MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD DECEMBER 19, 2024.
The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Work Session on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 201 East Main Street, Crowley City Hall, Crowley, Texas.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Billy Davis called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. City Secretary Carol Konhauser called roll and noted a quorum was present.

Present were
Council Member Tina Pace, Council Member Jerry Beck, Council Member Jesse Johnson, Council Member Jim Hirth, Council Member Matt Foster, Council Member Scott Gilbreath, Mayor Billy Davis

City staff included:
City Manager, Lori Watson
Asst City Manager, Cristina Winner
Asst City Manager, Matt Elgin
City Attorney, Rob Allibon
City Secretary, Carol Konhauser
Fire Chief, Pleasant Brooks
Police Chief, Kit Long
Planning and Comm Dev Director, Rachel Roberts
Public Works Director, Mike Rocamontes
Director of Utilities, Randal Manus
HR Administrator, Lacy Duncan
Media Relations Coordinator, Jay Hinton

Absent: None

Non-Action Items for Discussion

1. Discuss regulations for pole signs from city code Chapter 102

   Community Planning and Development Director Rachel Roberts explained that during a recent Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, staff noted that pole signs are currently allowed in Crowley. After the meeting, Chair Duman and Council Member Hirth (P&Z liaison) informed staff that the sign regulations adopted in 2015 were intended to prohibit pole signs, which was also confirmed by the Mayor that the 2015 regulations aimed to restrict pole signs in many instances. It is believed that the prohibition on pole signs was originally included in the FM 1187 and FM 731 overlay districts but may have been unintentionally removed when those overlay districts were eliminated. After some discussion, council members all agreed that they would like pole signs to be prohibited in the Downtown District and that requests for variations could be submitted to council for consideration on a case by case basis.

Consent Agenda

1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the special meeting to canvass held on November 27, 2024 and the regular meeting held December 4, 2024.
2. Receive and accept the Quarterly Investment Report(s) - 2nd Quarter of 2024

No discussion of Content Agenda Items.

Public Hearings

1. Hold a public hearing, discuss, and consider approval of Ordinance #12-2024-552 for a specific use permit requested by Peter Thomas on behalf of Tractor Supply Retail Store to allow the display of outdoor sales and storage in the front and side yard, waive screening requirements for outdoor sales and storage, and to reduce transparency requirements for the property located in a General Commercial district located at 800 E FM 1187 in R W Waggoner survey, Abstract 1618, Tract 2D02, conveyed by deed recorded as 0014462000, deed records, Tarrant County, Texas. **Case # SUP-2024-005**

   No discussion of Public Hearing Items.

City Business

1. Discuss and consider approval of the annual contract (March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026) for the fire and ambulance service with Saint Francis Village and authorize the Mayor to execute said contract.

   No discussion.

2. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance Number 12-2024-553, an ordinance of the City of Crowley adopting a current map depicting the municipal boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdictions of the city.

   No discussion.

3. Discuss and consider canceling the January 2, 2025 regular scheduled meeting of the Crowley City Council.

   No discussion.

4. Discuss and consider approving a policy for Crowley Municipal Court Youth Diversion Program.

   Court Administrator Kristi White approached council and explained that the Texas Legislature passed HB 3186 which requires municipalities to formally adopt a Youth Diversion Program Plan by January 1, 2025. The goal of the program is to increase opportunities for early identification of at-risk youth and for redirecting children accused of certain Class C misdemeanors. Currently, municipal and justice courts can only order diversion strategies after a case has resulted in a conviction or deferral of disposition. H.B. 3186 makes these strategies available at the front end of a case where they can be more effective. This aligns municipal and justice court practices with those used by juvenile probation and juvenile courts.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Billy Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Billy P. Davis
Billy Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:
Carol Konhauser
Carol C. Konhauser, City Secretary