

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 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 16th day of April 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, Vernon Martin, Sandy Marx, and Byron K. Wilridge, Sr.

Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III was absent.

Alderman Vernon Martin gave the invocation. The Alderman Bryon K. Wilridge led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Corey Williams, Public Information Officer with the Small Business Association (SBA) presented information on the loans available for those impacted by Severe or Extreme Drought. He stated that a Business Recovery Center has been established at the Wells Fargo Building located at 10 N. Parkerson Ave, Crowley, LA. He urged business owners affected to apply before the December 23rd deadline. He further explained that SBA is offering loans up to two million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars with an interest rate of 4%. The loans include a twelve (12) month deferral on payments at zero (0%) percent accrual rate.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the March 19, 2024, Regular Council meeting seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

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

Mayor presented the status report of audit findings for fiscal year 2023.

Mayor presented the monthly budget-to-actual comparisons through December 2023 that report the spending of major funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve the partial payment estimate No. 1 to Volute, Inc. for the "New Ultra-Violet Disinfection System at the Wastewater Treatment Facility" in the amount of \$734,824.85. 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 was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais to approve the request of the National Association of University Women, to partner is sponsoring the annual pageant by waiving the fee for the use of the MLK Center on May 18, 2024, with the agreement to clean after the event. The Non-profit organization will also provide proof of insurance. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Byron Wilridge abstained; the motion carried.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Dickie Latiolais and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve to amend the fiscal year 2024 budget, to include an appropriation from General Fund to the CPD Traffic Enforcement Detail (TED) budget line item, in the amount of \$120,000.00. 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Alderman Veron Martin and seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais to adopt 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 non-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. 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 was 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 NON-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 non-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 Chad 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 Chad 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 16th day of April, 2024, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was made by Alderman Veron Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to adopt a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley declaring the month of April 2024, National Community Development Month. 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 was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024, NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH.

WHEREAS the month of April 2024, has been designated as National Community Development Month, 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 April 2024, 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 April 2024, National Community Development Month and that the Honorable Chad 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 16th day of April, 2024, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was made by Alderman Veron Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve a proclamation declaring the month of April 2024, Fair Housing Month. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The proclamation having been submitted to a voice vote; the proclamation carried unanimously.

Proclamation

Whereas, the 56th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

Whereas, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

Whereas, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

Whereas, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

Whereas, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

Now, Therefore, I, Chad Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as

Fair Housing Month

in the City of Crowley. I urge all citizens to celebrate the diversity and value the harmonious communities of neighbors to support the goal of equal housing opportunities for all people.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana this the 16th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Chad Monceaux
Chad Monceaux, Mayor
CITY OF CROWLEY,
LOUISIANA

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Chad Monceaux
CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Shantel Alleman
SHANTEL ALLEMAN, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on 4/17/24 at 9:55 AM/PM.

Presented for Mayor signature on 4/17/24 at 10:15 AM/PM.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on 4/17/24 at 10:30 AM/PM.

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