

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2025

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 20th day of May 2025 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Pro Temp Dr. Sandra Marx presided with the following Aldermen present: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Thompson Bradford Core, Jeff Doré, Dickie Latiolais, Byron K. Wilridge Sr, and Vernon Martin.

Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III and Mayor Chad Monceaux were absent.

Alderman Chuck Ashby gave the invocation. Alderwoman Katie Chiasson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPEARANCES:

Mayor Pro Temp presented a proclamation to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority declaring June 7, 2025 as “Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Day”.

Ms. Gretchen Young addressed the Council about ongoing concerns regarding Code enforcement issues in her neighborhood.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

A motion was made by Alderman Martin to amend the agenda to add Ms. Theresa Richard under appearance section seconded by Alderman Brad Core. 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: Vernon Martin , Brad Core and Bryon Wilridge.

Nays: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Jeff Dore and Dickie Latiolais. Absent:
Samuel Reggie.

Abstained: None.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 yeas, 1 absent and 3 nays. The motion failed.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderwoman Katie Chiasson moved to dispense with the reading of the April 15, 2025, Regular Council meeting seconded by Alderman Brad Core and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

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

Mayor Pro Temp presented the status report of audit findings for fiscal year 2024.

Mayor Pro Temp presented the monthly budget-to-actual comparisons through April 30, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to confirm Mayor Chad Monceaux’s appointment of Mr. Steven Premeaux as the citizen for the Sewer User Special Review Committee. Mayor Pro Temp Marx opened the floor

for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Samuel Reggie was absent; the motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Byron Wilridge and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to approve Partial Payment #6 for the Urban Park & Pavillion Project to Prestige Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$77,365.12. Mayor Pro Temp Marx opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Martin recommended holding payment until the contractor came to the Council and explained the reason for no visible progress. Alderman Core stated that he contacted the architect monitoring the project and he confirmed that the payment was in line with the work done. City Attorney Micheal Landry explained that the contract states that if the request for payment is certified by the architect, the city cannot withhold the payment. There being no remarks from the Council.

A roll was called with the vote as follows:

Yeas: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Brad Core, Jeff Dore, and Dickie Latiolais.

Nays: Vernon Martin and Byron Wilridge..

Absent: Samuel Reggie.

Abstained: None.

The motion passed by a vote of 2 nays, 1 absent and 5 yeas. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Alderman Bryon Wilridge and seconded by Alderman Dickie Latiolais to co-sponsor the spring production of the Crowle High School Theatre Department and waive the rental fee for the Rice Theater. Mayor Pro Temp 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.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Dickie Latiolais and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to adopt a resolution authorizing a standby letter of credit issued by The First National Bank on behalf of the City of Crowley for the benefit of the Louisiana Office of Workers Compensation in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00; and 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 Pro Temp Marx 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 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 20th day of May, 2025, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was made by Alderman Dickie Latiolais and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchases of two (2) used Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department in the amount of up to \$90,000.00. Mayor Pro Temp Marx 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.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF
CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA,
ADOPTING ART III. SOURCE SELECTION
AND CONTRACT FORMATION SUBPART
A. METHODS OF SOURCE SELECTION
FOR THE PURCHASE OF USED
EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley follows the Public Bid Law for the purchase of moveable equipment—La. R.S. 38:2212.1; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 38:2212.1 makes no provision for the purchase of used equipment exceeding the cost of \$30,000 without following the quote and/or bid processes provided in the Public Bid Law which can result in the loss of opportunity to purchase high-quality used equipment; and

WHEREAS, Title 39, Part III. Source Selection and Contract Formation, Subpart A. Methods of Source Selections, particularly La. R.S. 39:1600(C), provides an alternative method to purchase used equipment without the necessity of bids if the purchase of the used equipment is cost effective; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 39:1554(E)(1) authorizes political subdivisions to adopt any part of Title 39 and accompanying regulations regarding purchases; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has an immediate need for (2) two available used, high-quality Chevrolet Tahoe(s), but placing the purchase for bids is impracticable and would likely result in the loss of opportunity to purchase same;

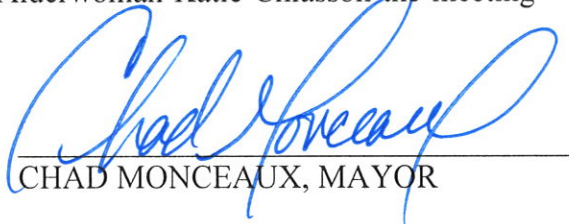
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session, duly convened, that

1. The City of Crowley will specifically adopt and utilize Louisiana Revised Statute Title 39, Section 1600(C), for the purchase of two (2) high-quality Chevrolet Tahoe(s) as it has been determined that the purchase of two (2) high-quality used Chevrolet Tahoe(s) is more cost effective than the purchase of two (2) new Chevrolet Tahoe(s).
2. The city staff responsible for purchasing two (2) high quality Chevrolet Tahoe(s) has presented the desired vehicle and has certified the following:
 - a. the price for which two (2) used Chevrolet Tahoe(s) may be obtained is in the range of \$90,000:
 - b. 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN 1GNSCLED9MR453023 \$44,176.87
 - c. 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN 1GNSCLED6MR410386 \$42,173.37
 - d. the plan for maintenance and repair of the vehicles and the cost thereof has been explained;
 - e. the savings that will accrue to the city because of the purchase of the two (2) used Chevrolet Tahoe(s) has been explained;
 - f. the fact that following the formal procedures set out in the Public Bid Law will result in the loss of the opportunity to purchase the vehicles.

3. Because such a certification has been presented and accepted, the purchase of two (2) suitable, high-quality Chevrolet Tahoe(s) for an amount not to exceed \$ 90,000.00 is hereby approved.
4. This resolution shall remain in effect until the described two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe(s) are purchased and delivered to the city, at which time the adoption of the forgoing Part, Subpart and Statute shall sunset.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 20th of May, 2025 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderwoman Katie Chiasson the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.


CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHANTEL ALLEMAN, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on 5/20/25 at 8:40 AM/PM.
Presented for Mayor signature on 5/22/25 at 3:13 AM/PM.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on 5/27/25 at 9:32 AM/PM.
Publish in newspaper on _____