

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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 March 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: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Thompson Bradford Core, Jeff Doré, Dickie Latiolais, Vernon Martin, Sandy Marx, Samuel J. Reggie III, and Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. Alderman Vernon Martin was absent.

Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby gave the invocation. Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPEARANCES:

None.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

A motion was made by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to amend the Public Buildings Committee Agenda to Co-Sponsor with One Crowley for Farmer's Market on March 25th, April 15th, and May 27th between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM and to use the Wells Fargo Building. Motion carried.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby moved to dispense with the reading of and to approve the minutes of January 11th, 2022, 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. The new City CPA Christie Dunn with Wright, Moore, Dehart, Dupuis, & Hutchinson gave an update on the city's current financial status. Mr. Paul Stringfellow voiced his opinion on the city's financial status. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. and seconded by Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 15 under the Glenn Lege' Construction, LLC contract for the City-Wide Drainage Improvements (contract A) in an amount of \$609,773.99. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 10 to Glenn Lege' Construction, LLC for the City-Wide Street Improvements (Contract B) Project in the amount of \$298,929.58. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Katie Chiasson and seconded by Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby to approve Contract Change Order No. 4 to the Glenn Lege' Construction, LLC "2021 City Wide Street Improvements (Contract A)" to add a pay item at a lump sum price for "Pine Street Bridge Approach Slab Improvements" at the cost of \$10,991.02. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and seconded Alderman Jeff Doré by to approve Contract Change Order No. 2 to the Glenn Lege' Construction, LLC "2021 City Wide Street Improvements (Contract B) to alter the construction plans to add approximately 37,000 square yards of milling for curb and gutter streets at the current contract unit price of \$2.75 per square yard for an estimated additional construction cost of \$101,750. Motion carried.

Rev. Dennis Smith voiced concerns over the road and drainage construction being done by his church around 325 East Ann St and South Avenue I.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

Vice-Chairperson – Alderwoman Sandy Marx
Members – Aldermen Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, and Jeff Doré
Absent – Chairperson – Alderman Vernon Martin

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and seconded by Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 to Tullier Services, LLC for the "Comminutor Replacement at the Main Pump Station" project in the amount of \$156,816.90. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and seconded by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. to adopt the annual MWPP Resolution required under the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Permit. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and seconded by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core to approve Partial Payment Estimate No. 8 to NCMC, LLC for the "Rehabilitation of the Sewerage System Collection System" project in the amount of \$228,385.58. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and seconded by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core to approve Change Order No. 1 for the NCMC, LLC construction contract for the "Rehabilitation of the Sewerage Collection System" project to grant a 60-day time extension and add pay items for required work not included in the original contract in the amount of \$26,813.42 contingent upon LCDBG approval paid out of Grant Funds. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

A motion was offered by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. and seconded by Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby to approve the Beer & Liquor permit for Fat Boy's Grocery & Liquor Store. Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III recused himself from the vote. Mr. Ryan Cormier voiced his opinion on having both council members from that Ward present before casting votes on the approval of the permit. The vote was put a roll call and was as follows:

Yeas: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Jeff Doré, Dickie Latiolais, Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

Nay: Thompson Bradford Core, Sandy Marx

Absent: Vernon Martin

The motion carried.

Fat Boy Inc.
Samir M. Abdulla
324 West 2nd Street

2023 Class B Package Beer Permit
2023 Class B Pkg Liquor Permit

A motion was offered by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve a Resolution introducing a proposed Ordinance to the increase of fines on police issued tickets as provided in the attached documents and to set a public hearing on such. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson – Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.
Vice-Chairperson – Alderman Jeff Doré
Member – Aldermen Thompson Bradford Core, Dickie Latiolais, and Samuel J. Reggie III

A motion was made by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. and seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais to Co-Sponsor with One Crowley for a Farmer’s Market on March 25th, April 15th, and May 27th between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM and to use the Wells Fargo Building. 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, Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Katie Chiasson and seconded by Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III to Co-Sponsor with Crowley Main Street Art & Wine Stroll on May 6th and suspend the open container law from the intersection of 1st Street and Parkerson Avenue to the intersection of Hutchinson Avenue at the Court Circle between Avenue F and Avenue G during the hours of the event. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Sandy Marx, duly seconded by Alderman Byron K. Wilridge, Sr. and duly resolved and adopted on this 8th day of March, 2023.

MWPP RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality requires that the City of Crowley, Louisiana performs an annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) audit on its Wastewater Treatment Facility located on Conrad Road and;

WHEREAS: The City has prepared and reviewed the attached MWPP audit and;

WHEREAS: The City of Crowley, Louisiana wishes to guard the public health and assure discharge compliance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Crowley, Louisiana hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) that it has set forth through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the following actions necessary to attain and maintain permit discharge compliance contained in LPDES Permit Number LA0041254:

- 1) The City of Crowley expects to continue the rehabilitation of public leaks as needed through a smoke testing/repair process.
- 2) The City has a notification program for private leaks. Private property owners are notified of defects on their property and such repairs are monitored and cataloged.

- 3) The City has increased its efforts toward combating I/I through a \$1,801,130 construction contract now in progress for “Rehabilitation of the Sewerage Collection System” under its FY 2020-2021 LCDBG Program.
- 4) The City is using its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds this year to replace and repair vital components of its waste water treatment facility.
- 5) The City is using SRF loan funds and State Capital Outlay funds and is currently under contract to replace the main pump station comminutor at the estimated cost of \$433,400.

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

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 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 SECTION 14-1(b) OF CHAPTER 14 OF ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM FINES FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS; 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 PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet in regular session on the 12th day of April, 2023, 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:

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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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

GLENN DORR II, CITY CLERK

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

CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GLENN DORR II, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the _____ day of _____, 202__.

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 7:10 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 _____