

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD MARCH 20, 2025. The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Work Session on Thursday, March 20, 2025, 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
Asst Finance Director, Heather Gwin
HR Administrator, Lacy Duncan
Media Relations Coordinator, Jay Hinton

Absent: None

Non-Action Items for Discussion

None

Consent Agenda

1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the City Council meeting held March 6, 2025.

No discussion

2. Discuss and consider approving a Release of Developer's Agreement for the Landmark Crowley Addition multi-family development with Landmark at Crowley, LLC.

No discussion

Public Hearings

None

City Business

1. Consider and/or act upon acceptance of the annual audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, as presented by George, Morgan & Sneed, P.C.

No discussion

2. Discuss and consider entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Precinct 1 to reconstruct the asphalt walkway entrance leading to the ball fields and concession area at the Dionne Bagsby Sports Complex.

No discussion

3. Discuss and consider approving a resolution R03-2025-447 to approve the bond issuance for an improvement project within the Karis Municipal Management District of Tarrant County.

No discussion

4. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 03-2025-558, an ordinance amending Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges of the Crowley City Code, to update certain building permit fees

Planning and Community Development Director Rachel Roberts explained that last fall, the City Council updated the city's fee schedule, effective January 1, to address outdated fees that no longer covered operating costs. At the time, new construction fees were left unchanged, but a recent review of expenses under the Safebuilt contract showed the need for further increases to fully recover third-party costs. The proposed changes would raise fees for new construction and most trade permits, as current charges for items like trade, fence, storage building, and commercial permits do not cover actual expenses. The new fees are based on Safebuilt's rates—\$70 for residential inspections and \$85 for commercial—with slight increases to cover city overhead such as staff time, software, and records. For example, a residential trade permit with one inspection would cost \$75, while those requiring two inspections, like fences, would be \$150. Though some increases, like the fence permit rising from \$60 to \$150, are substantial, staff believe they more accurately reflect true costs. They also recommend expanding the city's ability to pass through third-party costs, such as legal consultations or additional inspections, for permitted projects. Finally, staff suggest allowing two free extensions of the Clean & Show permit, which provides temporary power for cleaning and showing vacant buildings, recognizing that more than 30 days is often needed to find a tenant.

Council members voiced their opinion that they believed some of the fees pertaining to residential property were not necessary or too high. They stated they understood the

necessity to increase fees for commercial properties due to this being outsourced to a third party company.

5. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a license agreement for kiosk signs.

No discussion

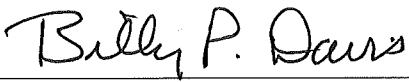
6. Discuss and consider approval of a service contract with TNP for the design of the Davis Drive Culvert Improvements

No discussion

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Billy Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



Billy Davis, Mayor



Carol C. Konhauser, City Secretary