

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024

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 5:00 p.m. Tuesday the 19th day of March 2024 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 was absent, Vernon Martin, Sandy Marx, Samuel J. Reggie III, and Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

None were absent.

Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby gave the invocation. The City Attorney Thomas Reagan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Rob Carter, Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC, gave a review of the fiscal year 2023 audit.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Chad Monceaux offered Shantel Alleman as his newly appointed City Clerk.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Sandra Marx and seconded by Alderman Thompson Bradford Core to appoint Shantel Alleman as City Clerk. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for the discussion. There being no further discussion from the Council.

A roll was called with the vote as follows:

Yeas: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Brad Core, Jeff Dore, Dickie Latiolais, Veron Martin, Sandy Marx, Samuel Reggie, and Bryon Wilridge.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

The motion passed by a vote of 0 nays and 9 yeas. The motion carried.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderwoman Sandy Marx moved to dispense with the reading of the February 19, 2024, Regular Council meeting seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve the Partial Payment Estimate No. 21 for the Release of Retainage to Glenn Lege' Construction, LLC for the "City-Wide Street Improvements Contract A" project in the amount of \$348,273.08. 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 made by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve the Partial Payment Estimate No. 16 for the Release of Retainage to Glenn Lege'

Construction, LLC for the “City-Wide Street Improvements Contract B” project in the amount of \$488,639.85. 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 made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to adopt the annual MWPP Resolution required under the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Permit. 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.

MWPP RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS: The City of Crowley, Louisiana wishes to guard the public health and assure permit 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. This project is locating and repairing defects in the collection system, requiring an estimated \$250,000.00 in local funding to match the grant.
- 4) The City is using its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds this year to replace and repair vital components of its wastewater treatment facility.
- 5) The City is using SRF loan funds and is currently under contract to replace the ultra-violet disinfection system at the wastewater treatment facility at the estimated cost of \$1,387,120.00.

THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 19th day of March, 2024, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to approve the of Partial Payment Estimate No. 16 to NCMC, LLC for the “Rehabilitation of the Sewerage Collection System” project in the amount of \$16,774.69. 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 made by Alderman Samuel Reggie and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve the Preliminary & Final Plat for Dixie Field Property LLC showing Lot 5B being a commercial subdivision, located on Rice Capital Parkway. 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.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderwoman Katie Chiasson and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve the suspension of the open container ordinance to allow Crowley Main Street to serve for consumption wine on North Parkerson Avenue between the Courthouse and 2nd Street in the City of Crowley during the organization’s Art & Wine Stroll scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 5pm-8pm. 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.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Dickie Latiolais and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve the purchase of a skid steer for the street department using up to \$86,000 of the money from the reclaimed asphalt sales. 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHANTEL ALLEMAN, 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 _____