

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD MARCH 20, 2025.

The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 7:00 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 7:06 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
EDC Director, Molly Martin
Asst Finance Director, Heather Gwin
HR Administrator, Lacy Duncan
Media Relations Coordinator, Jay Hinton

Absent: None

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags

Invocation was given by Council Member Jesse Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

Presentations/Proclamations

1. Presentation of the annual Financial Audit report for year ending September 30, 2024 presented by George, Morgan & Sneed, P.C.

Nereo Matias, CPA, from George, Morgan, and Sneed stepped up and presented the annual report of the City's FY2023-2024 financial audit. He stated that the independent auditors issued an unmodified opinion, which is a clean opinion, of the City's financial statements and determined they were in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting

Principles. The auditors did not identify any significant deficiencies in internal control or instances of non-compliance that were required to be reported in accordance with governmental auditing standards. Additionally, for the audit of the Federal Awards, the city received an unmodified clean opinion, no findings, and found that the city was in compliance with the required federal regulations. He stated that the unassigned fund balance was \$16,131,721 compared to \$14,245,713 in 2023. Revenues increased by 0.21% from 2023 and expenses also increased by 1% mostly due to raises and new hires. He also stated capital outlay decreased over \$1.6 million due to the completion of the downtown project. The net increase in fund balance in Fiscal Year 2024 was \$1,896,506 compared to \$2,295,050 in 2023. The utility fund ended with a reserve of \$22,765,082 in 2024, compared to \$21,323,785 in 2023 which is approximately a 7% increase; \$9,789,006 of the fund balance is unrestricted. There were no questions and council members thanked Mr Matias.

Consent Agenda

1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the City Council meeting held March 6, 2025.
2. Discuss and consider approving a Release of Developer's Agreement for the Landmark Crowley Addition multi-family development with Landmark at Crowley, LLC.

Council Member Jim Hirth made the motion to Approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented; second by Council Member Jerry Beck, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearings

1. 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.

Council Member Jesse Johnson made the motion to accept the annual financial audit report for FY2023-24; second by Council Member Scott Gilbreath, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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.

Council Member Matt Foster made the motion to Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Precinct 1 for the reconstruction of the walkways at the ball fields; second by Council Member Tina Pace, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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.

Council Member Jesse Johnson made the motion to Approve Resolution R03-2025-447 to approve the bond issuance for an improvement project within the Karis Municipal Management District; second by Council Member Matt Foster, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Council Member Tina Pace made the motion to approve the commercial and non-residential permit plan review fees, sign plan review fees, and fees for costs associated with other professional services as listed in Ordinance 03-2025-558; second by Council Member Jerry Beck, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Council Member Matt Foster made the motion to Approve authorizing the City Manager to approve a license agreement for kiosk signs; second by Council Member Tina Pace, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Council Member Matt Foster made the motion to Approve the service contract with TNP for the design of the Davis Drive culvert improvements; second by Council Member Jim Hirth, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

Terri Horn, Crowley Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone about the membership luncheon scheduled for March 27, 2025. She also stated that Casino Night was a success.

Items of Community Interest

City Manager Lori Watson stated the city's first Co-Op event was enjoyed by all employees. She also thanked the Mayor and Council Member Johnson for attending.

Executive Session

1. Conduct City Managers annual performance review in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Davis announced that council would convene in Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to conduct the City Manager's annual performance review pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Reconvene and Take Action from Executive Session

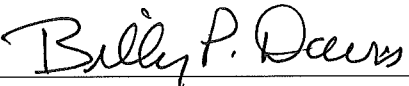
At 8:01 p.m., Mayor Davis announced council would reconvene in open session.

Council Member Jesse Johnson made the motion to Approve an 8% increase to the City Managers pay effective March 22, 2025; second by Council Member Matt Foster, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Billy Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:02p.m.

ATTEST:



Billy Davis, Mayor



Carol C. Konhauser, City Secretary