 12 to NCMC, LLC for the “Rehabilitation of the Sewerage System Collection System” project in the amount of \$95,130.49. Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Dickie Latiolais and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to recommend approval of Partial Payment request for the restroom construction project at the Tony Robichaux Sports Complex in the amount of \$107,895.63. Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. to approve beer and liquor permit for Family Dollar Store located at 415 S. Eastern Avenue. Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve beer and liquor permit for Vapor Kings Inc. located at 2010 N. Parkerson Avenue. Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais to renew building lease for the ASSIST Agency. Motion carried. Alderman Vernon Martin voiced his opinion on seeking new accommodations for the ASSIST Agency.

A motion was made by Alderwoman and Alderman to authorize a Co-Sponsorship and the use of the MLK Center and waive cleanup fees for Homeland Civic and Social Organization. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to adopt Ordinance No. 1538; motion carried; Ordinance No. 1538 was duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1538

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 4-7 AND SECTION 4-14 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY; TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF ANMIALS UNDER THE DIRECT OR PHYSICAL CONTROL OF THE OWNER ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES THEREFOR AND ENHANCMENT PENALTIES AFTER THE FIRST OFFENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR THE

VIOLATIONS THEREOF; 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.

WHEREAS, the number of complaints from citizens of animal excrement from animals running at large and from animals under the direct or physical control of owners allowed to be left on public and private property because of the failure of the owner to remove same and the deposit of animal waste on public and private property creates a health hazard exposing members of the public to contact with viruses, bacteria, parasites and other communicable diseases which are harmful and sometimes deadly for humans which they unknowingly or unwittingly encounter, including children who are out and about playing and are exposed when coming into contact with or approach the unremoved excrement; and

WHEREAS, there are commonly available household items and products specifically designed for cleanup and removal of animal excrement which reduce the opportunity of contact to such dangerous viruses, bacteria, parasites and other communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities and jurisdictions, large and small, have adopted ordinances requiring the owners of animals to remove and safely deposit the excrement in a prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance was duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and of the public hearing having been published in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law in regular session on the 12th day of July, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at Council Chambers in the Criminal Justice Building, Crowley, Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENEED, THAT:

SECTION 1: Section 4-7 of Article II of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4-7. Animals at large prohibited; maintenance of livestock; removal of excrement; penalties.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the city.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any animal defined as livestock to run at large or to tie said livestock to have access to sidewalks or streets within the corporate limits of the city.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to remove excrement deposited on public or private property by any animal running at large within the corporate limits of the city.
 - (1) It shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner of the animal, as defined, shall be the person responsible for the removal of the excrement.
- (d) Each instance of running at large of each such animal shall constitute a separate violation of this section and shall be punishable as such.
- (e) Penalties.
 - (1) Whomever violates any provision of paragraph (a) shall be fined not more than Five Hundred & No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days.
 - (2) Whomever violates any provision of paragraph (c) shall be fined One Hundred & No/100 (\$100.00) for the first offense; Two Hundred & No/100 (\$200.00) Dollars for the second offense which occurs within three (3) years; and Three Hundred & No/100 (\$300.00) Dollars and/or may be imprisoned for not more than fifteen (15) days for the third offense and each subsequent offense thereafter which occurs within three (3) years of the first offense.

SECTION 2: Section 4-14 of Article II of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4-14. Nuisances; noise; trespassing; damaging property; removal of animal excrement; penalties.

- (a) No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of such person's animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, frequent, continuous or untimely barking, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds, or trespassing upon private property in such manner as to damage property or disturb the occupants thereof, shall be deemed a nuisance.
- (b) No person shall allow any animal under his or her direct or physical control by leash, tether, electronic collar or other apparatus to be upon public property or upon the property of another, absent the consent of the owner or occupant of the property, without some device for removal and containment of such animal's excrement nor shall any person fail to remove any excrement deposited by any animal under his or her control on public or private property.
- (c) This section shall not apply to guide animals under the control of a blind person or animals trained to assist or support a person with a disability.
- (d) It shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner of the animal, as defined, shall be the person responsible for the removal of the excrement.
- (e) Whomever violates any provision of paragraph (b) shall be fined One Hundred & No/100 (\$100.00) for the first offense; Two Hundred & No/100 (\$200.00) Dollars for the second offense which occurs within three (3) years; and Three Hundred & No/100 (\$300.00) Dollars and/or may be imprisoned for not more than fifteen (15) days for the third offense and each subsequent offense thereafter which occurs within three (3) years of the first offense.

SECTION 3: If any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 12th day of July, 2023, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

YEAS: Thompson Bradford Core, Jeff Doré, Dickie Latiolais, Vernon Martin, Sandy Marx, Samuel J. Reggie III, and Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Katie Chiasson

ABSENT: Chuck Ashby

CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GLENN DORR II, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core, seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and duly resolved and adopted on July 12, 2023.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FIXING AND LEVYING THE MILLAGE ON THE 2023 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE CITY OF CROWLEY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the **City of Crowley**:

MILLAGE

General Alimony (5023 001)	7.00 mills
Streets, Roads, Hwys, Ave (5023 002)	5.00 mills
Public Bldgs & Drainage (5023 0003)	5.00 mills
Public Parks & Recreation (5023 004)	2.98 mills
Wastewater Disposal Fac. (5023 005)	3.47 mills
Cemetery (5023 006)	.75 mills
Youth Recreation Bldg (5023 007)	.99 mills
Fire Dept. & Police Dept. (5023 008)	5.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of July, 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 foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 1

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderwoman Katie Chiasson and duly resolved and adopted on July 12, 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, PLANS AND SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF CROWLEY PAVILION PROJECT FUNDED BY THE LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION UNDER FP&C PROJECT NO. (TO BE

ASSIGNED); AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS
RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been advised of the approval of funding for the planning and construction of the City of Crowley Pavilion by the Legislature and signed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the project, professional architectural consulting and planning services are necessary for the design and construction of the project for submission to the Louisiana Division of Administration Facility Planning and Control for approval;

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 authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Chad Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to negotiate with and enter into a professional consulting, design and planning services contract with an architectural firm for the professional architectural services necessary for the planning and construction of the **City of Crowley Pavilion-Louisiana Division of Administration FP&C Project No. (to be assigned)** contingent upon the review and approval of the contract by the Louisiana Division of Administration Facility Planning and Control Project Manager.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of July, 2023, in 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 offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais and duly resolved and adopted on July 12, 2023.

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a *Notice of Termination* for Tullier Services, L.L.C., Contractor, pertaining to the completion of the contract for "**Comminutor Replacement At Main Pump Station**" in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, a final inspection on the above referenced project was performed on June 22, 2023;
and

WHEREAS, Tullier Services, L.L.C., as Contractor, has substantially completed the "**Comminutor Replacement At Main Pump Station**" project in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; **and**

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to accept the completed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley that the Mayor of said City be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a *Notice of Termination* for and on

behalf of the City of Crowley accepting the work as being substantially completed, and that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Notice recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED: July 12, 2023

CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

GLENN DORR II, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr., seconded by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and duly resolved and adopted on July 12, 2023.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in consideration of those services and the continuing needs for those services and prior leases granted to the Assist Lease, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find it appropriate to authorize the lease on the terms as requested.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Chad Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a lease to the Assist Agency of approximately 3,121 square feet office space in the Crowley Enterprise Center with 50 parking spaces provided, located at 11 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, for use as office space by the Assist Agency at the rate of \$8.6463 per square foot, the said lease to include the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. The term of the lease shall be on a monthly basis effective the 1st day of September, 2023 and shall continue each month thereafter unless notified of cancellation;
2. Monthly payments in the amount of \$2,248.76;

3. Either party may cancel this lease upon 30-day prior written notice to the other party;
4. A non-appropriation clause in favor of the lessee;
5. All other terms and conditions of the said lease shall remain the same as the prior lease of the facility except those which are inconsistent with a month-to-month lease;

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

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 12th day of July, 2023, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GLENN DORR II, City Clerk

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 7:00 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 _____